



FIREFIGHTER CANCER INITIATIVE

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Environmental Health Sampling Lab



With huge thanks to Dr. Erin Kobetz, Dr. Steve Nimer, and SCCC leadership, our **Environmental Health Sampling Lab** for the Firefighter Cancer Initiative is taking shape. We moved into the lab space on Thursday, July 28, and we are officially up and running with our experiments. This lab will help us discover new methods to protect firefighters from carcinogen exposures and develop new technologies to sample hazardous carcinogens in the workplace. Stay tuned!

Contact Us

For questions, concerns, or additions to the newsletter please email Katerina Santiago at k.santiago2@umiami.edu or Jessica Diaz at j.diaz21@med.miami.edu



Firefighter Cancer Initiative Retreat

The Firefighter Cancer Initiative sponsored by the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center held its second Annual Retreat on August 10th, 2016. The retreat served as a meeting of the minds between University of Miami researchers and the firefighter community. Together, participants discussed the initiative's 14 projects for this upcoming year.



Attendees of the 2016 Firefighter Cancer Initiative Retreat.

The valuable feedback and insight provided by the retreat's attendees will help ensure successful completion of each project. There is no doubt that through continued collaborative efforts we will achieve the goals set by this initiative.

To watch the retreat go to: <https://t.co/ScGQhTO4Yo>



Publications, Events, & Project Highlights

ESP

The Environmental Sampling Project (ESP) is in the data collection phase:

- Completed data collection at City of Miami Station 5 on August 11th, 12th, 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, and 31st.

PTSD & Cancer

This month the IAFF published a report that calls for new protocols to address the growing number of Fire Fighters and Paramedics at risk for PTSD and Cancer. The entire paper can be access online or sent via email by contacting us.

Conferences

Florida State Fire College 2016 Firefighter Cancer Conference:

- FCSN Director Keith Tyson & FCI Investigators will be presenting the initiative to the conference on September 23, 2016.