

**NORTHWELL HEALTH FIREFIGHTER CANCER STUDY**  
**RESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET**

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Your fire department is being asked to provide information for a research study being funded by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY). The purpose of a research study is to answer specific questions. Participating in a research study is completely voluntary. Your department is free to decide whether or not it will take part in this research. Your department can also say 'yes' now, and change their minds later.

**Why is this research study being done?**

The purpose of this study is to determine how many members of the Volunteer Fire Service in New York State have developed cancer and died from cancer or other causes. Your fire department is being asked to take part in this study because you can provide the necessary information from your fire department personnel records.

**What will happen in this research study?**

If you agree to take part in this research, you will be asked to do two things:

- (1) Create a list of all past and present volunteer firefighters who served in your fire department going as far back in time as possible.
- (2) Provide the Northwell Health study team with the list of firefighters' identifying information (**\*required**):
  - complete name (last, first, middle initial)\***
  - date of birth\***
  - current street address, town or city, state, zip code\***
  - sex and ethnicity/race\***
  - status at fire department (active, inactive, or exempt)\***
  - date joined and date exempt/resigned at the fire department (and any gaps in service)\***
  - highest rank and position at fire department
  - membership with any other fire department and status as a career firefighter

**What will NOT happen in this research study?**

- Social Security numbers will NOT be obtained for any firefighters
- FASNY will NOT have access to any of the personnel records or any other information collected
- The information will NOT be used for solicitation or any other purpose
- The research team will NOT have any direct contact with individual firefighters or their families

**What are the risks of the research study? What could go wrong?**

There is a risk of loss of confidentiality of the information collected for this study. Procedures are in place to protect the information and we will do everything we can to keep it secure.

Please consult with your fire district manager or attorney about NY laws governing the release of personnel information that may affect your department.

The following reviewers may access the study data to make sure that this study is being done properly:

- Representatives from Northwell Health's Human Research Protection Program (a group of people that oversee research at this institution)

If you have any questions about this research, please contact the Principal Investigator at Northwell Health, Dr. Jacqueline Moline, at 516-465-2639 or the Program Director, Dr. Anne Golden, at 516-465-3171 or email [ffcancerstudy@northwell.edu](mailto:ffcancerstudy@northwell.edu). You can also call the Human Research Protection Program at Northwell Health at 516-465-1910.