**New York State Volunteer Firefighter**

**Cancer Benefit Program**

***Cancer Protection Designed by Firefighters for Firefighters***

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***Why the Expanded Cancer Contract Matters***

According to the National Cancer Institute, there are over 100 different types of cancer that affect humans.  Recognizing firefighters might opt for a benefit program offering coverage to an expanded number of cancers beyond those specified by 205-CC.  Our program will offer additional optional benefits above those required by law. Below we provide you with statistics drawn from the National Cancer Institute to assist you in your consideration of an expanded contract and the additional annual cost that comes with it.  The increased cost for the expanded contract is $43.07 per firefighter per year.

**National Cancer Institute - Statistics at a Glance**

         In 2018, an estimated 1,735,350 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and 609,640 people will die from the disease.

         The most common cancers (listed in descending order according to estimated new cases in 2018) are breast cancer, lung and bronchus cancer, prostate cancer, colon and rectum cancer, melanoma of the skin, bladder cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, kidney and renal pelvis cancer, endometrial cancer, leukemia, pancreatic cancer, thyroid cancer, and liver cancer.

         Approximately 38.4% of men and women will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetimes (based on 2013–2015 data).

**Oral Cancer Statistics at a Glance**

Estimated New Cases in 2018                   51,540

% of All New Cancer Cases                       3.0%

Estimated Deaths in 2018                          10,030

% of All Cancer Deaths                              1.6%

**Brain and Nervous System Cancer Statistics at a Glance**

Estimated New Cases in 2018                     23,880

% of All New Cancer Cases                        1.4%

Estimated Deaths in 2018                           16,830

% of All Cancer Deaths                               2.8%

**Myeloma Cancer Statistics at a Glance**

Estimated New Cases in 2018                     30,770

% of All New Cancer Cases                         1.8%

Estimated Deaths in 2018                            12,770

% of All Cancer Deaths                                2.1%

**Lung Cancer Statistics at a Glance\***

Estimated New Cases in 2018                   234,030

% of All New Cancer Cases                      13.5%

Estimated Deaths in 2018                         154,050

% of All Cancer Deaths                             25.3%

Volunteer firefighters have an occupational risk for cancer. We have their back.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at nysvfb@willistowerswatson.com or our live call center at **(833) 678-1585**. Check out the Program website - www.thehartford.com/resources/gb/ny-firefighters.

***\*The NYS VFBL Program provides a disability for a diagnosis of lung cancer.  That disability coverage would coordinate with disability coverage provided under the Program.  The lump-sum benefit and death benefit for a lung cancer diagnosis would not coordinate with VFBL.***

***Protecting Those Who Protect Us***