



National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System Featured Report: January 2010

Report Number: 09-0001144

Report Date: 12/26/2009 10:01

Synopsis

FD physical detects FF's cancer.

Demographics

Department type: Paid Municipal

Job or rank: Captain

Department shift: Straight days (10 hour)

Age: 43 - 51

Years of fire service experience: 17 - 20

Region: FEMA Region VIII

Service Area: Suburban

Event Information

Event type: Other

Event date and time: 12/23/2008 00:00

Hours into the shift:

Event participation: Involved in the event

Weather at time of event:

Do you think this will happen again?

What were the contributing factors?

What do you believe is the loss potential?

- Other

Event Description

I was diagnosed with cancer and through aggressive surgical intervention, I am able to report this as a near-miss. Early diagnosis and detection through a routine department physical, was the key to this near-miss. Exposure to carcinogens during a nineteen year career contributed (in my opinion) to the event. PPE and SCBA are essential in protection from exposure.

Lessons Learned

Use PPE and SCBA. Maintain physical fitness and participate in regular checkups and health screenings.