



WHITEHORSE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Hon. Kate White

The IAFF Local 2217 Whitehorse Firefighters Association is pleased to see the government has committed to putting additional Cancers in the Legislations list of Presumptive Workplace Cancers firefighters face while performing their jobs. As an extension to the Cancers we wished to add, we support the removal of the exclusion towards wildland firefighters currently in the legislative text. Exposure to smoke over long periods of time with no PPE causes a myriad of health problems. Science is ever evolving and as we study more Wildland departments, we see that the specific exposures and length of exposures suggest an elevated cancer risk. For this, we feel the need for Presumptive Legislative protections are warranted for our brothers and sisters in the Wildland fire industry.

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