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“Presumption Laws” for Firefighter Cancer

There are serious hurdles for those hard-fought firefighter cancer presumption laws.
They are not working for you or your families.

- Cancer presumptions are challenged by the insurance industry.
- Cancer presumptions are challenged by your local city or town government.
- If you change states during your career as a firefighter, you can expect your start date to change accordingly. The new state’s cancer “presumption” laws will allow for your years of service from that service date start only, not from your original position. Such a change will definitely handicap you in your service years as it applies to Workers’ Comp or Duty Disability claims.
- Unfortunately, utilizing your occupational exposures in a claim by any actual officially recorded exposure levels at an incident site will be a battle. These report results would include those from USEPA or a state level environmental agency.

Firefighters are tough. Their families are also tough.

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