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‘Toxins/Contaminants in the Fire Service Workplace’

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Timeline

- 2019 – Professor Anna Stec & UCLan begin UK study
- 2020 – Interim Report Findings published
- 2021 – UK Firefighters Cancer & Disease Registry launched
- 2022 – IARC WHO classifies Firefighting profession as carcinogenic
- 2023 - Report Findings published
- 2023 – UCLan begins health monitoring across majority of UK FRS'
- 2024 – EU Parliament votes to agree to include classification of IARC WHO into EU law
- 2024 – UCLan due to publish results of health monitoring



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INCIDENCES OF CANCER AMONG FIREFIGHTERS AGED 35-39

323% HIGHER

THAN IN THE GENERAL POPULATION IN THE SAME AGE CATEGORY

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FIREFIGHTERS' MORTALITY RATE

ALL CANCERS: 1.6 TIMES HIGHER

PROSTATE CANCER: 3.8 TIMES HIGHER

LEUKAEMIA: 3.17 TIMES HIGHER

OESOPHAGEAL: 2.42 TIMES HIGHER

THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION

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FIREFIGHTERS DYING FROM:

- **HEART ATTACKS AT *FIVE TIMES* THE RATE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
- **ALMOST *THREE TIMES* THE RATE FROM A STROKE**

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WE'RE CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT AND FIRE BOSSES FOR:

- ANNUAL HEALTH MONITORING FOR ALL FIREFIGHTERS
- MONITORING AND RECORDING OF FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURES
- RECORDING OF OCCUPATION ON HEALTH AND SIMILAR RECORDS, INCLUDING DEATH CERTIFICATES
- INTRODUCTION OF DECON POLICIES AND TRAINING ACROSS THE UK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
- FACILITIES AND CONTRACTS FOR EFFECTIVE PPE AND WORKWEAR CLEANING ACROSS ALL FIRE SERVICES
- LEGISLATION THAT WILL ENSURE AFFECTED FIREFIGHTERS GET PROPER COMPENSATION AND PROTECTION

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