

# HOW CAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT THE NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER REGISTRY FOR CANCER?



Fire departments across the nation play a key role in helping firefighters join the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer. Fire chiefs and department leaders may consider taking the following 4 steps:

1. Identify an NFR champion
2. Gain union support, if applicable
3. Share information with firefighters
4. Hold a department meeting

## 1. IDENTIFY AN NFR CHAMPION

- **Identify** a point person in your department to serve as “NFR champion.” Ask them to review the [NFR website](#), and become familiar with the [4 steps to sign up](#) for the NFR.
- **Encourage your champion** to sign-up for the NFR so they can bring insights when answering questions from others.

## 2. GAIN UNION SUPPORT, IF APPLICABLE

- **If you work with a local union**, have your NFR champion reach out to gain their support.
- **Local unions may want to reference** the [letter of support](#) provided by the International Association of Fire Fighters for the NFR.

## 3. SHARE INFORMATION WITH FIREFIGHTERS

- **Email your department** about the NFR, highlighting local union support.
- **Have your NFR champion distribute** NFR [communication materials](#) within your department, including the NFR [videos](#) and [enrollment fact sheet](#).
  - » **Email [NFRRegistry@cdc.gov](mailto:NFRRegistry@cdc.gov) to request print materials.**
- **Share your support** on social media using #NationalFirefighterRegistry and tagging @NIOSH.

## 4. HOLD A DEPARTMENT MEETING

- **Hold a meeting** with your department to discuss the NFR. You may want to:
  - » **Read the [roll call announcement](#) (2 minutes).**
  - » **Show the [NFR testimonial video](#) and [“How the NFR Works” video](#) (5 minutes).**
  - » **Give firefighters 30-45 minutes to sign up for the NFR.**
  - » **Make sure your NFR champion is available to help firefighters sign up.**



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