INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Resolution 2010-2*

Resolution Title:	Cancer Presumption Legislation
Resolution Description:	Support of cancer presumption legislation for firefighters
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WHEREAS, members of the career and volunteer fire service spend significant amounts of time exposed to combustion of known and unknown carcinogenic products that may lead to cancer-causing exposures; and,

WHEREAS, many types of cancers in members of the fire service have been shown to be work-related, and

WHEREAS, the career and volunteer fire service should receive assistance from their local, state, tribal, provincial, territorial and federal governments in the event of a cancer diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, career and volunteer firefighters should be provided with necessary care in the event of a cancer diagnosis,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IAFC supports cancer presumption legislation which will improve the overall safety, health and survival of members of the fire service, particularly fire chiefs and other chief officers who entered the fire service during a period in the past when the use of self-contained breathing apparatus was not emphasized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IAFC and fire chiefs work collaboratively with other appointed and elected officials, labor organizations and other parties to define the scope of these types of legislative actions, given the devastating effects that cancer has had and continues to have on members of the fire service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Staff Time

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Recommendations:

IAFC CBR:	Support
IAFC Board of Directors:	Support

Action:

IAFC Membership:	Support
Date:	August 28, 2010

Location:	Chicago, Illinois
Future Action:	Review for Sunset in 3 Years
Expiration Date:	August 2013

***formerly Resolution 2007-7**