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ZFD takes steps to reduce firefighters' cancer risk

WHAT: In an attempt to reduce firefighters' cancer risks, Zionsville Fire Department (ZFD) has recently implemented additional on-scene actions and is conducting specialized training to increase firefighters' cancer awareness. Lt. Steve Hayes recently attended a Cancer Prevention Train-the-Trainer program conducted by The Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Next week, Lt. Hayes will provide this training for all ZFD firefighters.

The department recently added equipment to its vehicles to allow firefighters to clean their fire gear at the scene of an incident. Additionally, throughout 2016, the department purchased 35 sets of fire gear at a cost of \$2,713 per set to provide each firefighter with a clean set of gear to use upon their return to the station. With this additional equipment and training, ZFD firefighters will be as up-to-date as possible with current standards on cancer prevention in the fire service.

WHY: Cancer is a leading cause of firefighter line-of-duty deaths in the U.S. According to the International Association of Firefighters data, almost 80 firefighter cancer deaths were reported in 2015.

WHEN: Training begins Tuesday, Sept. 6 – ongoing

WHO: Zionsville Fire Department and the Town of Zionsville

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