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The Collaborative Connection – February 2022

2022 National Firefighter Cancer Symposium

Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative attended and participated in the 4th annual National Firefighter Cancer Symposium hosted by University of Miami Sylvester's Firefighter Cancer Initiative. There were fire service leaders, researchers, and scientists in attendance as well as presenting. Modifiable risk factors, nutrition, sleep, PFAS, cancer in volunteer firefighting as well as cancer in wildland firefighting were just a few of the topics discussed this year. The FFFSHC participated in a workshop on change in the fire service as well as a panel discussion on how departments can start their own FACE/Cancer Prevention Teams.

The 12th annual Dolphins Challenge Cancer event was held on Saturday February 26th at the Hard Rock Stadium. The DCC is the largest yearly fundraiser done by the Dolphins and proceeds go to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for cancer research. Once again FFSCH has joined the FCI on Team Firefighters vs Cancer to raise funds. This year Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative presented a check for $2500 to the Firefighter Cancer Initiative.

The future of turnout gear is about to be decided

Significant questions arise as turnout-focused standards are consolidated

Nov 10, 2021

https://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/turnoutgear/articles/the-future-of-turnout-gear-is-about-to-be-decided-OcUgPyN3YYER6PvN/?fbclid=IwAR0mSoQb5HK6hHiePadX_pfEgvyV51oyw_2c8g27AMk0vs8815lNBPpMUAQ

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CLINICIANS AWARENESS COURSE

This 2-day full immersion course is designed for clinicians and providers who desire to learn more about the unique first responder stressors in order to be more effective in connecting and treating first responders. The class provides an extensive understanding of first responder culture, lingo, lifestyle and unique stressors of the job.

This training includes classroom learning, engaging in realistic scenarios, and interacting with first responders. Past participants include representatives from Aetna, Barry University, Cigna, Nova Southeastern University, United Healthcare, University of Central Florida, and The University of Miami.

Program Details

Wed. April 6, 2022

- First Responder Culture and Lingo
- PTSD, Suicide, and Substance Abuse

Thurs, April 7, 2022

- First Responder Interactions
- Sponsored Lunch
- Resiliency in the Clinical Setting

Bonita Springs Fire Control And Rescue District

27701 Bonita Grande Dr
Bonita Springs, Fl 34135

April 6-7, 2022
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Kim Rogers
813.244.7430
krogers@floridafirefightersafety.org

REGISTRATION IS $200
www.floridafirefightersafety.org/mental-wellness/clinician-awareness-program
40 Participant Limit
Approved for 16 CEU's

Clinicians who desire to be vetted for Redline Rescue and Blueline Rescue are required to complete this two-day course and an additional 10 hours of documented ride time with a first responder specific position. Clinician who complete both portions are eligible to be included in the Redline Rescue and Blueline database.

**** All proceeds from registration go back into the FFSHC Clinician Awareness Program to ensure we can continue this valuable training for Clinicians - THANK YOU!**

BONITA SPRINGS
Fire Control and Rescue District

Registration : Clinician Awareness Registration (floridafirefightersafety.org)

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - Study #: 20180723 Effective Date: 6/23/2021

Firefighter Cancer Survivor

How can I help?

The Firefighter Cancer Initiative will do a research study to provide survivors with tools to help improve the quality of life. **Your must be a firefighter cancer survivor to participate, age 21 or older.** To see if you are eligible please visit:

www.miami.edu/FCIsurvivorship

If you are interested in participating or have questions please contact:

Cynthia Beaver at
305-243-9538 or via email at
ccb122@med.miami.edu

FIREFIGHTER CANCER INITIATIVE

RESEARCH > EDUCATION > PREVENTION

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RECOGNIZING THE UNRECOGNIZED

Mental Health on the Frontlines Conference

A day of education and inspiration for our frontline workers

The Healthy Lee Behavioral Health Coalition is excited for the inaugural **Mental Health on the Frontlines conference**. This unique conference offers a supportive environment for frontline workers to express their experiences with stress, anxiety, depression and thoughts of self-harm.

This conference will also offer leadership an exclusive window into the world of their frontline workers, will explore the resources available in the community, and will discuss areas for improvement through their own employee Mental and Behavioral Health service offerings.

Please join us as we unite to recognize and celebrate the tireless service of our frontline workers, including Fire & Rescue, EMS, corrections officers, public service officers, 911 dispatchers, healthcare employees and leadership of these industries.

The conference will highlight the following subjects with an emphasis on education for every person who works on the frontlines:

- Celebrate the accomplishments of frontline workers in the face of adversity.
- Identify areas where our frontline workers would benefit from additional support.
- Identify what resources our employers offer for their employees.
- Explore ways to inform employees about Mental and Behavioral Health programs.
- Explore community resources.
- Learn why leadership engagement matters.

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022
Time: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Venue: The Collaboratory

Register Here

Networking will be available with many behavioral health, social service and support agencies at the end of the conference.

Please contact Lauren Walker at Lauren.Walker@LeeHealth.org or go to Mental Health on the Frontlines https://healthylee.com/rtr for additional information and sponsorship opportunities.

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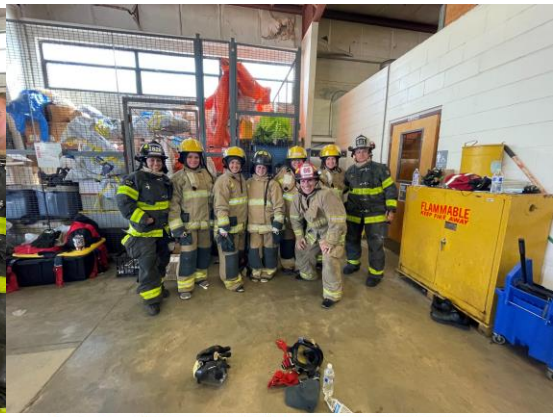
Orlando Fire Conference – Clinician Awareness Program

February 25th and 26th Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative hosted a Clinician Awareness Program (CAP) for clinicians. CAP is a two-day class that teaches the basics of the life of a firefighter. This gives clinicians the tools and better understanding when treating first responders. If you are interested in hosting a CAP in your area contact Kim Rogers at krogers@floridafirefightersafety.org



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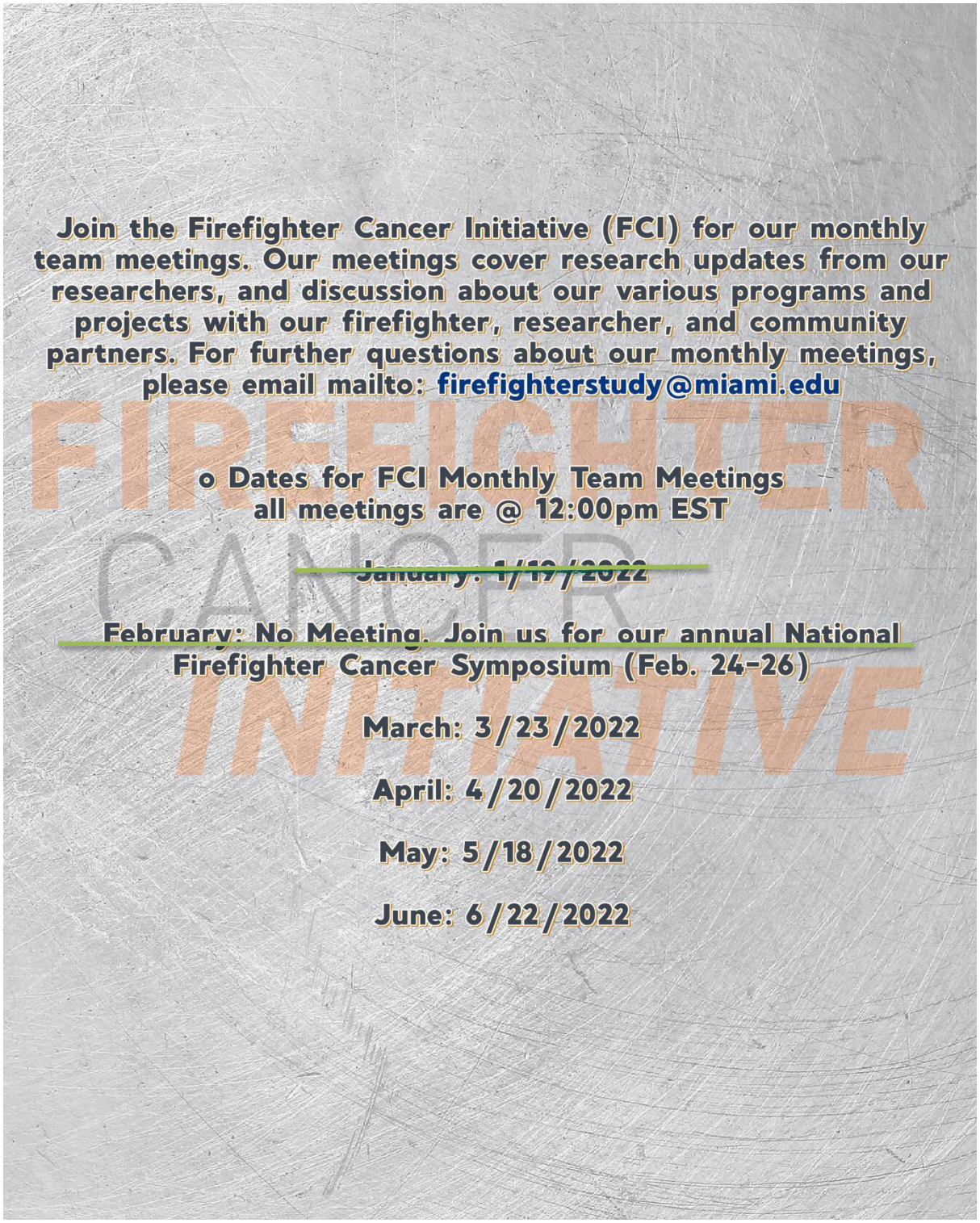

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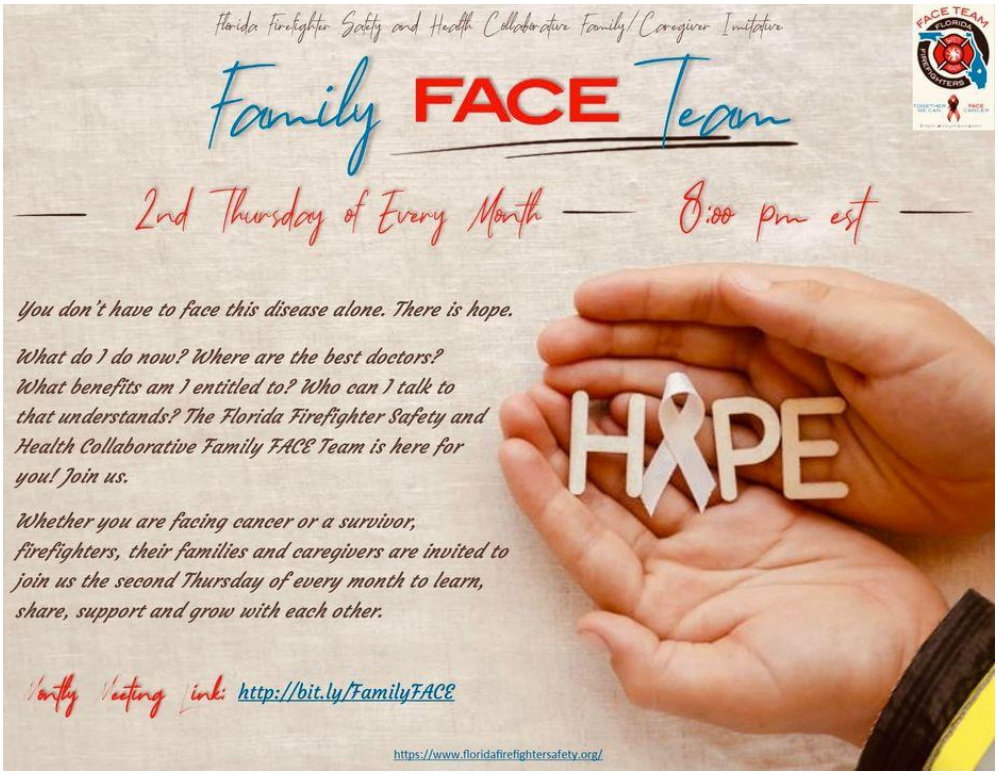
https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/203083517 : Monthly FACE Team Webex



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CALLING ALL RETIRED FLORIDA FIREFIGHTERS

A.E.R.I.A.L. Cohort Study

Advancing Epidemiology of Retired firefighters Aging

What is AERIAL?

The AERIAL study collects health information and cancer risk factors (ex: family history, social and behavioral factors, etc.) among **retired Florida Fire Rescue workers** to help characterize their cancer risk

Who is eligible for the AERIAL survey?

-Retired Florida firefighters
-Firefighters in the DROP

Are you interested?

If you would like to participate, please go to:
https://redcap.miami.edu/surveys/?s=K8MD3XH99L

If you would like more information, please contact:
Addison Testoff at 305-243-2902 or act110@miami.edu

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REDLINE RESCUE™

Struggling with depression, anxiety, addiction or posttraumatic stress?

Your Brothers and Sisters are Here to Help

www.RedlineRescue.org

The Redline Rescue movement – led by first responders, for first responders – is dedicated to serving first responders and their families in their times of need.

Our network is a highly connected community of first responders and culturally trained clinicians, working hand-in-hand, devoted to the needs of those serving behind the badge. And our community is here to help – at no cost and with complete confidentiality.

Right now, you can log on to RedlineRescue.org from your phone or laptop and connect immediately with an army of trained first responder peer support team members and a host of professional mental health clinicians trained in first responder culture.

We know what you've gone through and what you've seen.
We are here and ready to help.

Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Funding provided through DHS/FEMA'sGrant Program Directorate

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative

As you establish your annual contributions to the United Way for 2021– why not select the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative to be the recipient of your United Way contributions?

Contact Gina Hudson if you have any questions or need assistance.

ghudson@floridafirefightersafety.org

FFSHC LOGO APPAREL ONLINE

New FFSHC logo apparel is available on our website – everything from T shirts, women's tanks, hats, polos and oxford shirts. Check us out and help support our mission.

www.floridafirefightersafety.org

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