FLORIDA FIREFIGHTERS
SAFETY AND HEALTH
COLLABORATIVE

The Collaborative Connection – October 2021

Congratualtions to our very own Chief Chris Bator on promotion to Division Chief! Your hard work and dedication to both the fire department and city has not gone unnoticed. Chief Bator will now oversee the health and safety of the entire city of both Coral Springs and Parkland.

GRATITUDE to the Miami Dolphins & Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
HUGE NFL HALF TIME COVERAGE on Sunday October 24th as the Miami Dolphins and the Firefighter Cancer Initiative honored firefighter cancer fighters / survivors as well as those honored that have passed in that fight.
Special note that Tom "BULL" Hill and the The Firehood Foundation were standing with us along with 2 of the 20 packs that represent over 1500 firefighter cancer losses in the state of Florida alone.
Thank you Dr Erin Kobetz & Dr. Stephen Nimer for always making sure our Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative are welcomed for these opportunities.

Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative

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

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.

Monday, Dec. 6 - Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021
B Resort and Spa
1905 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Call for nominations for the

FFCA Safety, Health, and Wellness Award of Excellence

At the annual FFCA Safety and Health Conference taking place December 6-8, we will announce the winner of the FFCA Safety, Health, and Wellness Award of Excellence and we need your nominations!

This award recognizes an individual, group, department (career or volunteer), or other agency within the state of Florida who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to Safety, Health and Wellness within the fire, rescue and/or EMS service, or who has made significant and valuable contributions to Safety, Health and Wellness within their organizations and service as a whole. Please see the attached document for the complete criteria for nomination and send your nomination with supporting documentation to Debbie Pringle at dpringle@coralsprings.org by November 1st.

Thank you!

See criteria:
https://www.ffca.org/ffca-fire-chief-of-the-year-award#:~:text=This%20award%20recognizes%20an%20individual%2C%20group%2C%20department%20%28career,within%20their%20organizations%20and%20service%20as%20a%20whole.

Greetings from University of Miami! The Firefighter Cancer Initiative FCI) research team is studying cervical cancer risk in female firefighters. The NIOSH-funded project, "Addressing Cervical Cancer in Female Firefighters" led by Dr. Natasha Schaefer Solle, provides female firefighters with home-based HPV tests as well as the opportunity to test their vaginal microbiome. Included is the recruitment flyer for your reference and the link to the prescreener form. If you are an active female firefighter, please visit the site to see if you are eligible to participate. All study materials will be shipped to you with paid postage for its return. If you have any questions related to the study, please contact Cynthia Beaver at ccb122@med.miami.edu or Dr. Natasha Schaefer Solle at n.schaefer@umiami.edu Screen here to see if you are eligible to participate: www.miami.edu/FCIwomensproject

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

AMAZON SMILES DONATES TO FFSHC

Remember when you are doing your shopping that when you shop at AmazonSmile they will donate a portion of your purchases directly to **Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative.** Please select our Collaborative from the Charity Lists in the Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phones. You can also continue to shop your lists at smile.amazon.com on desktop or mobile web browsers.

Miami International Mesothelioma Symposium

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

*The **1st International Mesothelioma Symposium is 5 weeks away!***

The Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, South Florida's only NCI-Designated Cancer Center, is excited to invite you to our First Miami International Mesothelioma Symposium. This year's meeting experience will be completely virtual. It will include engaging talks from world-renowned external speakers, faculty researchers, and leaders.

Conference Objectives:

- Discuss the Global Burden of Mesothelioma and identify gaps in research
- Provide information on new treatment options for mesothelioma for general practitioners and specialists
- Identify the most promising research directions in mesothelioma
- Engage key researchers, clinicians and in discussion of new treatment options
- Discuss role of supportive care and rehabilitation in management of MPM

Free Registration! Simply click the Register Now below.

REGISTER NOW!

If you have any questions please contact: mcollazo3@med.miami.edu

RESEARCH STUDY

We need you to

JOIN OUR CAREGIVER STUDY

If you're a caregiver of a firefighter with cancer, we want to know how cancer has impacted your life.

Requirements:

- Caregiver of a firefighter cancer survivor
- Caregiver of a firefighter currently diagnosed with cancer

To sign up or learn more, contact:

Cynthia Beaver
ccb112@med.miami.edu
(305) 243-9538

FIREFIGHTER CANCER INITIATIVE

SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM

Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative

Registration : [Clinician Awareness Registration (floridafirefightersafety.org)]

Kim Rogers: krogers@floridafirefightersafety.org

Greetings,

The Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research is looking for firefighters interested in being interviewed over the telephone for a project that will examine the experiences and work environment for firefighters who identify as LGBTQ+. The Center is looking to interview both firefighters who identify as *heterosexual men and women* and firefighters who identify as *LGBTQ+*. We are seeking a diverse sample of firefighters to interview.

Participation in this study is voluntary at all times. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. No one in your facility or organization will learn of any individual results of this interview.

Below is a link to complete a brief online screener to determine eligibility for participation in the interview:

Follow this link to the Survey:
Take the Survey

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:
https://ndri1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tNeozikyZt7wWi?Q_CHL=email

If you have any questions, please contact the project lead Dr. Christopher Kaipust (kaipust@ndri-usa.org). If you know anyone who may be interested in participating, please pass this information along to them!

Thank you!
Dr. Christopher Kaipust

CleanPSB Symposium

Best Practices In First Responder Mental Health & Wellness

ABOUT THIS EVENT | CORE is hosting a CleanPSB Symposium to talk through occupational hazards that First Responders are currently facing, efforts agencies are making to help improve mental health and wellness, and best practices in design and construction that can help compliment these efforts. Attendees will include industry leaders in public safety, design, and construction from across the country.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (EDT) | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CDT)
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MDT) | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PDT/MST)

THE PRESENTERS

David Shilson, Chief of Police, Frisco Police Department
Maddie Moree, MSW, LCSW, Resiliency Program Coordinator, Frisco Police Department
Homer Robertson, Executive Assistant Chief, Fort Worth Fire Department
Chris Mannino, Chief of Police, Park Forest Police Department
Sterling Kihei, Lieutenant, Officer Wellness, West Palm Beach Police Department
Jeremy Hurd, Director, Mental Wellness Team, Florida Firefighters Safety & Health Collaborative

JOIN US IN-PERSON

Lunch will be provided

CORE Headquarters
6320 Research Rd.
Frisco, TX 75033

CORE Illinois
601 SW Water St.
Peoria, IL 61602

West Palm Beach PD
600 Banyan Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

JOIN US VIRTUALLY

Zoom meeting information to follow in subsequent email. RSVP below.

RSVP NOW!

Click on the links below to attend in-person or virtually.

ATTEND IN-PERSON | ATTEND VIRTUALLY

RSVP
Attend in person or virtually: cleanpsb@coreconstruction.com