

Cancer remains the leading cause of firefighter death across the United States, according to Firefighter Cancer Support Network. In September 2018, the International Association of Fire Firefighters etched the names of 271 firefighters that gave their lives in service to their communities. Of the 271 individuals added to the Memorial in Colorado Springs, 211 were honoring the legacy of firefighters who succumbed to cancers developed as a result of their chosen profession.

The rate of cancer in Virginia's Fire Service follows similar national trends. Despite comprehensive cancer prevention education and policy changes, Virginia's firefighters continue to receive that dreaded diagnosis of cancer at an alarming rate. In June 2018, Virginia's fire service family came together to honor and remember four fallen firefighters, three of whom were the result of occupational cancer.

Please join us as we walk to remember those that lost their fight and honor those valiantly battling cancer as a result of wearing the uniform.



WALK THE LINE CANCER WALK

January 15, 2019

9:00 AM

Start – 9:30 AM

Richmond Fire Station 13
411 Commerce Road
Richmond, VA 23224

Finish – 10:30 AM

Virginia Public Safety Memorial
Darden Garden – Capitol Square
Richmond, VA 23219

This walk is dedicated to the honor and memory of those that died in the line of duty as the result of occupational cancer during 2018. Please contact Erin Rice (erice@vpff.org) if you plan on attending. Additionally, please let her know if you have members lost to cancer within the past year.