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Fire Service Partners,

The Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefit Law (NYS General Municipal Law 205-cc) provides benefits for eligible firefighters diagnosed with cancer and includes reporting requirements for fire departments.

Information about the law, eligibility requirements, the benefits provided, and the reporting requirements is available here: <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/volunteer-firefighter-enhanced-cancer-disability-benefit-program>. The link also provides access to cancer awareness and prevention information for the fire service to raise awareness and reduce the cancer risks firefighters are exposed to.

To ensure all eligible firefighters are aware of the Law and the benefits provided, I encourage all fire departments to review this information with their members. Please ensure that your members know if they have coverage and who they should notify in the event of a diagnosis. There have been many situations where fire departments had the required coverage, but the firefighters were unaware it was available.

I encourage fire departments to undertake concerted efforts to implement cancer awareness and risk reduction programs. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) is working to provide fire departments in New York State with a free firefighter decontamination kit for each of their stations. These decontamination kits are available upon completion of OFPC's Firefighter Contamination Reduction and Cancer Prevention program.

The following reports are due from fire districts, departments, or companies by the dates indicated. To ensure you are using the most current form, please visit the website and download the forms. All forms can be emailed to vfecdb@dhSES.ny.gov or mailed to 1220 Washington Avenue, Building 7A, Floor 2, Albany, NY 12226 Attn: Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefit Law

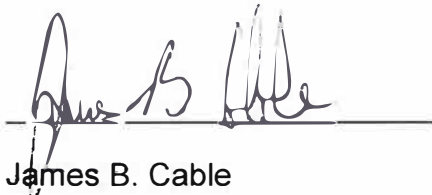
Due by December 1, Fire District, Department or Company Annual Claims Report EOSB - 210.8 C. Your insurance company can provide a report that includes this information. <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/08/eosb210-8c.pdf>

Due By December 1, Annual Roster of Interior Firefighters EOSB - 210.8 R. This should include the list of a department's interior firefighters from 2025. You may use the PDF or excel form available on the website.
<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/08/210-8r.pdf>

Due by January 1, Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Program Attestation / Proof of Benefits EOSB - 210.5, along with a copy of the cover sheet of the insurance policy. <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/08/eosb210-5.pdf>

Please do not send the Certification of Eligibility to OFPC. Certification of Eligibility (ESOB 210.4) Due upon a diagnosis of cancer of an eligible firefighter. **Certification of Eligibility is to be sent to the coverage provider (AHJ or Insurance Company) NOT OFPC.**

Please feel free to contact Fire Protection Specialist Timothy Graves at timothy.graves@dhSES.ny.gov or (518) 292-2235 with any questions regarding the Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefit Law, additional information and resources about Firefighter Cancer, and the availability of Cancer Awareness and Firefighter Health and Wellness presentations from OFPC.

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James B. Cable
State Fire Administrator