



## BULLETIN

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TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS

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# International Firefighters Day push for Cancer Protection

On International Firefighters Day, the tragic line of duty death of Queensland Firefighter Izabella Nash, and the severe injuries to her colleague Lia Drew, are a sobering reminder of the importance of firefighter health and safety. On behalf of the UFUA and our affiliate branches, we have conveyed our condolences and support to the UFUQ at this sad and challenging time.

Each year, increasing numbers of firefighters succumb to occupational cancer, and they often face legal battles with insurers and unsympathetic governments for compensation to cover medical costs, when they should have the right to concentrate on fighting one thing and one thing only: the cancer that threatens their life.

The United Firefighters Union of Australia is receiving national media attention on firefighter cancer protection. The attached media release was distributed to news outlets this morning and has received significant media coverage.

The release covers emerging research around firefighter cancer, and in particular women's reproductive cancers.

We have also prepared a summary of a significant study on cancer among women firefighters, released on April 12 2023.

The Media Release can be found by following [this link](#).

The summary of the firefighter cancer study can be found by clicking [here](#).

We encourage all members to read these important materials.

*Authorised by National Secretary Greg McConville*