



## BULLETIN

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TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS

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# Research on Firefighter Health

The UFUA has become aware that some fire services in Australia are seeking firefighter participation in a study titled:

**“Health Conditions Amongst Active and Retired Fire Service Personnel: An International Survey”**

The survey is said to be conducted by the University of Technology Sydney, and the University of Roehampton, UK.

The UFUA takes seriously the role of research in relation to firefighter health and wellbeing. We engage closely with academics and research institutions to ensure that research projects are robust, sound and are genuinely in the interests of firefighters. Similarly, researchers generally approach us in developing research proposals to ensure that we are able to appropriately shape research methodology to suit the unique nature of our industry. This approach has resulted in many successful research projects in recent years concerning firefighter cancer, PFAS exposure and related issues.

Unfortunately, this particular research project is inconsistent with the standards we have developed in recent years. We have made inquiries through our international contacts in relation to this research project, and we advise that:

- members should not participate in this study;
- members should only participate in studies that are recommended by the UFUA;
- where studies are approved by the UFUA, we will advise members in advance of any survey.

Members with any questions in relation to this matter are asked to email the UFU national office [admin@ufua.asn.au](mailto:admin@ufua.asn.au).

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