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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Assistant Chief Russell

SUBJECT: Utah Firefighter Cancer Initiative – Screening Process Update

The Utah Firefighter Cancer Initiative is progressing with its statewide screening program for Utah firefighters. As outlined on utahfirefightercancer.org, the initial phase of this project includes screening 1,000 firefighters selected based on age and years of service in the fire service. The list of those initial 1,000 candidates was previously generated and distributed to fire chiefs across the state.

Recently, several of our members who were not on that initial list have been contacted to participate in the screening process. After reaching out to the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association for clarification, we have learned that the Utah Firefighters Cancer Initiative is currently conducting a random selection of firefighters from across Utah as a test group. This pilot effort is designed to validate and refine their process and ensure that the full-scale screenings are conducted efficiently and accurately.

Those contacted have been receiving invitations via personal email accounts, which were obtained through the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy. This outreach is legitimate, and individuals who have been contacted are encouraged to follow the directions provided and complete their screenings as instructed.

The Utah State Fire Chiefs Association has confirmed that beginning January 2026, the Utah Firefighters Cancer Initiative will begin contacting and scheduling screenings for the priority group of 1,000 firefighters identified in the initial list.

We appreciate everyone's patience as the Utah Firefighters Cancer Initiative team works through this complex process. Their goal is to create a streamlined and effective system to screen all Utah firefighters.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me directly.