



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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San Francisco Fire Chief Statement on PFAS Forever Chemicals in Firefighter Gear

San Francisco, CA – Under the leadership of Chief Jeanine Nicholson, the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) stands at the forefront of cancer prevention for firefighters. Recognizing the elevated risks our members face, over the last five years we have implemented comprehensive policies and initiatives that underscore our unwavering commitment to their health and safety. This multifaceted approach to cancer prevention encompasses early detection, education, and innovative safety measures.

Some of these measures include decontamination, air monitoring, and overhaul policies, as well as the procurement of PFAS-free equipment.

Since procuring a \$2.3 million grant and our pursuit of additional grant funding, the SFFD is currently testing PFAS-free personal protective equipment.

The SFFD looks forward to continuing collaboration with the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation (SFFCPF), SF Firefighters Local 798, and elected officials to achieve our goal of PFAS-free personal protective equipment for all members.

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