

# NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER REGISTRY APPROPRIATIONS

## TALKING POINTS

- Studies have indicated a strong link between firefighting and an increased risk of cancer. The National Firefighter Registry is an important resource to better understand this link.
- Previous studies have been limited by lack of availability of important data and relatively small sample sizes that have an underrepresentation of women, minorities, and volunteer firefighters.
- Over the past several years, the NFR has been able to make great strides, including developing an enrollment system to ensure information security and ease of access for users; obtaining the Office of Management and Budget's approval for the enrollment questionnaire; and compiling brochures, videos, and quarterly newsletters to maintain communication with the fire service regarding the status of the registry.
- The registry has also faced new challenges due to evolving federal requirements for data security and storage – in addition to the steps that remain to continue the launch of the registry and keep its vital work moving forward.

## ASK

- Support \$7.125 million for the National Firefighter Registry to ensure that the registry does not face delays with regard to the collection and analysis of data pertaining to cancer in the fire and emergency services.

