



Spotlight on Cancer Prevention at Myrtle Beach Fire Department

After recognizing the alarming trend of firefighting related cancer diagnoses in 2018, the Myrtle Beach Fire Department implemented sweeping initiatives to reduce carcinogen exposure for their members. From post-fire incident decontamination procedures, to purchasing cancer particulate blocking turnout gear and exhaust capture systems, the Myrtle Beach Fire Department is focused on eliminating the risks to its firefighters.



Topics discussed during this free interactive virtual workshop will include cancer research and statistics, decontamination practices, turnout gear technology, post-incident hazardous monitoring, and other associated wellness initiatives implemented by the Myrtle Beach Fire Department. Additionally, South Carolina State Firefighters' Association representatives will present information regarding the recent [South Carolina Cancer Health Benefit Plan \(2020 Act 168\)](#) and the [South Carolina Firefighter Cancer Coalition](#).



DATE: Monday, Sept. 13, 2021

TIME: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

REGISTER: 9026-22-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=72588>

Note: Students who are pre-registered, and attend the workshop, receive SCFA transcript credit. If you are unable to attend the live event, it will be recorded and posted for viewing at your convenience. However, if viewing the recorded workshop, SCFA transcript credit is not available.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Vince Bettinazzi started with the Myrtle Beach Fire Department in 2007 after moving from North Royalton, Ohio. He is currently assigned to Fire Station 1 as the shift commander for C-shift and is a member of the MBFD's Ocean Rescue Team. Vince is a columnist for FireRescue1.com and was recently selected to present at 2021's Fire Rescue International Conference in Charlotte, NC.



Adam Oleszkowicz is a 14-year veteran of the Myrtle Beach Fire Department after relocating from Dearborn Heights, Michigan. He is currently assigned to Fire Station 1, where he splits time on either Rescue 1 or Engine 1 as the company officer. His passion is company training and is a core instructor for MBFD's 40-hours Acting Company Officer Course.

Questions? Please contact [Amy Williamson](#)