DEAR PHYSICIAN

As a firefighter, I have a 14% greater risk of dying from cancer than civilians. On the job, I may inhale, ingest, and absorb carcinogens from smoke, soot and fumes.

Firefighters have an elevated risk for many cancers, including:

- breast 45%*
- colon 21%
- esophagus 62%
- kidney 27%
 - melanoma **21%**
 - mesothelioma 60%
 - prostate 15%
- testes **34%**