



**BRIAN TAYLOR**  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

February 26, 2026

The Honorable Josh Stein  
Governor  
State of North Carolina

The Honorable Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate

The Honorable Destin Hall  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives

Mr. Brian Matteson  
Director  
Fiscal Research Division

The Honorable Carl Ford  
Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
General Government

The Honorable Donnie Loftis  
Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
General Government

The Honorable Dennis Riddell  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
General Government

The Honorable John A. Torbett  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
General Government

Ms. Sarah Holland  
Principal Clerk  
North Carolina Senate

Mr. James White  
Principal Clerk  
North Carolina House of Representatives

***Re: Annual Report Required by G.S. § 58-86A-6 – Firefighters’ Cancer Insurance Program***

Dear Governor Stein, Senator Berger, Speaker Hall, Director Matteson, Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, Ms. Holland, and Mr. White:

Pursuant to G.S. § 58-86A-6, please find enclosed herewith the Office of the State Fire Marshal’s (OSFM) annual report on the Firefighters’ Cancer Insurance Program (the “Program”) for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This report reflects the initial six months of administration under the permanent program established by the General Assembly following the conclusion of the pilot program.

The report provides information regarding (1) the number, type, and primary work location (by county) of all firefighters participating in the Program; (2) the number of benefit claims filed; (3) the types of cancer for which benefit claims were filed; and (4) the benefits paid under the Program from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

The General Assembly has my gratitude for allowing OSFM to administer this important program and for establishing a permanent framework to continue these benefits following the successful

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pilot. The General Assembly has demonstrated a clear commitment to protecting those who protect our communities by ensuring that firefighters diagnosed with occupational cancer receive meaningful financial support.

If you have any questions regarding the report or the administration of the Program, OSFM stands ready to provide any additional information that may be helpful.

Respectfully,

*BRIAN TAYLOR*

Brian Taylor  
State Fire Marshal



**G.S. 58-86A-6.** Reporting Requirements. The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Governor, and the Fiscal Research Division that includes the following information:

(1) The number, type, and primary work location of all firefighters participating in the program.	Total Number of Firefighters receiving benefits through the program (7/1/2025 - 1/1/2026)	Active Fire Fighter Type	Retired/Non-Active	Primary Location
	88	13 Non-Volunteer Firefighters 41 Volunteer Firefighters	19 Non-Volunteer Firefighters 15 Volunteer Firefighters	20 of 100 counties have at least 1 paid claim (Non-Vol FF) 35 of 100 counties have at least 1 paid claim (Vol FF)
(2) The number of benefit claims filed.	Total Claims filed through the program (7/1/2025 - 1/1/2026)	Active Fire Fighter Type	Retired/Non-Active	Primary Location
	147	31 Non-Volunteer Firefighters 64 Volunteer Firefighters	26 Non-Volunteer Firefighters 26 Volunteer Firefighters	Non-Volunteer FF in 26 of 100 counties have at least 1 claim (Non-Vol FF) Volunteer FF in 49 of 100 counties have at least 1 claim (Vol FF)
(3) The types of cancer for which benefit claims were filed.	Basal Cell Carcinoma	Melanoma		
	Bladder	Melanoma (InSitu)		
	Blood	Multiple Myeloma		
	Bone	Neuroendocrine		
	Brain	Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma		
	Breast	Oral		
	Clear Cell Sarcoma	Other		
	Colon	Ovarian		
	Esophageal	Pancreas		
	Hodgkins Lymphoma	Prostate		
	Intestinal	Spine		
	Kidney	Squamous Cell (In Situ)		
	Leukemia	Squamous Cell Carcinoma		
Liver	Stomach			
Lung	Testicular			
Lymphoma	Thyroid			
(4) All benefits paid out under this section.	Benefits paid (7/1/2025 - 1/1/2026)			
	\$3,266,484.00			

Program Reserves (7/1/2025 - 1/1/2026)	Lump Sum:	\$592,000.00
	Med Reimbursement:	\$0.00
	Total Disability:	\$776,552.00
	Total Reserves:	\$1,368,552.00

7/1/2025 - program changes allowed for the retroactive application of program updates:		
1) retroactive application of consolidating the medical reimbursement benefit into the diagnosis related lump sum for qualifying claimants with Diagnoses after 1/1/2024	1) Open claims from 7/1/2024 to 7/1/2025, Active Fire Fighter receiving the balance of the medical reimbursement	Benefit Amount Paid
	62 Non-Volunteer Firefighters	
	75 Volunteer Firefighters	\$1,411,996
2) retroactive application to previously denied "retirees" that qualified with the 7/1/2025 legislative changes	23 Non-Volunteer Firefighters	
	22 Volunteer Firefighters	\$1,184,000

\*\*All Benefits paid 7/1/2025-1/1/2026 and any retroactive application total: \$5,862,480.00