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* COMPENSATION
* PREVENTION
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THE KEY TO PROPER COMPENSATION
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WHAT IS
THIS
ORGANIZATION
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WHY IS THIS ORGANIZATION IMPORTANT
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CLASSIFICATIONS:

* Group 1  Carcinogenic to humans  120 agents
* Group 2A  Probably carcinogenic to humans  81 agents
* Group 2B  Possibly carcinogenic to humans  299 agents
* Group 3  Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans  502 agents
* Group 4  Probably not carcinogenic to humans  1 agent
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BENZENE AND FIRE FIGHTERS
CONCLUSION:

*CANCER IS AN EPIDEMIC IN THE FIRE SERVICE
*CANCER RATES WILL ONLY INCREASE
*CANCER RATES ARE RELATED TO THE INCREASED PLASTIC USE IN SOCIETY/BUILDING MATERIALS
CONCLUSION:

WE KNOW WE WILL BE EXPOSED AND WE DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT US

* COMPENSATION IS NEEDED NOW

* COMPENSATION WILL BE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE

* THE COMBINED FIRE LEADERSHIP NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ATTACK THIS PROBLEM.
CONCLUSION

WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE:

* DUTY TO EDUCATE
* DUTY FOR POST FIRE DECON AND HYGIENE
* WILL TAKE A GENERATION TO ASSIST IN MINIMIZING CANCER RATES
* CHANGE IN CULTURAL NORMS WILL BE NEEDED
Thank you all for attending today

This presentation has been done today in honor of all fire fighters world wide who are currently dealing with occupational cancer, with no support from their government.