



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Cancer Screening for career DFEMS personnel

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On January 1, 2026, the “Jimmy Malone Act” became law in Maryland. This law is named for delegate/Lieutenant Jimmy Malone who served in the MD House of Delegates and the Baltimore County Fire Department and passed away due to occupational cancer. This law mandates the annual cancer screening of career fire department personnel in Maryland. To comply with this mandate, we have secured a grant via the state Department of Health that provides testing to all 228 uniformed personnel of DFEMS. During the month of June, we will be providing “individualized” cancer screening kits/testing to all personnel.

DFEMS Cancer Screening Process:

1. Lt. M. Plaut (EMS 103D) will serve as the program coordinator
2. The EMS Supervisor/Lieutenants will deliver the individual kits for self-administration to each assigned personnel on your respective shift.
3. Personnel will extract a blood sample and package according to instructions
4. The EMS Supervisor/Lieutenants will deliver the completed samples to the PSTC for refrigeration and then they will be picked up by a laboratory courier.
5. Testing will be completed at the laboratory and the results forwarded to the individual. If a positive test is determined, then an appropriate medical referral will be provided