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December 31, 2025

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Legislative Office Building, Room 3600
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mesdames and Messrs.:

Pursuant to Section 7-313k of the Connecticut General Statutes, please find attached the Reports for June 30, 2025, which provides information regarding the State's Firefighters Cancer Relief Account and Program.

The next Firefighters Cancer Relief Account and Program report due pursuant to Section 7-313k is required and will be submitted by January 1, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erick Russell".

Erick Russell
Treasurer

Cc: The Honorable Sean Scanlon, State Comptroller

Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund Advisory Committee Members

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
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Firefighters Cancer Relief Account and Program
ANNUAL REPORT
As of June 30, 2025

Pursuant to 7-313k of the Connecticut General Statutes:

1. Balance of the Account:	\$8,142,795.63*
2. Actual and Projected Participation in the program.	

Actual FY 2025: 7 Claims for total of \$336,969.66
Projected FY 2026: 20**

3. Demographic Information of Firefighters that Received Benefits under the wage replacement program in FY 2025:

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Town of Residence</i>	<i>Income Level</i>
Male	54	Norwich	50,000 yearly
Male	62	Barkhamsted	187,000 yearly
Female	48	Norwich	106,480 yearly

*Includes quarterly interest earnings through March 2025.

** Source: Connecticut State Firefighters' Association, Inc. letter dated June 25, 2025 (attached).



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Connecticut Firefighters Cancer

Relief Fund
2025 Summary Report

June 25, 2025

Gerald V Schaffer
CSFA Secretary
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The Cancer Relief committee that was formed to follow the PA 16-10 Sec. 5(b) has met via zoom and email over the course of the year from July 1,2024 and ending June 30,2025. Over the course of this time frame we reviewed 4 claim applications and processed 3. We are still working with other applicants as the committee has been requesting more information and documentation as we consider the claim. During this same period the committee received a couple of claims that fall under the legislation of PA 23-204 and those applicants were advised to follow the guideline set up through that public act and they were advised how to get copies. I also believe there are about 20 more claims out there involving PA 23-204 but those applicants have not reached out to this committee for advice.

Respectfully yours

John Carew
CSFA Past President
Chairman cancer committee