

2024 Texas Volunteer Firefighter Health Screening Summit

September 4 – 5, 2024 Brayton Fire Training Field - College Station, TX 77845

Agenda

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

8:00-8:30 AM Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30-8:45 AM Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

8:45 9:30 AM Keynote

"Preventing Firefighter Deaths through Screening and Early Recognition Strategies"

Chief Russell Osgood

Ogunquit Fire Department Ogunquit, Maine

9:30-9:45 AM Break

9:45-10:15 AM "Epidemiology of Firefighter Injuries and Exposure"

Jeff Burgess, MD, MS, MPH

Director, Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research - University of AZ

10:15-11:15 AM Work Session #1 – Small Groups

What are the medical screening needs of the Texas Volunteer Firefighting community?

11:15-11:45 AM Work Session #1 out briefs

11:45 AM-1:30 PM Lunch

1:30-2:00 PM Volunteer Firefighter Occupational Medical Screening Panel Discussion

Moderator: Anabel Rodriguez PhD, MPH

Panelists:

Brittany Hollerbach, PhD Steven Martin, PhD

Chief Russ Osgood

2:00-3:30 PM Working Session #2 – Small Groups

What might a Mobile Occupational Screening Program Look Like for Texas Volunteer Firefighters?

3:30-4:15 PM Work Session #2 out briefs

4:15-4:45 PM "They Found Something: The Essential Role of Patient Advocates &

Navigators"

Chief (ret) Bryan Frieders

President, Firefighter Cancer Support Network

4:45 PM Adjourn Day 1

Thursday September 5, 2024

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome and Recap of Day 1

8:45-9:30 AM Panel Discussion – *A Texas Perspective*

Moderator: Jason Moats, PhD, FSCEO

Panelists

<u>Dan Kramer, State Firefighters' & Fire Marshals' Association</u>
<u>Amy Ramon, Texas Fire Chiefs Association</u>
<u>Harvie Cheshire, Madisonville, Fire Department</u>
<u>Volunteer Firefighters</u>

9:30-9:45 AM Break

9:45-11:00 AM Working Session #3 – Small Groups

How might we build a program that Texas Volunteer Firefighters will use?

11:00-11:45 AM Work Session #3 out briefs

11:45 AM-1:15 PM Lunch

1:15-1:45 AM "Continuing the Research: How the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer

and Research are important"

Alexander Mayer, Health Scientist National Firefighter Registry for Cancer, NIOSH

1:45-3:00 PM Clinicians and Providers Panel Discussion

Moderator: Elizabeth Ellis DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Panelists

Nicole Peters Kroll, PhD, Associate Dean for Clinical & Outreach Affairs Texas A&M College of Nursing

Robert Carpenter, MD. MPH, FACS, Director of Health and Wellbeing Programs, & MD Plus

Program Texas A&M College of Medicine

Jane Bolin, BSN, JD, PhD, Senior Professor, TAMU College of Nursing and Director of

Community Outreach & Engagement at the Houston Methodist

Cancer Center

3:00-3:15 PM Break

3:15-4:15 PM Working Session #4 – Plenary

Next Steps - Priorities, Objectives, and Alibis

4:15-4:45 PM Out briefs and Session Recap

4:45 PM Adjourn Summit

Summit Aims

- Aim 1: Engage the Volunteer Fire Service representatives in focus groups to identify the needs and desires for an occupational medical screening program in Texas.
- Aim 2: Validate an Occupational Medical Screening Protocol for Texas Volunteer Firefighters
- Aim 3: Draft appropriate and feasible mitigation and implementation strategies for a mobile rural Texas volunteer fire service occupational medical screening program.
- Aim 4: Engage a representative cross-disciplinary group of providers, firefighters, healthcare facilities, affinity groups, researchers, and others to initiate discussions that will continue to inform the project design and implementation.

Questions?
Visit our website to register and find up-to-date information https://usacenter.tamu.edu/Events1/2024texasfirefightersummit.html

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