



“Researching Today, Developing a Safer Tomorrow”

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Dear Colleagues

Re: Letter of support to firefighter welfare research

The National Fire Chiefs Council UK Research and Development team would like to make you aware of a research study led by Dr Alan Richardson of the University of Brighton.
<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/staff/alan-richardson.aspx>

The study is to look at health and contamination of firefighters and fire instructors in the UK. The study concerns the core temperatures, heart rates and levels of contamination experienced during different types of fires. This study involves providing some blood and urine samples, wearing a core temperature ear piece and logging all exposures over a 6 month period. The team, supported by UKR&D, are now actively looking for volunteers to take part. This is a national study but will focus on the South East of England due to logistical requirements.

Support has been received from relevant groups including: the NFCC Operations Committee - Health and Safety Workstream, the UK CFBTI group; The Fire Brigades Union, The Fire and Rescue Services Association, and The Fire Officers Association.

If you have any enquires regarding this work, please contact Mike Dayson mike.dayson@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk or Dr Alan Richardson.

Kind Regards

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Signed in support:

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