

OFCA Safety, Health, and Wellness Committee

2017 Annual Meeting Report

The Safety, Health, and Wellness Committee is working to build on its past accomplishments while supporting the mission of Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Since inception, the Committee has continued to meet quarterly at the OFCA Office with conference calls monthly when not meeting in person.

Accomplishments over the last 12 months include:

- Working with the Bureau of Worker's Compensation on:
 - Occupational cancer
 - The Public Employees Risk Reduction Program (PERRP)
 - The Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant Program (FEEEG)
- Expanding by seven members
- Providing resources to OFCA members in specific areas
- Advancing and continuing sub-committee projects, such as:
 - **Cancer**
 - Members and Executive Director met with Senator Patton and Representative Henne to discuss SB 27 compromises.
 - Members and Executive attend SB 27 Hearing and OFCA President testified in support.
 - Members, OFCA President and Executive Director attended SB 27 signing.
 - **Behavioral Health**
 - Handouts at the 2017 Winter Symposium, which included:
 - A Behavioral Health Fact Sheet
 - A trauma screening questionnaire
 - Questions to ask potential EAP providers about their experience treating firefighters and EMS personnel
 - Creation of task-tracker meant to chart progress of projects and timelines
 - Presentation for 2017 Ohio Fire & Rescue Officer Development Conference
 - Continuing to build behavioral health database with resources and national research projects
 - With help from Legislative Committee, we are monitoring Senate Bill 118 and House Bill 161 (PTSD legislation)
 - Behavioral health sub-committee now consists of AC Will Anderson (Euclid), Chief Joe Kitchen (Bath Twp.), AC Mike Caudill (Dayton), Captain Nick Overman (Dayton) and Captain Darian Edwards (Colerain Twp.).

- **Occupational Health**
 - Member E bulletin – published bulletin addressing risk of cardiac LODD and the importance of annual medical surveillance
 - Committee conference called and met with BWC representative on several occasions to discuss the Public Employees Risk Reduction Program (PERPP). Recommend at the Association not come out in support, but monitor its advancement.
- **PPE**
 - Monitoring Pros and Cons of new barrier hoods.
 - One committee member on NFPA 1500 Committee
- **Research**
 - Following OSU / BWC cancer study
 - Following the UC / NIOSH cancer study

Updated Safety, Health, & Wellness Committee:

(As of July 2017)

New Member since 2016 Conference

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