



Conference on occupational cancer in firefighters in the Nordic countries

Initiator, Liselott Blixt, Nordic Freedom

"Fair protection of firefighters against occupational cancer"

How big is the problem of occupational cancer, can it be prevented and how can we as politicians protect our firefighters who risk life and health for society?

What does science say?

The toxicity of a "modern" fire?

How does harmful substances absorb in the body?

Is the Danish and Nordic workers compensation board system significantly different than in other countries?

How do the authorities treat the cancer sick firefighters?

What has been done in other countries for a "fair protection" of firefighters?

How do we move on in Nordic countries?

Is legislation the answer?

These and other questions are pursued at the conference, among other things with the help of some of the people with the highest level of knowledge in this field.

Kea speakers:

Lars Schiøtt Sørensen, M.Sc., Ph.D. in fire physics and fire engineering design, Danish Building Research Institute SBI at Aalborg University Copenhagen AAU, Chairman and founder of Brandfonden and expert in course of the fire, including ignition, flame spread and smoke generation. Lars Schiøtt Sørensen has several research findings on fire chemistry behind and has trained fire engineers throughout the entire country and has assisted as an expert witness in complex litigation on arson.

Alex Forrest, firefighter/officer and lawyer from Winnipeg, Canada has assisted governments around the world with the knowledge and development of legislation in the field of occupational cancer for firefighters. In 2012 Alex Forrest received "The Queens Jubilee Medal" for his many years of legislative work of occupational cancer in firefighters and other issues concerning firefighters work.

Ken Block, Metro Fire Chief in Edmonton, Canada, honored as fire chief of the year in Canada 2013. Ken Block has been the chief in the period from the introduction of "fair legislation for firefighters" and the recognition of occupational cancer and has the best experience with the economic consequences of the introduction of the legislation.

Juha Laitinen, PhD, Adjunct Professor, researcher from Finland who made studies the relationship between firefighter's profession and the development of cancer and has achieved several results and publications on the subject.

Where:

Danish parliament, Christiansborg, landstingsalen.
1240 Copenhagen K

Time: Friday, October 23, 2015 from kl.09.00 to kl.16.00

Binding registration: www.nordiskfrihed.org

Registration deadline: Friday, September 25 at. 13.00

Because of the limited number of seats in the Parliament hall the registering will be awarded to the first registered until all seats are taken. There will be no charge fee for participation in this conference.

Hotel accommodation recommended: Hotel Imperial <http://www.imperial-hotel-copenhagen.com/>

Booking code for special conference price 1536192

Program

Pm. 09:00 to 10:00

Check-in and registration. It is recommended to arrive early, as there may be queues at the security check at Christiansborg entrance. Coffee and tea will be available after registration.

Pm. 10:00 to 10:05

Preben Bonnén, welcome and moderator.

Pm. 10:05 to 10:15

Liselott Blixt, MP. Welcome and introduction of the day's program.
It will be possible for a few short questions after each speaker's presentation.

Pm. 10:20 to 10:50

Tommy Bækgaard Kjaer, Firefighter's Cancer Society BFC.
Presentations about firefighters cancer risk, challenges with recognition when Danish firefighters get cancer, Danish studies and preventive measures.

Pm. 10:55 to 11:25

Lars Schiøtt Sørensen, Danish Building Research Institute, Aalborg University in Copenhagen.
Chemical substances in a fire, particles penetration through the skin.
"Old fashioned" fires versus "modern" fires.

Pm. 11:30 to 12:10

Chef Ken Block, Fire Chief from Edmonton, Canada.
The economic impact of the introduction of the "fair legislation on occupational cancer in firefighters".

Pm. 12:10 to 12:55

Lunch.

Pm. 13:00 to 13:20

Juha Laitinen, PhD, Adjunct Professor, researcher from Finland.
Speaking about his research and the link between firefighters work and occupational cancer.

Pm. 13:25 to 13:40

Daniel Nielsen, Halmstad, Sweden.
The ideas and principles behind the construction of new clean fire station.

Pm. 13:45 to 14:35

Alex Forrest, UFFW
Occupational cancer worldwide and the need of political responsibility and legislation.

Pm. 14:45 to 15:05

Liselott Blixt, MP, health and psychiatry rapporteur for DF and Chairman of the Parliamentary Health and Elderly Affairs.
Closing Speech and her political views on firefighters health.

Pm. 15:05 to 16:00

Questions from the hall and panel discussion.

Reservations are made for changes in the program.