



The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual

*Virtual  
Ball and Awards Ceremony  
of the  
Boston Fire Department*

PRESENTED BY

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# WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Boston Fire Department Relief Fund and the Boston Fire Department, welcome to the Virtual Ball and Awards Ceremony presented by the Boston Firefighters Credit Union. First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for joining us virtually. This year's ball is very different from past years. Rather than gathering as a large group, we have opted to turn the Ball virtual and invite our award recipients to Florian Hall for a smaller, more intimate presentation.

2020 has been a tumultuous year for everyone, particularly for first responders. Change and uncertainty are seemingly the only constants that we have had since early March. Each day, Boston Firefighters are faced with new challenges that put the health and safety of not only themselves but, also their families and loved ones on the line. Today, we would like to honor the members of the Boston Fire Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect and serve the City of Boston.

I would also like to thank all of the sponsors that made this event possible. The money raised by this event, as it has in year's past, will go a long way in continuing the mission of the Boston Fire Department Relief Fund to improve firefighter health and wellness. Your dedication and generous support of the Relief Fund will change the lives of Boston Firefighters and their families for the better.

I look forward to continuing our charitable efforts for years to come. Putting on a successful fundraising event takes a considerable group effort, so again, I thank you all for your support and generosity!

Sincerely,

**Jerry Powers**

**President**

Boston Fire Department Relief Fund

# FAST FACTS!

**27** BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS DIED FROM  
CANCER BETWEEN 2012 - 2017

**13** BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS HAVE DIED FROM  
CANCER OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS

**13** DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY  
ON LEAVE DUE TO CANCER

**67%** OF BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS WILL RECEIEVE  
A CANCER DIAGNOSIS IN THEIR LIFETIME

**90+** BFD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED SUBSIDIZED BODY SCANS

**OVER \$34,000.00**  
HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT DIRECTLY TO BOSTON  
FIREFIGHTERS AS PART OF THE BODY SCAN INITIATIVE

SINCE 2017, THE BFD RELIEF FUND HAS DONATED  
**\$301,764.62**  
TO FUND THE ANNUAL BALL & AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE  
BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**\$11,500.00**  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED ANNUALLY THROUGH  
THE RELIEF FUND TO CHILDREN OF BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS

**TOTAL DONATIONS FOR ACTIVE & RETIRED  
MEMBERS OF THE BFD IN THE PAST 10 YEARS**  
**\$273,850.92**

# TESTIMONIALS



**“The scan helped me solve a lot of questions about my health. After going to fires for many years, it let me know there wasn’t anything going on in my lungs and heart, which I had worried about for some time. Knowing I was getting half the cost back, made it a really easy decision to get it done now.”**

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**“As a member of the Boston Fire Department for the past 30 plus years, I welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Body Scan Initiative. After seeing many of my co-workers develop cancer directly related to the job we do, I felt it was important to have the tests done. Thank you to the BFD Relief Fund for graciously funding 50% toward the cost of the tests. My hope is that every firefighter in Boston and every firefighter in the country has the opportunity to take the body scan testing and stays well.”**

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**“With Firefighters developing countless occupational illnesses it’s basically a no-brainer that a body scan be done before retirement. And at half the price, every member owes it to their family to be as thoroughly tested as possible. Being a cancer survivor because a surgeon ordered an extra test, I place great value in testing for illnesses before the illnesses test you.”**

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**ON BEING PRESENTED THE  
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***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF  
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