The Chief Occupational Medical Officer (COMO) at LRWS reviewed information from the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association (SPFFA) on presumptive legislation for prostate and skin cancer, as well as multiple myeloma.

LRWS developed legislative amendments to The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2013 to expand presumptive legislation for firefighter occupational diseases as part of the call for legislation.

WCB legislation – Firefighters will be able to file a Workers’ Compensation Board (WCB) claim for prostate, skin, breast, cervical and ovarian cancer, as well as multiple myeloma under the occupational disease presumption.

WCB coverage was expanded for volunteer firefighters to include the same presumptive coverage as professional firefighters.

WorkSafe's objective, as part of its Fatalities & Serious Injuries Strategy, is to improve firefighter cancer prevention control awareness to reduce the risk of future exposures by 50% by 2021.