



Go Fund Me Established for NOCFA's Lt. Don Dewey who is Battling Respiratory Cancer

Lt. Don Dewey was diagnosed with respiratory cancer in February.

According to the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, "Researchers have found that more than two-thirds of firefighters—68 percent—develop cancer, compared to about 22 percent for the general population."

Dewey is now part of that 68%. Dewey became a firefighter in 1997 and a paramedic in 1999, protecting and serving others ever since. Starting his firefighting career in Almont, he has also served with the Highland Township Fire Dept and has been with NOCFA since 2017.

NOCFA Fire Chief Matt Weil said, "Our department is standing by Lt. Dewey in every way we can—donating sick time, trading shifts, and making sure his duties are covered. But as we all know, the challenges go far beyond just time off work. Many of his treatments aren't fully covered by insurance. Travel to and from care facilities, extra assistance, and day-to-day expenses all add up, creating a financial burden beyond the usual household obligations. That's why we're reaching out for community support.

"This is about coming together to support a brother, friend, colleague, and dedicated public servant in his time of need. Any contribution, big or small, can make a real difference for Lt. Dewey and his family. Let's show him that he's not in this fight alone."

Funds raised will assist with medical expenses, travel for specialized treatments, and provide financial stability for his family as they navigate this difficult journey. Every contribution helps alleviate the financial burden and allows him to focus on recovery.

TO DONATE:

GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/helping-hero-don-dewey

The GoFundMe is called "Help Firefighter Don Dewey Battle Cancer." The goal is to raise \$10,000.

Checks: make checks payable to Don Dewey and send them to the following address:

NOCFA local #5346

Attn: Don Dewey PO Box 2

Holly, MI 48442

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