

MEMORANDUM



TO: ERICK W. ZINSER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FROM: JEFFERY R. JOHNSON, FIRE CHIEF JRJ
SUBJECT: MICHIGAN DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STUDY
DATE: MARCH 3, 2023

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is conducting the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Firefighters of Michigan Surveillance PFOMS (pronounced: p-foams) project, which aims to determine blood concentrations of PFAS in Michigan firefighters.

On November 3, 2022, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services selected the Novi Fire Department as one of the fire departments across Michigan to participate in this important project. We decided to participate in 2023 study. By participating in PFOMS study, our firefighters will learn their personal blood PFAS levels and contribute to the statewide initiative to determine Michigan firefighters' exposures to PFAS.

Firefighters were encouraged to signed-up for appointments during February 16th-18th, 2023, at Fire Station #4 Training Center. A total of 22 Novi Firefighters completed the study by allowing the Phlebotomus to fill 1 tube of blood. Individual results are confidential; however, the overall Study results will be shared out to the public when completed. Each participant received a \$25 complementary gift card for completing the study.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with MDHHS and the PFOMS Study Team. For more information, please go to the website: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/environmental-health/Topics/DEHBio/pfoms>

Please let me know if you have any questions.