

# Our Promise to the Fire Service

As the fire services industry leader in self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), our role at 3M™ Scott™ Fire & Safety is not only to provide the best equipment to protect firefighters and first responders in their daily jobs, but to do our part through product design, messaging, and strategic partnerships to educate and protect the long-term health of firefighters around the world. We take that responsibility seriously and are committed to instituting change. Not only for the firefighters of today, but for the firefighters of tomorrow.

## Changing the way *WE THINK*

3M Scott Fire & Safety is committed to supporting the extensive cancer research that is being done across the country and around the world to better understand the exposure risks faced by firefighters. These risks are not just present during tactical fireground operations, but also during overhaul and rehab. Just as important are the exposure risks faced when not operating on the fireground, including, but not limited to, riding in the apparatus with contaminated gear and equipment or storing contaminated gear in fire station living quarters.

## Changing the way *WE ACT*

3M Scott Fire & Safety makes a promise to participate directly in the development of best practices to minimize those exposure risks faced by firefighters. Whether that be proper air monitoring procedures, respiratory protection usage during overhaul, gross decon after an incident, routine cleaning procedures, or alternative storage methods of contaminated PPE, we are committed to supporting the development of new practices, and recognizing and sharing those best practices, no matter where in the world they may originate.

## Changing the way *WE ADVOCATE*

3M Scott Fire & Safety will lend our voice to this very important cause. Working with the First Responder Center for Excellence, a National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation affiliate, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, and the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, we will use our knowledge and expertise to promote better awareness across the fire services as to the long-term exposure risks and the best practices to help reduce those risks.

## Changing the way *WE LEAD*

At 3M Scott Fire & Safety, our commitment extends beyond education and advocacy, to the products that we design and deliver. Our promise is that every new SCBA we develop will be offered with a removable harness and webbing to aid and enhance decon procedures, both on the fireground and at the fire station. 3M Scott Fire & Safety will continue to develop industry leading respiratory protective products that will assist in preventing dangerous contaminants from being inhaled during all parts of firefighting – suppression, overhaul, clean up, and investigation. Furthermore, we will invest in sensing technologies that deliver awareness not only of immediate threats to a firefighter's life and health, but also to the long-term threats from the environment surrounding them.

**More than ready.**

