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As someone who has dedicated years to raising awareness about the dangers of PFAS exposure in the fire service, I fully support the work Cambiotics is doing with 46&.

Firefighters urgently need solutions that can help reduce their PFAS body burden, and this innovation has the potential to make a real difference for our health and safety.

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Greatest Deception Ever.



THE START.

Honestly, I was a self-imposed recluse all of my life until at age 55 (in 2014) my husband, a very strong/fit firefighter, was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.

As Paul fell into a depression, losing the love of his life, the job, **I was compelled by something larger than me to seek answers to how someone so healthy and fitness-conscious came to be diagnosed with cancer.**



THE REACTION.

When I first began the journey, I didn't know anything other than firefighters had staggering amounts of cancer. I read about a New Jersey firefighter whose gear had 'failed' due to the 'screen door effect.'

That led me to look at my husband's Paul gear stored away in our basement. **It was there that I discovered the coin-sized missing pieces of fabric from the crotch area in the middle layer of his turnout gear.**



THE DECISION.

I began reaching out to hundreds of fire departments and activists. One was Erin Brockovich. She called to say she had ‘a New Hampshire fire chief with 13 firefighters with cancer.’ **Erin asked me if the gear had ‘PFOA or PFOS.’ I’d never heard of either. But within minutes, I found that Europe had already begun a discussion about removing PFOA from PPE in 2015!** But we hadn’t heard of any discussion of PFC’s in the USA.

In 2016, I contacted Robert Bilott, and he began looking into this issue. In 2017, I contacted Dr. Graham Peaslee to test the first set of turnout gear.



THE ADVICE.

Specifically in the fire community, due to the everyday exposure to the gear, it's essential. We know how dangerous PFAS is. Add that to **the gear of a firefighter being like a wet sponge, and that PFAS loves blood and organs, and we have an occupational disaster.**

I hear 'well, PFAS is in everything anyway,' and I'm quick to remind the community that yes, PFAS is in 'everything,' but they are wearing the most fluorinated textile ever seen by nuclear physicist Graham Peaslee.



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