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***Film Screening and Expert Panel of Burned: Protecting the Protectors  
at The Hanover Theatre***



**Worcester, Mass. (23 February 2023)**

Ethereal Films and Last Call Foundation invite you for a special film screening and expert panel of *Burned: Protecting the Protectors* at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts on **Sunday, June 11 at 6 PM**. Tickets for this event go on sale to the public on Friday, February 24 at 10 AM.

*Burned: Protecting the Protectors* tells the story of one person's arduous quest for truth about cancer among firefighters. Watch the documentary *Burned: Protecting the Protectors*, directed by Elijah Yetter-Bowman and executive produced by Mark Ruffalo, then stick around to engage with our star-studded panel to be part of this historic movement. In addition, there will be a Pre-event performance by The Worcester Fire Brigade Pipe and Drum Band.

"No sensible person would require first responders to knowingly expose themselves to toxic materials as a requirement to do their jobs, but that's exactly what has happened for decades," said director Elijah Yetter-Bowman. "Fire fighters need protective gear that will not poison them. With the IAFF leading the way, I believe we will get there rapidly."

All proceeds from this event will benefit the [Last Call Foundation](#) honoring Firefighter Michael Kennedy.

**Guest Speakers**

Jim McGovern: Congressman  
Ed Kelly: IAFF President  
Rob Bilott: Environmental Attorney  
Dr Graham Peaslee: Notre Dame Nuclear Physicist  
Elijah Yetter-Bowman: Filmmaker  
Kathy Crosby Bell: Last Call Founder

### **Post Event Q&A Panel**

Ed Kelly: IAFF President  
Jeff Knobbe: PPE Specialist  
Jason Burns: Firefighter, IAFF District 8 VP PFFM, Executive Director Last Call Foundation  
Elijah Yetter-Bowman: Filmmaker  
Rob Bilott: Environmental Attorney, *DuPont's Worst Nightmare, Dark Waters, Exposure, The Devil We Know*  
University of Notre Dame Nuclear Physicist Dr. Graham Peaslee

### **Closing remarks**

Diane Cotter: Activist, Firefighter wife

Tickets for the *Burned: Protecting the Protectors* film screening and expert panel are \$25 and \$35 depending on seat location. For more information, please visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org) or contact the box office at **877.571.7469**.

### **About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts**

Since opening in 2008, The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million guests with Broadway musicals, comedy headliners, music, dance and more. POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. The award-winning historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class center for the performing arts, a venue for local cultural and civic organizations and a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

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