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***“Monitoraggio cardiovascolare  
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# Inquadramento dell'attività del vigile del fuoco come 'disciplina sportiva'



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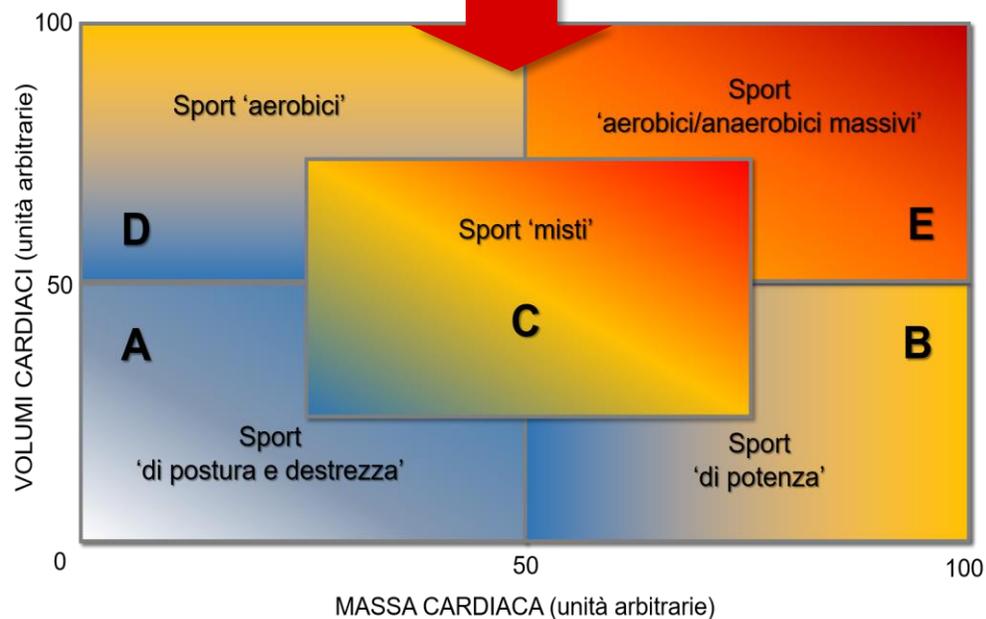
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### STRESS AND THE GENERAL ADAPTATION SYNDROME\*

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Article

## Fitness Fights Fires: Exploring the Relationship between Physical Fitness and Firefighter Ability

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### 1. Introduction

Firefighting involves various aspects of physical fitness, including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, power, agility, and flexibility. Despite the

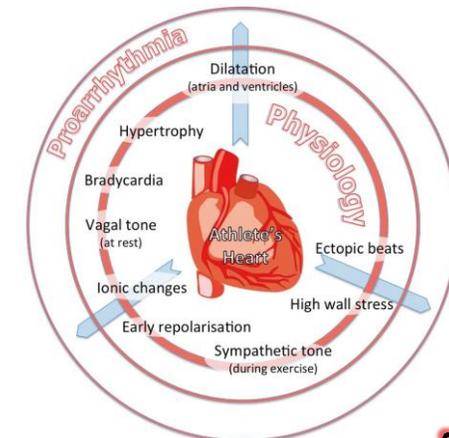


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### GRUPPO 1 (comuni, >80%)

- bradicardia/aritmia sinusale
- ritmo atriale ectopico "basso"
- BAV I grado
- BBD incompleto (o QRS "notched" in V1)
- ripolarizzazione precoce
- ipertrofia ventricolare sinistra o destra per isolati criteri di voltaggio



### GRUPPO 2 (non comuni, <5%)

- ingrandimento atriale sinistro
- ingrandimento atriale destro
- deviazione assiale sinistra
- deviazione assiale destra
- inversione delle onde T
- sottoslivellamento del tratto ST
- onde Q patologiche
- BBD o BBS completo
- ipertrofia ventricolare destra per criteri non di solo voltaggio
- pre-eccitazione ventricolare
- QT lungo o corto
- alterazioni tipo Brugada 1 in V1-V2



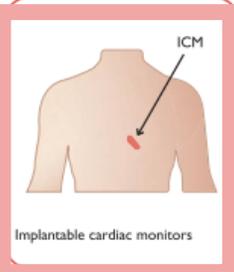
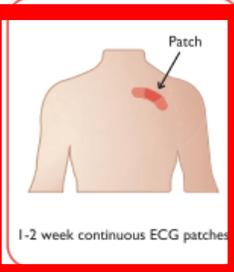
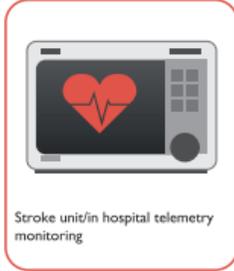
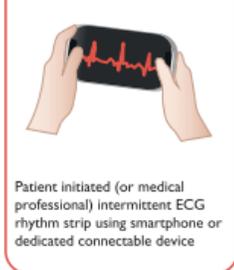
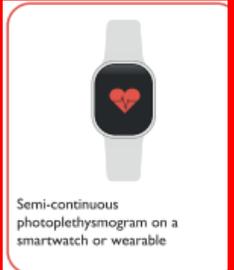
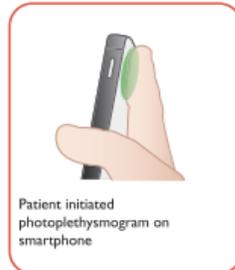
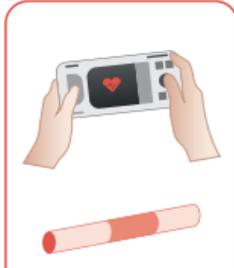
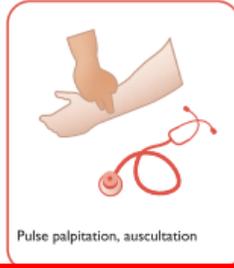
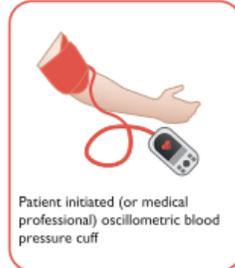
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# Monitoraggio della salute cardiovascolare: dispositivi



## Smartwatch Algorithm for Automated Detection of Atrial Fibrillation

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## Rationale and design of a large-scale, app-based study to identify cardiac arrhythmias using a smartwatch: The Apple Heart Study

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An artificial intelligence-enabled ECG algorithm for the identification of patients with atrial fibrillation during sinus rhythm: a retrospective analysis of outcome prediction

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“2020 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)”. Hindricks G. et al. \*European Heart Journal (2020) 00, 1125

	Sensitivity	Specificity
Pulse taking	87-97%	70-81%
Automated BP monitoring	93-100%	86-92%
Single lead ECG	94-98%	76-95%
Smartphone apps	91.5-98.5%	91.4-100%
Watches	97-99%	83-94%

Tipo di device: esterno (wearable: wrist band, ring, chest band, patch; non-wearable, single time point DHT), (interno: ICM)

Tipo di monitoraggio: 'patient-activated', ore, giorni, anni

Acquisizione: ECG, Holter, multiparametrica

Data reporting: continua, semi-continuo, intermittente

Tecnologia: fotoplethysmografica, 'ECG-based'

## The Current State of Mobile Phone Apps for Monitoring Heart Rate, Heart Rate Variability, and Atrial Fibrillation: Narrative Review

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Mobile health technologies are rapidly developing for AF detection and other purposes (>100 000 mHealth apps and ≥400 wearable activity monitors are currently available).<sup>197</sup> Caution is needed in

# Monitoraggio della salute cardiovascolare: letteratura scientifica



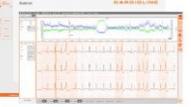
**Walk Free**  
Registratore patch Holter ECG indossabile a 3 canali senza cavi.

**Clickholter ECG**  
Piccolo, durevole e preciso: lo standard della cardiologia clinica.

**Walk400h**  
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**WebApp Global Repository**

**On premises ECG WebApp Holter**



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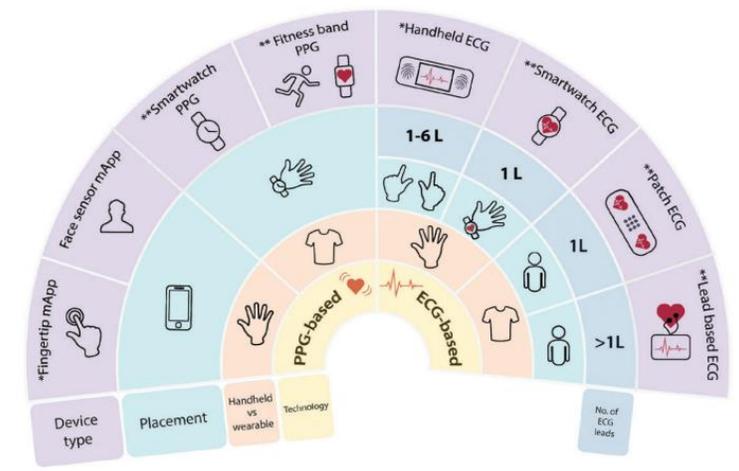
**WEARABLE DIGITAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES IN MEDICINE**  
Stephen H. Friend, M.D., Ph.D., Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, M.D., Ph.D., Rosalind W. Picard, Sc.D., Guest Editors, and Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D., Editor

## Wearable Digital Health Technologies for Monitoring in Cardiovascular Medicine

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PPG	ECG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensor-based light source &amp; photodetector</li> <li>Measures changes in tissue blood volume based on reflected light</li> <li>Generates <i>pulse waveform</i></li> <li>Heart <i>rate</i> is derived</li> <li>Abnormal heart <i>rhythm</i> can be detected by embedded algorithms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrode-based</li> <li>Generates an electrocardiographic (ECG) tracing</li> <li>Allows direct analysis/diagnosis of heart <i>rhythm</i></li> </ul> <p><i>*Can be diagnostic*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinician oversight is required for <i>rhythm confirmation</i></li> </ul>

Digital Heart Rhythm Devices for the Clinic



\*Some are CE marked with validated algorithms  
\*\* Majority are CE marked with validated algorithms

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**POSITION PAPER**  
EHRA practical guide

## How to use digital devices to detect and manage arrhythmias: an EHRA practical guide

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# Monitoraggio della salute cardiovascolare e innovazioni tecnologiche: applicazioni al vigile del fuoco. Letteratura scientifica.



> Sensors (Basel). 2024 Apr 2;24(7):2273. doi: 10.3390/s24072273.

## Integrated Portable and Stationary Health Impact-Monitoring System for Firefighters

Panagiotis Lioliopoulos <sup>1</sup>, Panagiotis Oikonomou <sup>1</sup>, Georgios Boulougaris <sup>1</sup>, Kostas Kolomvatsos <sup>1</sup>



## Smart Garments for Emergency Operators: the ProeTEX Project

D. Curone, E. L. Secco, A. Tognetti, G. Loriga, G. Dudnik, M. Risatti, R. Whyte, A. Bonfiglio, G. Magenes, *Member, IEEE*

> Annu Int Conf IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc. 2010:2010:3594-7. doi: 10.1109/IEMBS.2010.5627452.

## Fire fighters and rescuers monitoring through wearable sensors: The ProeTEX project

Giovanni Magenes <sup>1</sup>, Davide Curone, Laura Caldani, Emanuele Lindo Secco

➤ *to monitor the health state of emergency operators during their activities in harsh environments*

> Med Pr. 2018 Jan 1;69(1):1-11. doi: 10.13075/mp.5893.00591. Epub 2017 Nov 24.

## Verification of electronic device technology for measurement and evaluation of thermal exposure of fire fighters and members of rescue teams

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Fig 1. Left panel: Civil Protection IG; right panel Fire-Fighters IG.



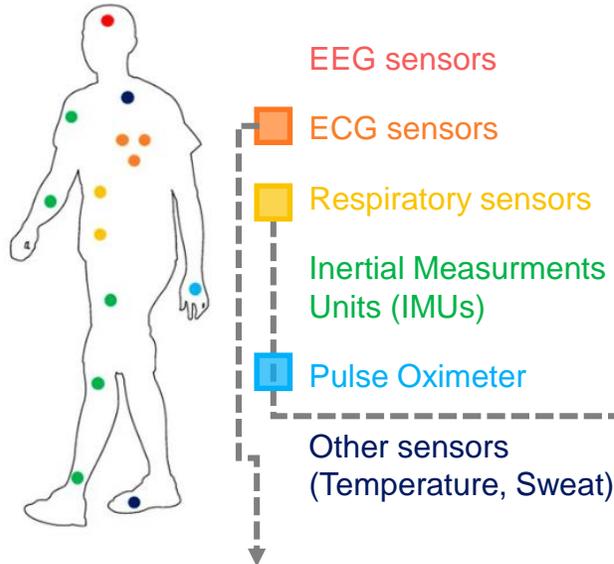
Fig 2. Details of the Fire-Fighters Inner Garment worn by an operator.

**Abstract**—Financed by the European Commission, a consortium of 23 European partners, consisting of universities, research institutions, industries and organizations operating in the field of emergency management, is developing a new generation of "smart" garments for emergency-disaster personnel. Garments integrate newly developed wearable and textile solutions as like as commercial portable sensors and devices, in order to continuously monitor risks endangering rescuers' lives. The system enables detection of health state parameters of the users (heart rate, breathing rate, body temperature, blood oxygen saturation, position, activity and posture) and environmental variables (external temperature, presence of toxic gases and heat flux passing through the garments), to process data and remotely transmit useful information to the operation manager.

The European Integrated Project, called ProeTEX (Protection e-Textiles: Micro-Nano-Structured fiber systems for Emergency-Disaster Wear) started on February, 2006 and will end on July, 2010. During this 4.5 years period, three subsequent generations of sensorized garments are being released. This article proposes an overview of the project and gives a description of the second generation prototypes, delivered at the end of 2008.



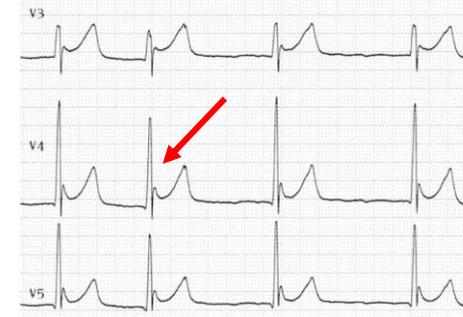
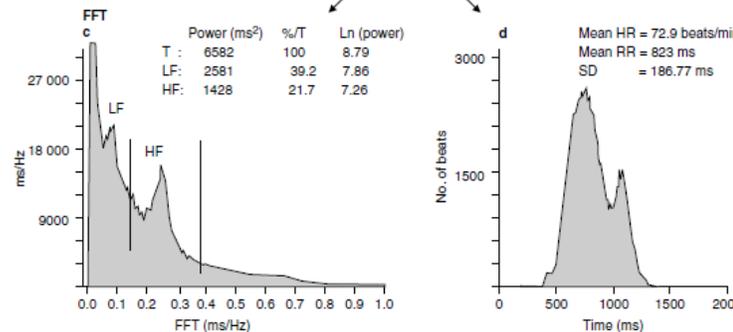
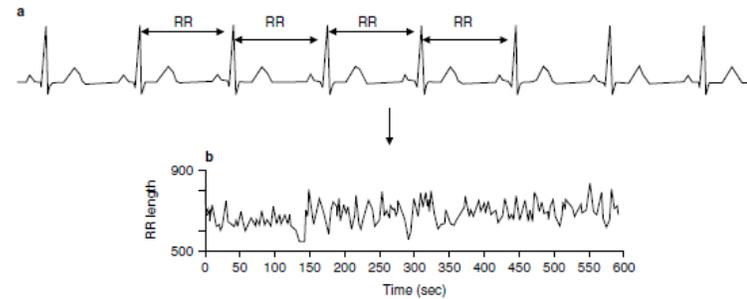
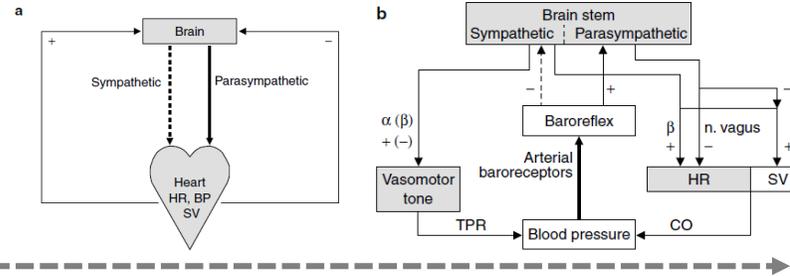
# Monitoraggio della salute cardiovascolare e innovazioni tecnologiche: applicazioni al vigile del fuoco. Focus su parametri.



- HR and HRV;
- QRS complexes comparison;
- P, T waves and related segments.

## Heart Rate Variability in Athletes

André E. Aubert, Bert Seps and Frank Beckers  
 Laboratory of Experimental Cardiology, School of Medicine, K.U. Leuven, Leuven, Belgium



### ECG Changes in Hypothermia

- Bradycardias
- Osborne Waves (= J waves)
- Prolonged PR, QRS and QT intervals
- Shivering artefact
- Ventricular ectopics
- Cardiac arrest due to VT, VF or asystole

- oxygen saturation;
- minute ventilation.

> Am J Emerg Med. 2018 Sep;36(9):1561-1564. doi: 10.1016/j.ajem.2018.01.029. Epub 2018 Jan

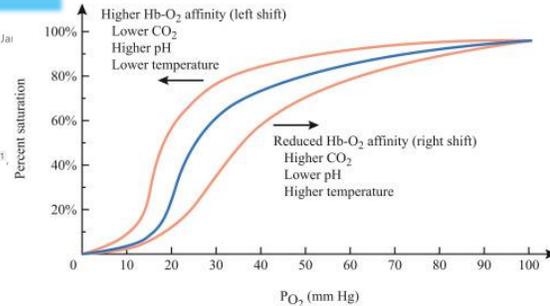
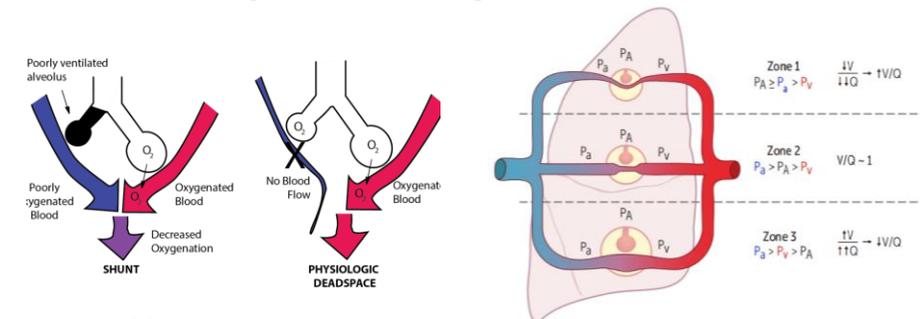
### Cardiorespiratory dynamics of rescuers during cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a hypoxic environment

Tomonobu Sato<sup>1</sup>, Tomonori Takazawa<sup>2</sup>, Masahiro Inoue<sup>1</sup>, Yasunori Tada<sup>1</sup>, Takashi Suto<sup>1</sup>, Masaru Tobe<sup>1</sup>, Shigeru Saito<sup>1</sup>

> Am Rev Respir Dis. 1977 Nov;116(5):919-43. doi: 10.1164/arrd.1977.116.5.919.

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### ARTICLE

### Heart Rate Variability

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### Decreased Heart Rate Variability and Its Association with Increased Mortality After Acute Myocardial Infarction

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# Monitoraggio della salute cardiovascolare e innovazioni tecnologiche: applicazioni al vigile del fuoco. Cenni di sorveglianza sanitaria.



Concerning the surveillance of civil emergency operators, some interesting applications are represented by the sensorized jackets for fire-fighters developed by the Danish companies **Viking Life-Saving Equipment A/S** [10] and **Systematic Software Engineering A/S** [11]: the former allows to detect potentially critical heat levels for the wearer by means of temperature sensors integrated in its internal and external textile layers, the latter integrates sensors for physiological state monitoring (heart rate, body temperature and activity detection sensors) as like as for equipment monitoring (oxygen level in tanks) and rescuer location. In the last decade, the European Commission identified this emerging research branch as a major topic in the ICT field, funding projects under the Fifth



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### ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Association Between Atrial Fibrillation and Occupational Exposure in Firefighters Based on Self-Reported Survey Data

### CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE

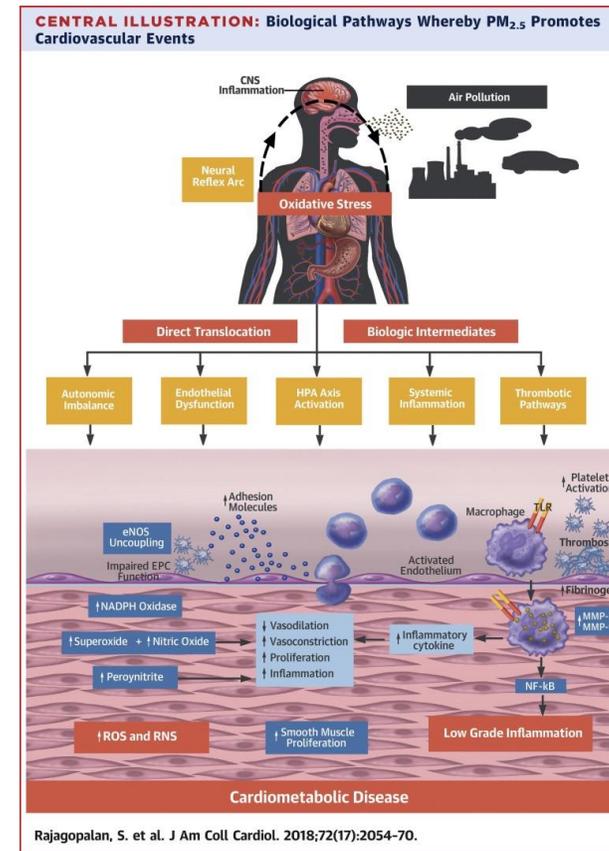
#### What Is New?

- In this survey-based study of 10 860 firefighters, an increased prevalence of atrial fibrillation was observed among firefighters with increased fire exposure as measured by fires fought per year (0–5 fires per year 2%, 6–10 fires per year 2.3%, 11–20 fires per year 2.7%, 21–30 fires per year 3%, 31 or more fires per year 4.5%;  $P < 0.001$ ).
- In a multivariable analysis, fires fought per year was a risk factor for atrial fibrillation (odds ratio 1.14 [95% CI, 1.04–1.25];  $P = 0.006$ ).

#### What Are the Clinical Implications?

- The association between atrial fibrillation and fire exposure is cause for concern.
- Further studies to elucidate the mechanisms are essential.

### AF-related outcomes



# Conclusioni



- L'assimilazione dell'attività del vigile del fuoco a "disciplina sportiva" (COCIS 2023) ha una finalità operativa fondamentale, costituendo un presupposto strumentale utile alla distinzione fra aspetti fisiologici e patologici.
- Le tecnologie di monitoraggio cardiovascolare hanno subito un'espansione negli ultimi decenni, in particolare nel settore medicale. D'altra parte, la letteratura scientifica riguardo il monitoraggio cardiovascolare nel settore della sicurezza (end-users: vigili del fuoco) è esigua.
- Alcuni prototipi, primariamente equipaggiati con sensori di monitoraggio cardiovascolare, sono stati validati in laboratorio. L'affinamento della sensoristica, basato sulla più ampia esperienza nel settore medicale e su considerazioni mediche fisiopatologiche, è auspicabile.
- Il monitoraggio ai fini della sicurezza sul lavoro offre spunti interessanti per analisi di sorveglianza sanitaria, sebbene l'affidabilità dei risultati richieda una metodologia pre-specificata.