



Firefighter Cancer Support Network

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The mission of the **Firefighter Cancer Support Network** is to provide Fire Department members and their families an opportunity to receive assistance when dealing with cancer.

*"TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE"*

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PGFD LEADING THE WAY IN ITS SUPPORT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

As you know October 1st marked the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department (PGFD) is kicking off their "Wave of Pink" today, Friday October 5th, 2012. The Firefighter Cancer Support Network Maryland Chapter would like to thank those that are directly involved in this effort, for their continued hard work and dedication to this campaign!

PGFD is working with the Prince George's County Health Department to help fund the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to help citizens and residents afford mammograms. The funds raised by the sales of the pink t-shirts are going to this program. The department is also promoting awareness with a pink wrapped Engine, from station 30, to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. What a great way to promote Awareness while responding to calls or have it on display at events, etc.

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) would like to recognize: Vicky Smeltzer-Hosselrode and her husband Tom Hasselrode for all of their leg work for the shirt design and printing, Christine Becker and Rebecca Richardson, Vicky and Tom's support staff, IAFF Local 1619 Executive Rep. Brandon Goff for assisting with the arrangements for the wrapping of Engine from station 30, Fire Chief Marc Bashoor for his continued support of these types of initiatives. I am proud to say that these individuals certainly follow the FCSN mission of **"Together we can"**.

Congratulations to all on a job well done and thank you for promoting awareness! Be proud of what you are doing and be proud of what you have done! Today is a great day for PGFD, the citizens of Prince George's County, and those fighting the battle, to make a stand against Cancer!

ABOUT FCSN:

The objective of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) is to provide timely assistance to all fire service members and their families in the event of cancer diagnosis.

We maintain and continuously update a roster of mentors who have personal experience with many types of cancers who will personally guide you through the process of dealing with your specific illness. In addition to our mentor program, we are always in need of volunteers to assist us by helping to support our various committees, specialized task programs, member support activities and specialized events we are asked to attend.

The FCSN also provides awareness to fire service members and their families about the importance of cancer prevention and screening by coordinating educational opportunities with various health programs. We do not provide legal or medical advice but can provide assistance and guidance for other support options such as behavioral health services, fire service organizations, Fire Service Chaplains, and other cancer support programs.