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(TVF&R Firefighters to Climb for Cure)

On Sunday, March 9th, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue/Local 1660 firefighters will once again participate in the Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb at the 788 foot high Columbia Center in downtown Seattle, Washington. Our team—**one of the largest in the event**—will join over 1,200 firefighters from 180 different departments throughout the United States. This event is a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The event requires participants in full turnouts, boots, and air packs to race up 69 grueling flights of stairs and 1,311 steps to reach the observation deck and finish line overlooking the city. **Last year the TVF&R/Local 1660 team placed 11th (139 teams) and had ten team members place in the Top 10 of their age division.** TVF&R Captain and long-time team organizer Allen Kennedy states, “This worthwhile event is a tremendous commitment for the participants. Our team members spend months training for the event off-duty.”

This year marks the eleventh year that TVF&R has participated in the event. In that time, the team has raised over \$60,000. The team hopes to raise over \$15,000 through individual and family donations this year.

Those interested in making a contribution to this year’s team, can visit TVF&R’s website at www.tvfr.com to make a donation on-line. Checks (payable to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) may also be mailed to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue at 20665 SW Blanton Street, Aloha, 97007.

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