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NORTH METRO FIRE FIGHTERS CLIMB FOR COURAGE

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO— On the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, 17 North Metro fire fighters will participate in the 4th Annual Denver Metro Fire Fighters 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. This annual event is not a race, but a testament to the courage and sacrifice made by first responders in the World Trade Center attacks.

In honor of those 343 fire fighters that made the supreme sacrifice on September 11, 2001, 343 local fire fighters will climb 110-flights of stairs in their memory. The World Trade Center Towers were each 110-flights. North Metro is proud to have 17 participants volunteer for this memorial event.

“The event itself is a memorial, as well as a display of our dedication to physical and mental preparedness for the most daunting of scenarios,” said Matthew Chan, team leader for North Metro Fire Rescue District. “I can’t really begin to imagine the mental fortitude the FDNY firefighters must have had as they charged up the stairs of the WTC, into the unknown. This event only gives us a taste of what they experienced that day.”

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The Qwest Building in downtown Denver will serve as the event location. This building is 54-stories in height. Therefore, fire fighters will begin in the basement of the building and climb to the roof, making it a 55-story climb. Then they will take an express elevator to the basement and climb again.

For those fire fighters looking to test themselves, they will be in full gear (bunkers) and carry equipment. On the second climb of the building, they will use their self-contained breathing apparatus. North Metro fire fighters plan on taking this challenge. The fire fighters will be broken down into teams of four.

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to their community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 115 square miles with a population of approximately 115,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.

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