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North Metro Fire and St. Joseph's Team Up Against Breast Cancer

Mobile mammography van coming to Broomfield on Nov. 1

Broomfield, CO—North Metro Fire Rescue District is teaming up with St. Joseph Hospital to raise awareness about breast cancer risks and to offer breast screening exams to residents in Broomfield on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Women, ages 40 and older, are invited to visit Broomfield's Health and Humans Services (HHS) building at 100 Spader Way in Broomfield to receive a mammogram through St. Joseph's mobile mammography van. The van will be located in the parking lot adjoining the HHS building from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Exams take less than 20 minutes and are conducted by St. Joseph's trained specialists and breast radiologists. The mammography van includes some of the latest technology in imaging, including 3D digital mammography and breast density measurement, which make getting a mammogram easier while producing more accurate diagnostic results.

"Prevention and early detection are a woman's best chance against cancer. Our goal for this community event is to help detect potential cancer risks through the screening and to provide important health education to residents," explained Pam Kutchen, Life Safety Education Officer for North Metro Fire.

In order to receive a mammogram, women should contact St. Joseph's at (303) 689-4595 to schedule an appointment and review a list of qualifications. Most insurance is accepted and covers the entire cost of exam. However, those insured by Kaiser Permanente are advised to get a mammogram at the Kaiser Permanente Breast Center to be fully covered. Walk-in appointments are accepted as scheduling allows.

According to the National Cancer Institute, breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women.

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North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents through fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and specialized rescue. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 117,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.