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

Mobile mammography van coming to Northglenn and Broomfield Oct. 29-30

**Broomfield/Northglenn, 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 in Northglenn and Broomfield Oct. 29-30.

Women, ages 40 and older, are invited to visit North Metro Fire's Station 62 at 10550 Huron St. in Northglenn on Oct. 29 to receive a mammogram through St. Joseph's mobile mammography van. The van will be on site at the fire station from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The fire district also will host the mammography van in Broomfield outside of Broomfield Health and Human Services, 100 Spader Way, on Oct. 30.

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.

"Early detection is a woman's best chance against breast cancer. Our goal for the community event is to help detect potential cancer risks through the screening and to provide important health education to residents in an affordable and convenient way," 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 diagnosed in women in the United States.

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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 over 60 square miles with a population of approximately 123,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.