

## Murrieta Firefighters Climb for the Cure

This March, nine Murrieta firefighters will be traveling to Seattle to participate in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. At the event, they will climb 69 flights of stairs (1,311 steps) to reach the highly acclaimed observation deck of the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. The building stands as the second tallest, is located west of the Mississippi, and overlooks the city. The Scott Firefighter Stairclimb supports the mission of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by raising money through sponsorships, individual and department fundraising, and entry fees.



In 2018, the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb event featured over 2,000 firefighters from over 300 different departments, and brought in approximately \$2.5 million for blood-cancer research and patient services.

The Murrieta firefighters that will be participating this year are Andrew Stang, Brandon Roach, Garrick Eyman, Eric Ackerman, Chris Brann, Richard Martinez, Cody Anderson, Ben Urista, and Randy Lopez. They will wear full firefighter protective gear, including a self-contained breathing apparatus and mask, while climbing all 69 flights of stairs nonstop. This is a very challenging event.

We are extremely proud that the Murrieta Firefighters Association is sending such a large team to Seattle to participate in this life-changing event. This is the most representation Murrieta has ever had at this event, and more team members mean more funding for a great cause.

The Murrieta firefighters will also host a fundraiser at 9 a.m. on March 2, at the intersection in front of Albertsons shopping center and California Oaks Road. Firefighters will use a stair climber continuously throughout the day in their full protective gear, and will be collecting donations while simulating Climbing for a Cure. All donations received will go directly to blood cancer research and patient services.

Please support your Murrieta firefighters by coming out to this event and making a donation, or by making a donation online [here](#).