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## **North Metro Fire's Local 2203 firefighters are shaving their heads and raising money for childhood cancer**

**Broomfield/Northglenn, CO**— North Metro Fire Rescue District's firefighters and other area firefighters are raising money for childhood cancer and growing their hair out in anticipation of their annual St. Baldrick's Shave-a-Thon event on March 14.

Along the way, they hope to raise support from other community members who want to participate in the event or donate to the cause. The head-shaving event will be open to the community and hosted at The Exchange Tavern in Westminster from 1 to 4 p.m.

Last year, the event included participants from North Metro Fire's Local 2203, Westminster Fire Department, Louisville Fire Department, Pleasant View Fire Department and other community teams, raising more than \$27,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation.

The Shave-a-Thon will include a silent auction and a variety of entertainment from area performers, including children from a local Irish dancing school and the Queen City pipes and drums band, which will close out the festivities at 4 p.m.

St. Baldrick's Foundation began their head-shaving events in 2000 and has over 1,300 events across the nation each year benefiting childhood cancer research. Worldwide a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes, and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. Through their fundraising in 2014, St. Baldrick's was able to provide \$27.3 million in research grants for childhood cancer.

To sign up for the St. Baldrick's Shave-a-Thon at The Exchange Tavern or to donate to the cause, visit <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/11010/2015>.

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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 111,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.