



Modesto Regional Fire Authority

"We Care"

3705 Oakdale Road
Modesto, CA 95357
Phone: 209-552-3600
Fax: 209-552-2512

Office of the Fire Chief
Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 14, 2014
Author: Division Chief Sean Slamon
Phone: 209-522-3723
Email: sslamon@modestorfa.org

On Sunday March 9th seven members of the Modesto Firefighters Association and Modesto Regional Fire Authority participated in the 23rd annual Scott Firefighter Stair Climb in Seattle Washington. The stair climb is an event organized by firefighters to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year over 1500 firefighters from 282 fire departments across the country participated in the stair climb. Firefighters in full gear including breathing apparatus embarked up the 69 floors of the Columbia Tower. The Modesto Firefighters set a lofty fundraising goal of \$7500 dollars. Through the support of the community they have exceeded that goal and will continue to take donations until March 30. This year's event has raised over 1.5 million dollars for the prevention and treatment of Blood Cancers. If you would still like to donate it's not too late. Donations can be made at the following link:

<http://llswa.convio.net/site/PageNavigator/FireFighterClimb/Home.html>

If you are curious about what it's like to climb 69 stories in full firefighters gear here is a link to a video of our climb:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXE9aWMETIO&feature=youtu.be>