



March 30, 2017

Greetings to all Stairclimb participants:

Re: Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge

Welcome to the third annual Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge. On May 7, 2017, the Calgary Fire Department will again join firefighters from all over Canada and the US to climb stairs for charity. This year we already have 500 firefighters from across North America signed up to participate.

The Bow building is the highest tower in Western Canada and one of the most beautiful buildings in the world – 775 feet, 1204 steps with floor-to-ceiling windows and an extraordinary view. This year we are once again closing off 6th Avenue in front of the building where throughout the day we will be having a block party and barbecue for firefighters. In the same area, we will commence the day with an opening ceremony with the Mayor, the CFD Honour Guard and the Pipes & Drums Band starting at 8:15am. I will lead the climb and look forward to seeing all of you on the way up, and celebrating with you at the top. I'll be there to greet you all with a great view, t-shirt, challenge coin and a handshake for a job well done.

We are all working to help Wellspring Calgary, a local charity that supports people living with cancer, and an organization that has helped a number of our members in the past. We all know how important proper care is during times of crisis, and Wellspring Calgary is available to provide vital support for families during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Last year, we raised over \$184,000 for firefighters and citizens living with cancer and I thank you for being part of the same great cause this year.

Thank you to all of you for participating in this challenge, and good luck on the way up!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Dongworth".

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