



# COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Many Area Firefighter's Seeing Pink to Support Breast Cancer Awareness

The Pink Ribbon Tour and firefighters from across the county are set to show their support for breast cancer awareness. Firefighters are set to show their support by donning pink shirts and hosting a small brigade of pink apparatus at Westfield Mall. "Raising awareness, showing our support and funding a great local organization are a few of the benefits of this campaign" said Deputy Chief Kris Kazian. Funds raised will help support the Pink Ribbon Tour and the Lake County YWCA Encore Plus program.

### Event at Westfield Mall- September 24th

Firefighters are set to Kick Off our campaign with a BBQ lunch on September 24, from 11 – 2 at Westfield Mall. The event will take place outside of Macy's at the Southwest corner of the mall parking lot. There will be a pink fire engine and ladder truck, a pink police car, and possibly more! Flight For Life will be landing their new helicopter- which is NOT pink! Firefighters will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, and soda for a \$5 donation. Mundelein Fire will be there giving fire truck rides, there will be opportunities for people to sign the pink fire truck who are breast cancer survivors or to remember someone special who have lost their courageous battle with breast cancer.

### T-shirts

Countryside has spearheaded this t-shirt campaign and it has begun spreading. "We have ordered over 2,000 shirts already and we expect that we could order up to 5,000 possibly! This is already more than I expected at the start of this program!" said Jessica Gregurich, event coordinator. "We have schools placing orders and planning on showing their support, there are hospitals purchasing shirts for their staff to wear." Some companies have contacted us and asked if they could come get a group photo in front of the pink fire truck to show their support. Breast cancer has affected so many people it is a great cause. Visit [www.countrysidefire.com](http://www.countrysidefire.com) to place an order online or get your order form and mail us a check.

### Proceeds

Proceeds raised from this cause will help with funding the firefighters who are traveling across the country with the pink fire trucks ([www.pinkribbontour.com](http://www.pinkribbontour.com)) and the majority will help fund the Lake County YWCA Encore Plus program. "This is a local effort to provide health services to the women of our county that may be underserved, in need of our support and we are proud to be part of the effort to help them get the services they need" said Fire Chief Steingart. "I am proud of the men and women of the fire service who have stepped up to show they care. It is amazing to see the amount of t-shirts we have go in and out of our fire station"

Contact Dave Graybill of the Pink Ribbon Tour at [dgraybill911@yahoo.com](mailto:dgraybill911@yahoo.com) as he is on the road traveling with the Pink Ribbon Tour for more information about their tour. Information about the Lake County YWCA can be found at [www.ywcalakecounty.org](http://www.ywcalakecounty.org) or by contacting Shanta McGee at 847.662.4247 ext. 127.

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