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Firefighter Formed Foundation Helps to Extinguish Cancer

WHAT: "Code 3 For A Cure Foundation" (C3FC) founder will explain their cause and mission during a press conference.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 9 a.m.

WHERE: HFD Fire Station 33, 7117 Fannin

DETAILS: Like most worthy causes, C3FC was formed because of one person's struggles. Firefighter/ Engineer Lorenzo Abundiz (Santa Ana, California, USA), a 27-year veteran of the fire service, was first diagnosed with cancer in 1998, forced into an early medical disability retirement in 2001, and since then has been diagnosed with two other cancers.

In the spring and summer of this year, Abundiz received much needed treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center. During his five month stay, he found his temporary home at HFD Fire Station 33.

Currently, the foundation is driving across country in a special fire engine dedicated to the cause. They arrived in Houston on Sunday, September 20 and will be heading to Dallas after their stay here.

Additional information about the foundation may be found on their website at www.code2foracure.org

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