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Greetings to all Stairclimb participants,

First, let me say how proud and honoured I am to be able to join you for the inaugural Calgary Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge!

On May 3, 2015, CFD will join firefighters from all over Canada and the US to climb stairs for charity. We will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a ceremony featuring the Honourable Mayor Nenshi, CFD's Honour Guard, the United States Marine Corps Band quintet, a piper, and Wellspring's president, David Harvie. Even though this is the first year, almost 250 firefighters from across North America signed up to participate—a number I can only say exceeded my highest expectations.

The Bow tower is the highest building in Western Canada and one of the most beautiful buildings in the world—775 feet, 1204 steps. 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 is available to provide vital support for families during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

During and after the event, your friends, family and supporters are welcome to join us on the roof of One Station for a bratwurst barbeque.

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

Steve Dongworth
Fire Chief

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