

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proudly Supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Your local first responders at the **Byron Fire Protection District** are standing with our community this October. We join the fight against breast cancer by promoting early detection, education, and support for all those affected in Byron and beyond. Protect your health and the health of those you love—awareness saves lives!

Why Awareness Matters

- **1 in 8 women** in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
- **Early detection is key:** When caught early in the localized stage, the 5-year survival rate is 99%.
- **Men are affected too:** Around 1 in 100 breast cancer diagnoses occur in men.
- **Progress:** Due to better screening and advanced treatments, death rates have dropped significantly since 1985.

Take Action for Your Health

- **Schedule Mammograms:** Routine screenings are recommended for average-risk women starting at age 40.
- **Know Your Normal:** Perform monthly breast self-exams and report any unusual changes to your doctor immediately.
- **Know Your Risk:** Talk to your healthcare provider about your family medical history.
- **Spread the Word:** Remind your friends, neighbors, and family members to schedule their annual checkups.

Join Byron Fire in Going Pink!

Look out for our team sporting pink this month, and help us turn Byron pink! You can support the cause by getting screened, talking openly about breast health with your loved ones, or donating to trusted national and local breast cancer research foundations.

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