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Pasco Firefighters Rally to Support One of Their Own Battling Cancer

Pasco County, FL – April 2026 — The Pasco County fire service family is coming together to support one of their own.

Firefighter **Frank McBride**, who began his career with Pasco County Fire Rescue in June 2025 at just 19 years old, is now facing the fight of his life after being diagnosed with **Stage 3 testicular cancer** earlier this year.

In January 2026, Frank began experiencing severe back pain. What initially seemed minor quickly escalated into a life-changing diagnosis after emergency evaluation and surgery. Since then, Frank has begun intensive chemotherapy treatments at Moffitt Cancer Center, as doctors work to treat cancer that has spread to multiple areas of his body.

Despite the challenges ahead, Frank continues to face this battle with strength, supported by his family, friends, and his brothers and sisters in the fire service.

To help ease the financial burden of treatment and recovery, a community fundraiser has been organized:

Frank McBride Fundraiser

May 2, 2026

Starting at 2:00 PM | Raffles at 6:00 PM

International Beer Garten

The event will feature raffles, community support, and opportunities to donate directly to Frank's recovery journey.

Community Support & Raffle Donations Needed

Organizers are currently seeking **raffle items, gift baskets, sponsorships, and donations** from local businesses and community partners to help make this event a success.

Businesses interested in contributing will not only support a firefighter in need but will also be recognized during the event and across promotional efforts.

This fundraiser is a collaboration between:

- IAFF Local 4420
- Pasco County Fire Rescue
- Pasco Fire Rescue Benevolent Association
- Firefighters Charities of Pasco

100% of proceeds will go directly to support Frank McBride.

“This is what the fire service is all about — taking care of our own,” organizers said. “Frank is family, and we’re going to stand with him every step of the way.”

Community members, local businesses, and media outlets are encouraged to attend, support, donate, or help spread the word.


For more information, to donate, or to get involved:

www.iaff4420.org/mcbride

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