

# CODE 3 FOR A CURE FOUNDATION

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## TV BRIDE GOES FROM WEDDING DRESS TO FIRE GEAR

### Races to Help Firefighters Battling Cancer

**EVENT:** Palm Springs International Film Festival RED CARPET RUN 5K & 10K  
**DATE:** Saturday, January 9, 2016, 8:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** American Legion, 400 N. Belardo, Palm Springs, CA  
**EVENT INFO:** <https://events.hakuapp.com/red-carpet-run-5k-and-10k>



**Palm Springs, CA** - Athletes and spectators attending this year's Red Carpet Run will witness Peggy Abundiz running the 5K wearing the extra weight of firefighter gear, including a [Dräger](#) air tank autographed by William Shatner. The race is being organized by the Palm Springs Marathon Runners, and in 2015 was [named among the top 10 movie-themed races in the USA by Shape Magazine](#). The course will take participants past the homes of some of the most famous icons in American entertainment.

Back in 2001, millions of television viewers witnessed Peggy Abundiz getting married in New York's Times Square on ABC's *Good Morning America* after she was credited for saving the life of her fiancée, a decorated firefighter who was battling a rare form of occupational cancer. Since that time, her husband has fought two additional cancer battles, also caused by his firefighting career. Now, Peggy has traded in her wedding dress for firefighter gear to call attention to the alarming rate of cancer among firefighters and to support CODE 3 FOR A CURE, a firefighter cancer organization that raises awareness about occupational cancers in the fire service and provides critical support to firefighters across America who are battling the disease. Peggy volunteers as the organization's Public Affairs Officer, and proudly represents her husband and other firefighters who are unable to compete in races due to disabilities caused by their cancers. During each race, she carries the Medal of Valor awarded to her husband for bravery. In 2016, Peggy will attempt to set the World Record for fastest 5K in firefighter gear.

Says Peggy, who has participated in several events organized by the Palm Springs Marathon Runners (PSMR), *"I am really excited and honored to participate in the Red Carpet Run. PSMR Founder Molly Thorpe is an outstanding human being who truly cares, and I am deeply grateful for her support of my efforts for Code 3 for a Cure."*

**About Palm Springs Marathon Runners:** Palm Springs Marathon Runners (PSMR) has been bringing races to Palm Springs for the past decade. Its Founder, Molly Thorpe, was inspired to form PSMR in part to provide mentorship for at-risk youth, and the community races organized by PSMR also support a variety of local charities. Learn more: <http://www.palmspringsmarathonrunners.org/>

**About Code 3 for a Cure:** C3FAC is a national nonprofit 501(c)3 public charity dedicated to addressing firefighter cancer. Read more: [www.c3fac.org](http://www.c3fac.org)