

Sugarmill Woods



Civic Association

Community Outreach Program

Status of Fire Rescue Station # 18 (Sugarmill Woods / Chassahowitzka)



**Wednesday June 23rd, 2010
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

Sugarmill Woods Country Club

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association will be holding a Community Outreach Program meeting to focus on issues and concerns related to Fire Rescue Operations, Fire Rescue Station #18 (Sugarmill Woods/ Chassahowitzka), and proposed changes for upgrading the overall Fire Rescue Operations facilities, capabilities, and organization in Citrus County. We are honored to have **Citrus County Fire Chief Larry Morabito** as our guest speaker.

In response to residents with concerns about the current status of the SMW Fire Station, Fire Rescue Operations was contacted. Fire Chief Morabito sent an update and acknowledged that there has been a reduction in stations and equipment which was due to duplication, poor condition, lack of responders (long term), and/or department realignment.

- *Citrus County Fire Rescue is responsible for providing fire rescue, fire prevention, hazardous materials, and technical rescue services to a county of 660 square miles and approximately 143,000 citizens. Citrus County has one of the largest combination fire rescue systems in the State of Florida. The agency has a combined total of 192 career and volunteer members working out 14 currently active Fire Rescue Stations with one inactive station being reactivated in the near future.*
- *With regards to current staffing, there are 49 Career members (36 operations, 3 inspectors, 5 administrative officers, and 5 support staff) and 143 Volunteer members (47 combat, 16 support, 56 trainees, and 24 rehab or auxiliary members) for a combined total of 192.*

Within the next couple of months Fire Chief Morabito will be making proposals and recommendations to the BOCC for upgrading and enhancing Fire Rescue Operations. It is important for you to understand these proposed changes and provide your input. If you can, I strongly encourage you to attend this COP meeting.

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors in Sugarmill Woods to come with you to the meeting. All of us should know what is being proposed for upgrades to Citrus County Fire Rescue Operations.

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