

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

November 12, 2011

Dear Residents,

This is your friendly reminder to please consider attending the **Citrus County Fire Services Open House & Recruitment Event** on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Citrus County Fire Rescue Services Open House & Recruitment Event

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9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Sugarmill Woods Fire Rescue Station



Citrus County Fire Rescue Services officially became a division within the Citrus County Sheriff's Office on October 1, 2011. As part of this change all Fire Rescue Operations for Citrus County are now combined with the Sheriff's Office under one Public Safety organization and team with one mission. The Citrus County Fire Rescue personnel have officially integrated with the Sheriff's Office to take a whole new approach to Public Safety.

As a result of this reorganization, two previously vacant fire stations already have been reopened and staffed with career fire fighters; one in the Sugarmill Woods community and the other in the Floral City community. Due to the county's prior financial shortfall in its Fire Rescue division, these two communities had been underserved for several years. Sugarmill Woods residents are already feeling more confident about response times for any future fire rescue related situations.

The DeRosa Fire Rescue Station, located just north of Citronelle, is due to reopen sometime in January, 2012. The facility is currently being retrofitted in order to activate it effectively. As a result of this reorganization, Citrus County now has seven (previously five) Career Staffed 24 x 7 Fire Rescue Stations now in operation with the eighth one opening in January. These stations are spread across the County providing much better support for all of Citrus County's residents.

In recognition of this important and much needed support within our community, Citrus County Fire Rescue Operations Division will be holding an **Open House and Recruitment Event** this month at the Sugarmill Woods Fire Rescue Station.

We encourage residents to consider stopping at the station anytime during this Open House period and meet some of our new Fire Fighters stationed in our community. By the way, five members of the Citrus County Fire Rescue Division reside in our Sugarmill Woods community (two career fire fighters, two volunteers, and one Rehab unit member). In addition the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division has 21 of their personnel living in the SMW community. Let's show our appreciation and support for these individuals who put their lives on the line to protect and serve us and our community.

Remember to mark **Friday, November 18** on your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors with you to the **Fire Rescue Operations Open House**. Please stop by for a few minutes to meet some of the team and thank them for their service.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA