

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

November 17, 2011

Dear Residents,

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

Citrus County Fire Rescue Services

Open House & Recruitment

Event

Friday, November 18, 2011

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 were reopened and staffed with career fire fighters effective October 1. One is the Sugarmill Woods Station supporting our y community and the second one is the Floral City Station supporting that 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 appreciate the very quick response by the new Public Safety team to get the Fire Station in our community reopened so quickly. We are already feeling more confident about the improved response times for any future fire rescue related situations.

The DeRosa Fire Rescue Station (third one), located just north of Citronelle, is due to reopen sometime in January, 2012. As a result of this reorganization, Citrus County now has seven (previously five) Career Staffed 24 x 7 Fire Rescue Stations in operation with the eighth one opening in January. With these additional stations, Fire Rescue is providing more balanced and significantly improved response time support for all of Citrus County's residents.

As a community we can potentially help even more. Fire Rescue Operations is recruiting volunteers to fill a number of positions. Some of these openings include paid-on-call fire fighters, support and rehab personnel, persons interested in administrative functions (filing, data entry, logistics), and anyone else who wants to help. Fire Chief Morabito is confident he can find something that will interest any resident if they are interested in volunteering.

This is a great opportunity to visit the reopened SMW Fire Station during the 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.

Please bring your friends and neighbors with you to the **Fire Rescue Operations Open House**, meet the team, and thank them for their commitment and service.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

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