



TARPON SPRINGS FIRE RESCUE

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2010 Objectives

- Emergency Operations
 - Safely mitigate all emergency scenes for a safe and comfortable Tarpon Springs.
 - Receive the new ladder truck purchased in 2009.
 - Purchase a new district chief's vehicle.
 - Purchase a new fire engine for Station 70.
 - Sell the used ladder truck.
 - Sell a used fire engine.
 - Sell 15 older model self-contained breathing apparatus.
 - Pursuit a third station on the north-side of the Anclote River (Station 71).
 - Update and insure efficient and effective response via the county-wide 911 dispatch system; closest unit always responds to the call, regardless of municipal affiliation.
 - Increase staffing to insure an officer is present on all responding companies.
 - Add one ALS (advanced life support) unit to the fleet; current response includes 2 ALS units, and 1 BLS (basic life support) unit.
 - Participate in the FEMA "Integrated Emergency Management Course"

- Fire Prevention
 - Continue education, enforcement and engineering efforts to reduce loss of life, injury and property due to fire and other accidents.
 - Complete an annual fire and life safety inspection of all business occupancies.
 - Complete an annual flow test and inspection of all fire hydrants throughout the city.
 - Insure a safe and manageable work site and emergency response plan to the Stauffer Chemical Plant clean-up project.

- EMS, Training & Safety
 - Insure educated, professional and competent personnel are responding to emergency scenes.
 - Maintain a safe comfortable work place for all personnel.
 - Transfer 6, 2002 edition, self-contained breathing apparatus to the Wastewater and Treatment Plant, providing savings of over \$15,000 to the treatment plant.
 - Participate and complete all essential training.
 - Participate in all county-wide training activities.
 - Participate in county-wide high-rise drill in St. Petersburg.
 - Attend national, state and local conferences and training programs.



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2009 Accomplishments

- Emergency Operations
 - Responded to 3,923 calls, including:
 - 2,930 emergency medical incidents.
 - 298 vehicle crashes.
 - 131 structure fires.
 - 15 working fires.
 - Approval to purchase a new ladder truck.
 - Provide personnel and equipment at the Epiphany celebration for immediate deployment to an emergency.
 - Filled one FF/PM position.
 - A company arrived at a non-downgraded incident within 5 minutes, 58% of the time.
 - The complete first alarm assignment arrived at a non-downgraded incident within 8 minutes, 96% of the time.
 - A first-responder or greater company arrived at a non-downgraded EMS call within 5 minutes, 59% of the time.
 - An ALS company arrived at a non-downgraded incident within 9 minutes, 97% of the time.
 - A company arrived at a non-downgraded incident within 7 minutes 30 seconds, 91% of the time.

- Fire Prevention
 - 275 home visits to insure installed and working smoke detectors.
 - Over 3,000 contacts made with area school children and families during fire prevention month in October. Events included:
 - Clown and puppet safety show at city hall.
 - Firefighter and fire truck visits to all elementary schools and day cares.
 - Station 70 open house.
 - Elementary school poster contest.
 - Tours of fire stations throughout the month for local clubs.
 - Checked and installed over 60 car seats.
 - 974 fire and life safety inspections completed of business throughout the city to insure citizen and firefighter safety, as well as business continuity.
 - Participated in the annual city open house / touch-a-truck event at the library.

- Participant in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at Tarpon Springs High School.
- Insured adequate fire protection installations throughout the city via plan reviews and on-site visits. Notable properties include the Old Pappas Restaurant, Meres Crossing, and Tarponwood Lake Apartments.
- EMS, Training & Safety
 - Maintained the city safety program.
 - Administered H1N1 vaccine shots to all city employees.
 - Implementation of new software to assist in the tracking and accomplishment of personnel training. The internet based program is used county-wide.
 - Supported the North County Fire Explorer Program; the group is for interested students 15-21 pursuing careers in the EMS and fire service.
 - Deliver a monthly CPR program. The program is offered to anyone who is interested.
 - Continuing education requirements met for all Paramedic's and EMT's.
 - Completed over 240 hours for training for each firefighter as required by state and national guidelines.
 - Participated in national campaign to insure first responder knowledge of local furniture stores and warehouses. This is remembrance of 6 Charleston firefighters whom died in the line of duty at a furniture store in 2007.
 - Acquired the old Days Inn hotel for hands-on firefighter training.
 - Acquired a building on the grounds of All Saints Church for local and county, fire and police hands-on training.