



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST ANNUAL 'OPEN HOUSE'

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/19/11) – Hey, kids, want to find out what it's like to be a firefighter? Want to jump into action with a fire hose, or sit inside a real firetruck?

Now, you can! Temple Terrace Fire Department will hold its annual *Fire Prevention Open House* on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event will be at Fire Station No. 1, 124 Bullard Parkway.

The event is held in recognition of *National Fire Prevention Month* each October. The event once again will be held in conjunction with *Temple Terrace Reads*, a family literacy festival held adjacent to the fire station, in front of Temple Terrace Elementary School (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

The fire department's "Open House" focuses on fire prevention and safety, but it's also a lot of fun. There will be interactive exhibits and plenty of firefighting equipment on hand, including ladder trucks, pumpers and rescue vehicles. Youngsters will experience what it's like to be a firefighter, putting out simulated house fires with water hoses. They'll save a barn from burning down and learn how to safely escape a smoke-filled room.

There will be a vehicle-extrication demonstration at noon, and a TECO Power City exhibit. Firefighters also will set simulated residences on fire at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to demonstrate the effectiveness and importance of sprinklers in a residential setting. The fire department was able to add the "Built for Life" exhibit thanks to a \$1,000 stipend from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, said TTFD Division Chief Andy Muzzy.

The Temple Terrace Police Department also will be on hand to offer child fingerprinting, and Temple Terrace Lodge 330 F&AM will conduct its free Masonic Child ID Program.

There also will be puppet shows, a balloon artist and other entertainment. Hot dogs, sodas and chips will be sold at reasonable prices.

Participating agencies at this year's event include the Temple Terrace Fire Department, Temple Terrace Police Department, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Plant City Fire Rescue and the Florida Division of Forestry.

Sponsors include Tampa Electric Co., Palladium Graphics, Dunkin Donuts, Florida Fire Sprinkler Association, Publix Supermarkets, Sears and Langston's Auto.

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