



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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FIRE DEPARTMENT “OPEN HOUSE” ABOUT SAFETY AND FUN

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/18/06)– The Temple Terrace Fire Department will hold its annual “Open House” on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1, 124 Bullard Parkway.

The popular event focuses on fire prevention and safety, but it’s also a lot of fun. There will be interactive exhibits and plenty of firefighting vehicles and equipment on hand, including ladder trucks, pumpers, rescue vehicles, forestry apparatus and medical and police helicopters.

“Kids love firetrucks,” said Temple Terrace Division Chief Dave Becker. “Here’s a chance for you and your kids to come out and touch the firetrucks, sit in the seats and see what they’re like. The enthusiasm we’ve seen is tremendous.”

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 at Old McBecker’s Farm. They’ll learn how to safely escape a smoke-filled room.

Smokey Bear will be on hand, too, and there will be clowns, puppet shows and other entertainment. The event is free. Hot dogs, sodas and chips will be sold at reasonable prices. Last year, the event drew 2,000 people.

“It’s educational, it’s fun and it’s free,” Becker said.

The event kicks off National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14.

Participating agencies include the Temple Terrace Fire Department, Temple Terrace Police Department, Plant City Fire Department, Tampa Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Department and the Florida Division of Forestry. Sponsors include TECO, Publix Supermarkets, Carrabba’s Italian Grill, Outback Steakhouse, the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Alday-Donalson Title Agency and Florida Orthopaedic Institute.

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