



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***TEMPLE TERRACE FIREFIGHTER TAKES SECOND-PLACE AWARD***

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 5/6/08) – Temple Terrace Firefighter Leon Hartsock has taken a second-place award in the *2008 Florida Firefighter Games*, which continue through May 10 in Melbourne, Fla.

The annual games pit firefighters from across the state in more than two-dozen competitive events, such as arm wrestling, cycling, track and swimming. Team sports, such as softball and volleyball, also are included.

Hartsock placed second in the *pull-ups competition* for those under 30 years old. His 34 pull-ups were among the highest in all age categories.

Hartsock, 27, joined the Temple Terrace Fire Department two months ago. Although he was the only Temple Terrace firefighter participating in this year's games, the fire department routinely participates in advanced life support competitions and similar activities each year.

In January, for example, the fire department took second place in the Fire Rescue East National Invitational ALS Competition in Jacksonville.

The *2008 Florida Firefighter Games* began April 25 and continue through Saturday at the Radisson Suite Hotel Oceanfront in Melbourne.

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