



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN 2007 INTERNATIONAL FIRE AND EMS SAFETY STAND DOWN**

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 6/15/07)** – The Temple Terrace Fire Department will participate in the 2007 International Fire and EMS Safety Stand Down being held June 17-23, 2007.

The Stand Down is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the IAFC.

This year's theme is **“Ready to Respond.”** It will focus on preparing firefighters and EMS personnel for their daily duties by reviewing their training, and the proper use of equipment, to ensure safe response, mitigation and return from all emergency situations. Failure to remain cautious and alert can cause routine activities to become hazardous, or even result in injury or death.

In 2006, 105 firefighters nationally died in the line of duty, according to the IAFC. So far this year, 44 firefighters have been lost. Fire departments across the country will participate in the 2007 Stand Down, using training exercises and procedural reviews to promote safety. The military has employed the Stand Down concept for years to correct issues that have been identified as problems.

“We are looking forward to participating in the Stand Down,” said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. “We have participated in this event for several years and hope to continue emphasizing safety among our personnel. This year our department will be reviewing safety procedures and rolling out some new Wildland Firefighting (wildfires, brush fires) training. Our goal is to keep our personnel trained to operate safely in all emergency situations.”

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