



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### ***BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HONORS FIRE DEPARTMENT***

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/10/09) – The North Tampa Boys and Girls Club honored the Temple Terrace Fire Department on Wednesday, presenting firefighters with a handmade banner commemorating the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Corvette Walker, the club's program director, said the youngsters wanted to show their appreciation for local firefighters, who sometimes face danger and risk their lives to rescue those in danger.

The kids crafted a blue banner with yellow and white ribbons honoring Temple Terrace firefighters for their role in 9-11. Temple Terrace raised thousands of dollars for the families of those killed in the attacks in New York City.

The paper banner is proudly displayed in Fire Station No. 1.

About 100 children ages 5-14 are members of the North Tampa Boys and Girls Club. Club members chose to honor the Temple Terrace Fire Department because of its proximity and "to build a sense of community and partnership with Temple Terrace," Walker said.

"We appreciate the recognition from the Boys and Girls Club," said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. "This creates another opportunity for us to educate children about fire safety and help them make good decisions. The more that kids have an opportunity to learn about fire safety, the better it is for us, the kids and the community."

On Friday, Temple Terrace firefighters will join other area agencies in events commemorating 9-11, including the dedication of Heroes Plaza at Cotanchobee/Fort Brooke Park in downtown Tampa.

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