



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST ANNUAL 'OPEN HOUSE'

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/23/09) – The Temple Terrace Fire Department will hold its annual *Fire Prevention Open House* on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The free event will be at Fire Station No. 1, 124 Bullard Parkway.

The event concludes *National Fire Prevention Week*, Oct. 4-10, 2009. 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. The literacy festival runs 10 a.m. to 2 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 at Old McBecker's Farm. They'll learn how to safely escape a smoke-filled room.

Smokey Bear will there, along with puppet shows, clowns, a balloon artist and other entertainment. The Temple Terrace Police Department also will be on hand, conducting a *Bike Rodeo* for kids. Hot dogs, sodas and chips will be sold at reasonable prices.

The theme for this year's *National Fire Prevention Week* is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned," focusing on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of fires.

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. Major sponsors include TECO; Circle-K; Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc.; ICC Capital Management; and Carrabba's Italian Grill of Temple Terrace, among others.

For more information, call the Temple Terrace Fire Department at (813) 506-6700.

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