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**THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE TO DONATE RETIRED FIRE TRUCK TO
BAHAMIAN FIRE STATION DESTROYED BY HURRICAN DORIAN**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – October 18, 2019) The City of Temple Terrace and the Temple Terrace Fire Department are donating a retired fire engine to a Bahamian fire station that was devastated by Hurricane Dorian. Temple Terrace Fire Chief Ian Kemp will hand off the vehicle to representatives from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue at Fire Station #1, 124 Bullard Parkway, on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. The Marsh Harbour personnel will oversee the transport by freight and barge to Abaco, Bahamas.

“When a storm or other emergency threatens the City of Temple Terrace, residents, City staff and elected officials look to the Fire Department and four first responders to keep our community safe both during and in the aftermath of disaster,” said Chief Kemp. “But what if the Fire Department also was impacted? Such was the case in Abaco, Bahamas. Knowing that we had a truck in our fleet that has been replaced, City Manager Charles Stephenson suggested, and I wholeheartedly agreed, that it could be put to good use in the Bahamas.”

“We suffered major damages in Abaco with results to our fire department trucks, equipment and building – losing just about everything we had,” said Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chief Danny Sawyer. “We were extremely delighted to hear from Chief Kemp.”

Ten-8 Fire Equipment President Keith Chapman also is donating four MSA Fire Hawk Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and 4,500 PSI / 60 min air cylinders, along with some hose. Alan Davies, of Hydro Dynamic Solutions, is helping to coordinate the shipment of the truck to the Bahamas.

On Thursday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Chief Kemp will transfer title of the vehicle to a representative from the Marsh Harbour Fire Department during a brief ceremony. Temple Terrace fire personnel also will offer training on some of the donated equipment to one of the Bahamian firefighters. The engine then will be transported by Deberardini Heavy Haul to the Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, port from which it will be dispatched by United Abaco Shipping to the island. The expected arrival date in Marsh Harbour is Oct. 28 or 29.

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Captions:

- Marsh Harbour fire station.jpg: The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue station in Abaco, Bahamas, lies in mostly rubble in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. The Temple Terrace Fire Department will donate a retired fire engine to the Marsh Harbour Department to assist with the crash and fire rescues in the area as the station continues to rebuild.

- Fire truck donation1.jpg: City Manager Charles Stephenson, members of the Temple Terrace Fire Department and City Council members Andy Ross, Gil Schisler and James Chambers gathered in front of the fire engine that is being donated to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station in Abaco, Bahamas.

The Mission of the City of Temple Terrace is to deliver professional services to our community while promoting, protecting and preserving the heritage, natural resources and quality of life for future generations of our amazing city.