



Monthly Newsletter

August 2012

What happened?

Here is a breakdown of the hours I spent with Marion County Fire Rescue and Fire Rescue Support last month...

July	
<i>Accidents</i>	<i>4.5</i>
<i>Ceremonies</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>CISD</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Counseling</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Fires</i>	<i>8.0</i>
<i>Funerals</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>Hospital visits</i>	<i>4.5</i>
<i>Incidents</i>	<i>6.5</i>
<i>Meetings</i>	<i>7.5</i>
<i>Station Visits</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Training</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Wedding related</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Monthly total</i>	<i>35.0</i>

Call of the Month

On Wednesday, July 18, Marion County Fire Rescue responded to a residential structure fire in Belleview. The structure, a very modest single wide mobile home, sustained heavy damage. The resident, a young man, lost most of what he had, which wasn't much to begin with.

Because of a new initiative of Fire Rescue Support called Fire Rescue Cares, I was able to leave this young man with a total of \$100 in gift cards from Wal-Mart and Winn-Dixie. Although it wasn't much, we were at least able to extend the care shown on scene just a little.

What's happening now?

As you can see from the list of hours on page one, I didn't spend as much time with Fire Rescue Support this month. The reason? I've been busy at church. Our executive pastor recently resigned which resulted in my picking up two major projects. Both projects are now well underway and I look forward to getting back out and about with Marion County Fire Rescue.

I am excited to let you know that we received a \$1,500 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. This grant provides funds for Fire Rescue Cares, a program designed to help people who suffer loss through fire. Fire Rescue Support desires to help fire victims through this time by offering basic assistance. Wal-Mart has become part of the solution as families work to put their lives back together. In addition, Wal-Mart's support makes it possible to provide food for our fire crews when they work extended scenes caring for fire victims.

Another item relating to grant funding is the upcoming public relations event with Firehouse Subs. As you may remember, in March we were notified that we were awarded \$5,000 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. While we have already received the funds, an "official" presentation will be made on Thursday, August 30 at 10:30am at the Firehouse Subs at 4905 East Silver Springs Boulevard in Ocala. If you're in the area, stop by and join in the celebration.

What's coming up?

Last September I took part in a memorial service for the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. This event brought me in contact with Brian Stoothoff, Assistant Chief with Ocala Fire Rescue. In the months since then, Chief Stoothoff and I have connected about having me serve as chaplain with their department. I'm pleased to let you know that I will be officially introduced as Chaplain of Ocala Fire Rescue on Thursday, August 16. I look forward to developing the same great relationship with Ocala Fire Rescue that I currently enjoy with Marion County Fire Rescue.

Thank you!

Thanks for making it possible for me to minister to those serving with Marion County Fire Rescue and other emergency services agencies throughout Florida. God had given me a unique role and you are helping me fulfill it. Your love, prayers and financial support are making a difference in the lives of those serving us every day.

