



# FIRE RESCUE SUPPORT

## Monthly Newsletter November 2011

### What happened?

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

<i>Accidents</i>	<i>1.5</i>
<i>Ceremonies</i>	<i>9.0</i>
<i>CISD</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Fires</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Funerals</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Hospital visit</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Incidents</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Meetings</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<i>Station Visits</i>	<i>13.0</i>
<i>Wedding related</i>	<i>8.0</i>
<b><i>Monthly total</i></b>	<b><i>35.0</i></b>

## **What's happening now?**

By now you should have seen the official Fire Rescue Support, Inc. brochure. I am very proud of the work done by Jacob Fields ([www.jjfields.com](http://www.jjfields.com)). He truly put his heart and soul into this work.

We also have our website ([www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com)) up and running. For now, the content on the web is the same as the content in brochure. The only exception is that the website includes all the endorsements I've received from the department; not just the three in the brochure.

We have made an agreement with the Marion County Firefighters Benevolence Fund to use their 501c3 status until Fire Rescue Support receives its own. This is important as to provide an opportunity for people and businesses to make a tax deductible contribution.

## **What's coming up?**

This weekend is the annual Marion County Fire Rescue Four Alarm Formal. This is a great time to see all our guys and gals dressed up for a fancy evening out. I have the privilege of opening the evening with a prayer over the meal and over the department.

Getting the word out about Fire Rescue Support is agenda item #1. To this end, I will do a mailing to local churches (probably about 100) encouraging them to support our work. My pastor, Ron Sylvia, has written a letter of endorsement for me to include in this mailing.

Then, with the support and assistance of Fire Chief Stuart McElhaney, I will begin to connect with the fire rescue companies that are in Ocala and other parts of Florida. Chief McElhaney is a big supporter of what we are doing and has some great contacts.

## **Thank you!**

You are making it possible for me to chase after this calling and dream. Your love, prayers and financial support are making a difference in the lives of those serving with fire rescue in Marion County and beyond.