



# Monthly Newsletter

## September 2012

### What happened?

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

<b>August</b>	
Accidents	14.0
Ceremonies	1.0
CISD	0.0
Counseling	1.5
Fires	4.0
Funerals	7.5
Hospital visits	22.0
Incidents	1.0
Meetings	2.0
Station Visits	7.5
Training	0.0
Wedding related	3.0
<b>Monthly total</b>	<b>63.5</b>



### Call of the Month

It was lunchtime on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> when I heard a call for a motor vehicle accident on SE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When Station 18 units arrived on scene they called a “Signal 7” (fatality). Upon hearing this information, I responded to the accident. While en route, command on scene asked for my location since family members were beginning to arrive and department personnel needed some assistance in dealing with them.

When I arrived I was briefed on the details of the accident. Only one vehicle was involved. The deceased was an 18 year old male. Apparently, the young man had noticed a friend driving behind him and unbuckled his seat belt so he could stand and wave out of the sunroof of his vehicle. Upon doing this he lost control of the vehicle and ultimately lost his life.

I spent my time with the victim’s parents and sister who were already on scene along with a growing number of his friends. I was able to pray with the family and work as a liaison between them and the Florida Highway Patrol.

## What's happening now?



### **Ocala Fire Rescue August 16, 2012**

Recently I was appointed as Chaplain with Ocala Fire Rescue. I will serve OFR along with Marion County Fire Rescue. Picture with me is OFR Chief Bradd Clark.

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### **MCFR Training August 18, 2012**

Fire Rescue Support had the opportunity to serve lunch to crews from Marion County Fire Rescue at their recent vehicle extrication training.



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### **Firehouse Subs Grant Presentation August 30, 2012**



Fire Rescue Support was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. Pictured are Captain Daniel Kauffman, me, Meg Rose and John Papa.

## What's coming up?

September brings the anniversary of 9/11. Eleven years ago the landscape of our country changed forever. And on that day, 343 New York City firefighters lost their lives. Fire Rescue Support was founded one year ago, on September 11, 2011, with the purpose of supporting those who put their lives on the line for us every day.

## Thank you!

Each month I write to let you know what is happening with Fire Rescue Support and each month I'm reminded that I'm not doing this on my own. Thanks for being part of making a difference in the lives of those that have committed themselves to serving us.

