



Monthly Newsletter

April 2013

What happened?

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

March	
Accidents	6.0
Ceremonies	2.5
CISD	2.5
Counseling	0.5
Fires	5.0
Funeral related	1.0
Hospital visits	12.5
Office	0.0
Incidents	0.0
Meetings	1.0
Station Visits	7.0
Training	0.0
Wedding related	0.5
Monthly total	38.5



Call of the Month

On Saturday, March 2, Marion County was impacted by the Hopkins Prairie Fire in the Ocala National Forest. At the end of the long weekend, the fire consumed over 2,000 acres.

Marion County Fire Rescue, along with the Florida Forest Service and the US Forest Service, battled the blaze for several days. All together, about 100 local, state and federal firefighters were on site.

Fire Rescue Support had the opportunity to be on scene with crews into the late night hours on Saturday. We are grateful to the Red Cross and the US Forest Service for providing food and drink for our crews.

What's happening now?



Blast from the Past

I was looking through old pictures and found this. In 2003 I had the privilege of going on a mission trip to Bulgaria. One of my stops was to a fire station in the city of Sofia. You can see more of this trip on the Fire Rescue Support Facebook page.

What's coming up?

I'm excited to let you know that I've submitted two presentations for consideration to be part of the educational programs at Fire-Rescue East 2014.

“Establishing a Fire Chaplain Program” is designed to help departments without a chaplaincy begin the process. This session will focus on the basics of establishing a fire chaplaincy program including an introduction to and philosophy of the chaplaincy, the basics of serving before, during and after the call and how to find the right person for the job.

“How to Prepare for Stress” is the presentation I'm currently sharing with fire rescue crews in Marion County. The goal of this presentation is to help fire rescue personnel prepare for stress by: 1) being aware of the different types of stress, 2) being aware of unique stressors, 3) being aware of normal stress reactions and 4) being committed to improving self-care.

Thank you!

Thanks for your interest in and support of Fire Rescue Support. We exist to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call. Visit www.firerescuesupport.com for more information or find us on Facebook. You can simply click on the images below.

