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Before the Call

Ceremonies from Beginning to End

On Friday, October 25, I had the opportunity to participate in three ceremonies that encompassed all aspects of careers in the fire service.



First, Chief John "Junior" James was remembered by having the road that runs in front of the Florida State Fire College named in his honor.

Chief James was instrumental in establishing standards for Florida firefighters.

Then, I participated in an EMT graduation ceremony at the Florida State Fire College. This newest class of EMTs will now pursue beginning their careers in the fire service.



Finally, Marion County Fire Rescue welcomed 10 new recruits to its ranks. In addition, milestones were celebrated among MCFR firefighters who surpassed 10 and 20 years of service, as well as those recently promoted.

SpartanERV Open House

Ocala is home to a number of businesses that support fire rescue departments. E-One may be the best known, but another company has a presence.

Since 2011, SpartanERV has had a presence in Ocala. SpartanERV purchased Classic Fire in 2003, a company started by former E-One employees.

Recently, SpartanERV had an Open House to attract area departments to their facility. I had the opportunity to set up our display and talk about the role that Fire Rescue Support plays in Ocala/Marion County and beyond.





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During the Call

I-75 Wreck



On 10/22, as I was out visiting stations, I heard a call for an accident on the interstate with multiple semis involved.

When I arrived on scene, I found our crews performing CPR. I silently prayed that medics would have great skill at what they did. Sadly, the victim later died of their injuries.

Pediatric Tragedy

On October 31, I heard a call for a cardiac arrest. It was on the other side of town, so I did not respond. Moments later, the District Captain was dispatched because the patient was an infant. Our crews were only on scene briefly and quickly transported the child to the hospital. I met them there to offer my support as pediatric calls are very tough on our crews.

While I was with them, a family member of the child came to speak with me. Much to my surprise, this was someone from our church. I spent the next several hours with this family offering my prayers and support. Thank you for making it possible for me to be right where God wants me to be.

What happened?

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

October	
Accidents	7.0
Ceremonies	12.0
CISD	0.0
Counseling	0.0
Fires	6.5
Follow up	0.0
Funeral related	0.0
Hospital visits	6.0
Office	30.5
Incidents	6.0
Meetings	3.5
Special Events	9.5
Station Visits	33.0
Training	0.0
Wedding related	11.5
Monthly total	125.5



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Thank you!

Thanks for your interest in and partnership with Fire Rescue Support.

Because of you, we have the opportunity to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call.

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