



Monthly Newsletter  
February 2016

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# Fire Rescue Cares

Fire Rescue Support exists to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call. Our passion is to be there for the men and women who selflessly serve us every day. As we do this, we encounter another group of people – those who suffer loss due to fire.

Like the single mom whose house caught fire while she was at work. Or the couple who recently moved into the area whose air conditioning unit malfunctioned. Then there's the lightning strike that destroyed the home of snowbirds who were up north.

Since 2013, Fire Rescue Support has provided care and comfort to victims of fire through its Fire Rescue Cares program. In fact, over the years we have responded to over 50 fires and have provided nearly \$20,000 in financial support to almost 175 people. Here's the break down year-by-year...

2013 – 15 fires; \$3,800; 32 adults; 17 children  
2014 – 16 fires; \$6,900; 32 adults; 26 children  
2015 – 16 fires; \$6,700; 26 adults; 23 children  
January 2016 – 5 fires; \$2,050; 12 adults; 6 children  
TOTAL – 52 fires; \$19,450; 102 adults; 72 children

As you can see, in the opening month of 2016, we have already responded to 5 fires and provided over \$2,000 in support. This outpaces the previous years where we have responded to an average of 1.3 fires per month and given about \$500 in support. If this continues, our numbers will be nearly four times that of previous years.

For this reason, I ask that you consider a financial gift to Fire Rescue Support. This will make it possible for us to always be able to provide assistance to those in need. [Click here](#) to find out how to give.



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## Literacy Week at Harbour View

Firefighters enjoy the wonderful reputation of being the good guys. One of the ways they deserve this is by spending time with children.

Recently, crews from MCFR Station 30 returned to Harbour View Elementary School to read to students. Previously, they were there on Veteran's Day as part of a schoolwide reading emphasis. The occasion this time was Literacy Week.



MCFR Station 30 A-Shift



MCFR Station 30 B-Shift

## CISM Training

One of my great passions is teaching. I love the opportunity to share relevant information that will make a difference in people's lives.

I have the privilege of being an Approved Instructor with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and teach their two core courses. "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" focuses on helping an individual in a crisis situation by using questioning techniques to create a strong, empathic connection. In "Group Crisis Intervention", the focus is on helping a group move through a crisis situation using a variety of intervention techniques.

Over the next couple of months I'll be in the following locations teaching these two courses over three days.

Yulee, FL – March 1-3

Ocala, FL – April 5-7

Maitland, FL – April 19-21

Daytona Beach, FL – May 10-12

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

If none of these locations or dates are convenient and you have a group of at least 10 that are interested in these courses, contact me and I may be able to set up training in your area.





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## The Best Chance for Love

I've had the privilege of traveling overseas on short-term mission trips two times in my life. In 1999, I visited Kazakhstan – part of the former Soviet Union. During this trip we connected with a local church in the city of Schuchinsk which is in the northern part of the country near Russia. Our task was to travel to area churches and provide teaching and encouragement to the believers there. Many of our stops were at small, village churches in remote areas.

Then, in 2003, I spent two weeks in Bulgaria. Our team connected with a local church in the city of Sandanski. We divided our time between having children's programs in the city during the day and traveling to the village churches in the evening.

As I traveled around these foreign countries I soon realized that my actions and words were not seen as my own. The local residents took what I said and did as representative of all Americans. Although I didn't have the title, I was serving as an ambassador in these foreign lands. Most of the people I met would never travel to the United States. For them, I was their best chance at seeing an American.

In much the same way, we serve as God's ambassadors here on the earth. We have the opportunity, privilege and responsibility to represent Him well. In effect, we are the best chance that others have of seeing God. According to John, this is best done as we show love to one another. "But if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

God demonstrates His love to us, and then God demonstrates His love through us.

Day in and day out, you are called to people who are broken and hurting. You encounter people desperately in need of hope. You meet people desperately in need of love. That's why, in the midst of all that you do, you truly are the world's best chance for love.





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## Amazon Donates to Charity



For eligible purchases at Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. You can make Fire Rescue Support your organization by [clicking here](#). Then every time you order through the Amazon Smile website you'll be helping Fire Rescue Support continue its mission of supporting fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call.



## 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. Visit [www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com) for more information or to donate. You can also find us on Facebook. And please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance personally or professionally. You can reach me at 352-425-1643 or [joe@firerescuesupport.com](mailto:joe@firerescuesupport.com).

