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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST ANNUAL 'OPEN HOUSE'

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/23/14) – Fire safety is always important, but the Temple Terrace Fire Department's annual "Open House" makes it fun, too!

The annual ***Fire Department Open House*** is on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1, 124 Bullard Parkway. The free event is held in recognition of National Fire Prevention Month each October. This year's theme: "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month!"

The event once again will be held in conjunction with ***Temple Terrace Reads***, a family literacy festival held adjacent to the fire station, in front of Temple Terrace Elementary School (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

This year's "Open House" features interactive exhibits and plenty of firefighting equipment, including ladder trucks, pumpers and rescue vehicles. Youngsters will experience what it's like to be a firefighter, putting out simulated house fires with water hoses. They'll save a barn from burning down and learn how to safely escape a smoke-filled room.

Firefighters will demonstrate a vehicle extrication at 11 a.m., and then set simulated residences on fire at noon to show the effectiveness and importance of sprinklers in a residential setting. They also will conduct kitchen fire safety demonstrations throughout the day, and fire extinguisher training.

The Temple Terrace Police Department will be there, too, with its popular Bike Rodeo for kids. Temple Terrace Lodge 330 F&AM will conduct a free Masonic Child ID Program. There also will be puppet shows, a balloon artist and other entertainment. Hot dogs, sodas and chips will be sold at reasonable prices.

Participating agencies at this year's event include the Temple Terrace Fire Department, Temple Terrace Police Department, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Tampa Fire Rescue, Plant City Fire Rescue and Florida Fire Marshal's Office. Sponsors include Dunkin Donuts, Florida Fire Sprinkler Association and Langston's Auto. Volunteers include Florida Hospital, the GFWC Temple Terrace Woman's Club and others.

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