



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST ANNUAL 'OPEN HOUSE'

The event will be held in conjunction with Temple Terrace Reads

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/30/16) - 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. 15 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: "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

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 noon).

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 conduct a mock 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. Ranger the rescue dog will be there, too.

The Temple Terrace Police Department will have a 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 and sodas 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 the Florida Fire Marshal's Office. Sponsors include Lupton's restaurant, Dunkin Donuts, Wayne Automatic Sprinklers, Culligan Water, AOE Supply, Publix, Winn-Dixie and Stepp's Towing. Volunteers include Florida Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center, the GFWC Temple Terrace Woman's Club, Florida College and USF's CERT Team.

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