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Mr. Martin,

The following are the weekly highlights;

- Trunk or Treat

The Trunk or Treat is always a wonderful event hosted by the Police Department each year. The fire Department is honored that we are requested to participate. This year was no different. There were many families and happy children that attended this year. The Fire Department had 5 staff members representing this past Saturday. Many children toured the fire truck and staff members thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the families and local residents. Special thanks goes out to Dorothy Ramirez for organizing the event for many years now.

- Station 26 Ground Breaking Event

It is no secret of the growth that is taking place in Flagler County and certainly in Palm Coast. I have attended many meetings that addressed future station locations for the PCFD and their agency could not be more excited. The plan has progressed steadily over the last few years. The next station house scheduled for construction is Station 26 on Palm Coast city owned property in Seminole Woods. A ground breaking ceremony was scheduled at the new site on October 24th. PCFD's fire administration sent a personal invitation to FBFD members to attend the event. Deputy chief Cox represented the department at the ceremony.

- Life-Scan Annual Assessments

On Monday and Tuesday this week, all of full-time staff went through the annual Life-Scan assessments. Testing consists of basic vitals, vision/hearing, physical agility, sonogram, lab work review and mental health questioning. This wellness benefit has proven itself with multiple staff member and identified issues, before becoming major problems. On a personal note, I was giving some goals to work on last year and my numbers have improved across the board. All of staff is very appreciative of the wellness benefit.

- State Recertification EMT/Paramedic

Every two years department members are required to obtain recertification as EMTs and Paramedics. Recertification is done through the Florida Department of Health. Over the two years between recertification, staff is required to complete continual education units, practical training and classroom hours to qualify. FBFD staff completed qualifications a month ahead of schedule. Each staff member must also complete a Department of Health survey and application for renewal. I am

happy to announce that qualifications were met and all of staff has completed the recertification process.

- Blue Flag Raise

Entering the month of November, the Blue Flag Raise always takes at 1st Fridays in Veterans Park. The blue flag initially years ago was raised for Prostate Cancer Awareness. Diabetes Awareness gained a lot of attention through the years and this cause is also recognized in November. The blue shirts worn by the fire department displays both Prostate Cancer and Diabetes Awareness on the sleeves. There will be approximately 6 department members in Veterans Park for the blue flag raise on Friday.

- Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony

For the last 8 years the Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony is held the first Saturday in the month of November. The ceremony will be held at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church at 11:00 AM. Tony Gasparino was veteran, a firefighter and a member of the Knights of Columbus. The ceremony will honor military and public safety members. Larry Wolfe was selected this year to receive an award. Larry's wife (Kathy) and members of the department will be in attendance to recognize Larry.

- Impact Issue

As previously mentioned, 1st Friday, the blue flag raise and the Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony will take place over the weekend. In addition, on Saturday there will be the Food Truck Palooza in the parking lot in front of Badcock. There are a 1000 people expected for this event alone. All totaled, there are thousands of visitors that can be expected visiting the city.

I look forward to talking to you soon.

Thanks,

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