



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Citizens Fire Academy**

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To learn more about how you can participate in the next class call us at (954) 435-6700.

The Pembroke Pines Fire/Rescue Department's "Citizens Fire Academy" program started on October 15, 1996. The inaugural academy class was a great success in bridging the gap between the community and the fire department. This was accomplished by informing and educating the first twenty four citizens and civic leaders of Pembroke Pines of the fire department's daily functions, operations, and their role in assisting the fire department in fire prevention

Awareness is its hallmark. Awareness in the form of a two-way learning process: local residents, business leaders and community leaders learning the inner workings of the fire department while officers discover more about what makes up the fiber of the community. Awareness is the basic premise of the program that, perhaps more than any other, best defines the total concepts of community relations and fire prevention

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### **CPR Classes and First Aid Classes**

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes are available to residents, groups, teachers and healthcare workers. As a community training center for the American Heart Association, our 20+ instructors are available to meet your needs.

To schedule a class, call: (954) 435-6700

### **Fire Prevention Week**

Fire Prevention Week is held every year during the month of October. The seven-day campaign is filled with lots of exciting programs aimed at educating the public on fire safety. Activities sponsored center around a different theme each time. There is always something for everyone: poster contest, fire safety presentations, fire station tours, the Little Miss Flicker Beauty Pageant, and a big great exhibit. Thousands of brochures, firefighter helmets, coloring books, and stickers are given away. Let us know if you wish to take part in the celebration.

For more information, call: (954) 435-6531

### **Open House**

Each year during Emergency Medical Services Week in May the Fire Department has an open house at Fire Station 69. The public observes all facets of the station, gets to go inside the fire trucks, and meets the firefighters. Thousands of residents enjoy the many displays and exciting demonstrations.

### **Make A Child Smile**

Firefighters put on clown outfits, bring Sparky the fire Dalmatian, and Pluggie the hydrant robot, and visit sick children hospitalized at the Joe Dimaggio's Children Center.

### **Safety Town**

Offered free, this pint-sized village where kids learn preschool/early childhood safety education through hands-on participation, is sponsored in conjunction with the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial. Arranged field trips are conducted every Thursday. Lasting two hours, children wearing safety helmets and riding on tricycles rotate through five "safety stations" where they learn safety awareness and accident prevention skills.

For more information, call 954-985-3435.

### **Santa Express**

The City of Pembroke Pines Fire Department presents Santa's Express Children's Holiday Toy Delivery Program. If you are a resident of Pembroke Pines and have children between the age of 2 and 10 you may register to have Santa aboard a Fire Department unit deliver a gift, provided by you, to your children at your home.

Registration: The cost to register for this program is an unwrapped toy to be presented at the time of registration. The toy you donate is for a needy child which the Fire Department will process.

Registration date will be announced in November. This is on a first come first served basis. A MAXIMUM OF 400 DELIVERIES WILL BE SCHEDULED

### **Summer Safety Program**

Every year, just before elementary school children begin their summer vacations, our firefighters become actors and clowns and go to all the schools and entertain the children. Much acclaimed skits are presented to the cheering crowds to prepare the students on how to have a safe summer. Topics covered are drowning, fire in the house, gun awareness, stranger danger, and tools and toys.