



LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Open House Happens October 14 to Celebrate Fire Prevention Week

Lakeland, FL – The Lakeland Fire Department will host its Open House event Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Fire Station 1, located at 701 E Main Street. The event is free and fun for everyone. The event will focus on the importance of having an emergency home escape plan; keeping with the National Fire Prevention Week theme “Every Second Counts. Have 2 Ways Out.”.

Members of the department will be on hand to give guided tours of the station and the department’s apparatus. Leaping Lena, the department’s original 1938 Pirsch Fire Truck will also be on display.

Visitors will get to see live demonstrations like the *Firefighter Challenge* and vehicle extrication featuring the Jaws of Life ®. There will be educational displays and activities, a photo booth, giveaways, complimentary refreshments, and more! The Lakeland Fire Department’s fire safety dog, Sparky, will also be on hand for photos.

Visitors will have the opportunity to create their own emergency home escape plan. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that’s a safe distance from the home.

The Lakeland Fire Department offers these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more information about LFD’s Open House visit www.lakelandgov.net/LFD. For more information about Fire Prevention Week 2017 visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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**EVERY SECOND COUNTS.
PLAN TWO WAYS OUT.**

**LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE**

**10•14•17 10AM-2PM
STATION 1----- 701 EAST MAIN ST.**

Fire Station Tours

Live Demonstrations

Fire Safety Information

Refreshments

Equipment Displays



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