



LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Lakeland Fire Department to Celebrate Its Centennial with Community Celebration on August 13

Lakeland, FL – The Lakeland Fire Department is approaching a major milestone as it prepares to celebrate its centennial anniversary!

This is a historic event for the department and the City of Lakeland. The department was officially made a career fire department through an ordinance passed on August 16, 1916. This was done for the benefit of the community in light of several catastrophic fires that had occurred in previous years.

To mark the significance of this achievement and as a way of sharing the department's pride in having 100 years of service, the department will be celebrating with a Centennial Celebration for the entire community! It will take place at Fire Station 1, located at 701 E Main Street in Lakeland on August 13, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The event will celebrate the department's past and present. The community celebration will feature:

- Leaping Lena, the Department's Restored 1938 Pirsch Fire Engine
- Historic Artifacts and Displays
- Live Demonstrations
- Station Tours
- Apparatus and Equipment Displays
- Photo Booth
- Refreshments
- Giveaways

and more!

The event is free and open to the public and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

You are encouraged to share this information with the community. For more information, interview requests with department representatives, filming, etc. please contact Janel Vasallo.

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