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LFD Host Teen Camp to Expose Diverse Youth to Fire Service Careers

Lakeland, FL - The Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) will be hosting its 2nd Annual Teen Firefighter Camp on Friday, July 21, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is going to be an action packed day of interactive opportunities for the teens in attendance. The event is designed to teach participants more about careers in the fire service. The four-hour program will include:

- Extrication Exercises
- Emergency Medical Scenarios
- Apparatus Familiarization and Maintenance
- Station Life Lesson
- Lunch
- Takeaway Gifts from the Lakeland Fire Department

The Lakeland Fire Department is dedicated to engaging with the community it serves in non-emergency interactions. The Teen Firefighter Camp is targeted towards diverse youth in Lakeland in hopes that they may find a path towards becoming emergency responders; particularly by educating youth that may not be familiar with or often exposed to firefighting and emergency response.

Many fire departments, like LFD, struggle with receiving a robust amount of diverse applicants when hiring firefighters. This program hopes to expose students early on, prior to graduation, to the fire service so that they may someday consider becoming firefighters. Firefighting is a fulfilling and rewarding career. The hands on and immersive program LFD has prepared for the students aims to show all the participants what a great career choice it can be.

LFD anticipates approximately 70 students. They are from summer camps throughout Polk County, including the Boys and Girls Club, Campfire, and City of Lakeland Parks and Recreation's Camp Blast

Members of the media are encouraged to attend. Organizers and participants will be on hand to answer questions.

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