

Eustis Firefighters take part in Quarterly Tri-City Training

Firefighters from the Eustis Fire Department joined their counterparts from Mt. Dora and Tavares to learn important rope rescue techniques during scheduled quarterly training in July.

The three departments, which often work together on major fire and rescue scenes, participated in their third quarterly training exercises. The instruction, designed to teach important life-saving skills, combines class instruction given at each station with hands-on training in the field. For rope rescue training, firefighters learned to rappel from upper stories of Lake County's new parking structure in downtown Tavares.

Spread over three days, the training allowed firefighters to attend on shift, with in-house instructors from each department sharing the teaching responsibilities. By providing the instruction in this way, each city reduces overtime costs, saves travel expenses and tuition for classes at other institutions and helps build camaraderie and goodwill between departments.

The next quarterly exercise, scheduled for September, will cover vehicle extrication techniques. During the class, firefighters will learn proper uses of saws, extrication tools and vehicle support systems.



Firefighter Jordan Burkholder rappels with a "victim" in the Stokes Basket.



Firefighter Kelcey Buchanan prepares to rappel to a lower floor of the Lake County parking garage.



Photo from Clay Blvd. water main replacement project.

Fahnstock St. Water Main Replacement Project

The construction and replacement of a 6 inch cast iron water main with a 12 inch PVC water main on Fahnstock Street from Lakeview Avenue to Buena Vista Drive will begin around the first week of August. A preconstruction meeting was held on July 7th with the construction company that will be performing the installation of the new water main. Hewitt Power & Communication is installing the water main with a process known as directional drilling. This process is a low impact method for constructing a water main that will minimize the damage to landscape, driveways, streets and surrounding areas. An additional fire hydrant will be installed and improvement of flow capacity for hydrants along Fahnstock Street will increase fire fighting capabilities in the area.

After the contractor has installed the 12" PVC water main, City utility crews will start making tie-ins, new service taps, flushing, and testing the new water main. Construction is estimated to last approximately 4 months. Minor delays in local traffic can be expected and disruptions in water service may occur as part of this project.

For further details or information about this project, please contact the Water Department at (352) 357-5618.

Eustis Police Department enlists the assistance of the City's residents and business community

In light of the recent increase of property crimes in central Florida, Chief Fred Cobb with the Eustis Police Department recognized the need for a new approach to enforcement. Chief Cobb created a new position within the Eustis Police Department in January 2010, to facilitate better communication between the Police Department and the City's residents and business community. Chief Cobb appointed Senior Officer Misti Mohrenne to head the Department's Office of Community Relations.

In May 2010, Senior Officer Mohrenne completed training at the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, and obtained her designation as a Crime Prevention Practitioner. The designation provides officers with the skills necessary to deliver comprehensive crime prevention programs to the State's residential population and commercial industry.

Senior Officer Mohrenne states, "If we are not diligent in our own protection, we can expect to be victims. It's sad, but true."

Senior Officer Mohrenne hopes to enlist citizens and business owners who will take a long-term proactive approach toward awareness and protection of their respective properties. "I'd love to share some new ideas and applications with the community, to help them fortify their property, increase their personal safety, and in turn, improve their quality of life."

Senior Officer Mohrenne also posts updates on the Eustis Police Department's Facebook and Twitter pages to keep the community apprised of what's going on around them.

If you would like to begin a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood or get some ideas of how to better protect your home or business, please contact Senior Officer Misti Mohrenne at (352) 483.5400.



Senior Officer Misti Mohrenne

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Snapshots of construction professionals at the Downtown Streetscape Project.



The next City election will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 for the purpose of electing two non-partisan Commissioners to serve for a four-year term. The qualifying period for the office of City Commissioner will begin at noon on Monday, August 2, 2010 and close at noon on Friday, August 6, 2010.

For qualification information and more, visit: www.eustis.org



Additional parking for downtown business customers

Parking for business customers affected by construction on South Eustis Street is now available immediately behind the City Hall Building for the duration of Phase III work.