

Picture forthcoming...

Honoring: **Brian L. Kalmbach**
Served Trailer Estates With Distinction from 2010 – 2015
Attaining the Rank of: Chief

It should be known: Brian has had an extensive history in Manatee County with regards to Emergency Services. He started his fire service career in 1988 when he joined Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue District as a Volunteer Firefighter. During this time, he also worked full-time as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher with Manatee County Department of Public Safety.

In 1993, Brian moved from Cedar Hammock to Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, when Cedar Hammock discontinued its Volunteer Firefighter program. In 1994, Brian became an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1997, Brian moved as a Volunteer Firefighter to the Braden River Fire Rescue District. In 2001, he was hired as a full-time paid Firefighter with Braden River. In 2006, Brian was promoted to Lieutenant. In 2007, Brian became a Minimum Standards Instructor (Firefighter) with Manatee Technical Institute (MTI).

In 2010, while continuing his full-time employment with the now East Manatee Fire Rescue District, Brian returned to his volunteer roots when he became a volunteer member with Trailer Estates. One of the first things he did after joining, we put together a Volunteer Firefighter training course which was presented at Trailer Estates. Volunteers from Duette Fire Rescue also participated. During his first year as a volunteer, he assisted fully volunteer Trailer Estates with their Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) inspection. During this inspection, the ISO rating for Trailer Estates was reduced from a 5 to a 4. This is the same

rating as the full-time, fully paid districts that surround Trailer Estates. Shortly after the ISO inspection, Brian was promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations. At the same time, he served as both the Training and Safety Officer. Brian served as Deputy Chief of Operations under Chief Richard Jones, Chief Dale Cruckshank and Chief Don Warner.

The Commissioners wanted someone to serve as Chief who was a full-time resident. As Brian was able to do so, he was promoted to Chief. He served in that position until 2015 when he resigned.

Thank you for your service!