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What have we learned?

Over the past month we have learned that the process of transitioning Fire and Medical Services for the residents of Trailer Estates Park & Recreation is complex and will take time. Fortunately, we have a neighbor (Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue) who has stepped up and is committed to making sure our residents receive the same level of service our surrounding districts receive. If you see their trucks in the District, please share your appreciation for their support.

Given all these changes we want to share:

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU CALL 9-1-1

- Emergency situations can be very frightening.
- When you call 9-1-1, you and the call taker become a team.
- Until the first responders arrive, you are the person who is on the scene of the emergency, so the call taker needs your help to ensure the best outcome. Be sure to provide an accurate and detailed assessment of the situation.
- Know your location – your address, the street you are on or what buildings or business are nearby.
- Stay calm.
- Answer the dispatcher's questions – Once your location is identified the closest available unit is dispatched. Answering their questions does not delay the response.
- If you do not know whether to call 9-1-1, call anyway.

During the past month we have been taking an in-depth inventory of the contents of the department. We will be donating any expired equipment to organizations that have little and can benefit from what we have (outside the USA). We will be reaching out to the Fire Departments of Manatee County to offer opportunities to purchase equipment at its fair market value.

In the months to come we will continue to work with our legal counsel to understand the next steps needed and will provide updates monthly.

Please continue to support the Fire Auxiliary. Their role continues to be important. The expenses involved in this endeavor are unknown.

Thank you,

TEFCD Commissioners, Linda Briggie, Mary Chandler, Lori Dalton, Nancy McMall, and Karon Murphy