

**ADMINISTRATION:** Fire-Rescue management services are provided under the direction of the Chief of Fire-Rescue. Administrative and managerial functions include human resources (employee recruitment and retention), finance, contractual compliance, community relations, and developing and coordination of Emergency Management. Recently, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was delivered through the coordination of Fire-Rescue.

**SUPPORT SERVICES:** Responsible for the evaluation and ordering of Fire-Rescue equipment and supplies in coordination with department Station Managers. The Support Services Coordinator also prepares department grant applications and administers grant funding awarded. Fire Rescue Support Services provides logistical and staff support for City emergency management operations.

**FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION:** The Fire Prevention Division works to protect life and property by reducing fire losses through education, inspection, engineering and enforcement. The Division conducts annual fire inspections of more than 4,100 commercial occupancies and reviews all pre-construction plans which included the plan review of nearly 1,000 permitted projects in 2006.

The Fire Prevention Division also conducts annual inspections of every public, private, day care, pre-school, vocational and Broward School Board property within the Oakland Park Fire-Rescue Department jurisdiction. Fire inspectors also conduct health care facility inspections to every assisted living facility, nursing home and hospital operating in Oakland Park.

Any permitting of hazardous materials, fireworks displays or sparkler sales must be reviewed by the Division of Fire Prevention. When a fire does occur, fire inspectors immediately investigate the scene to determine the cause, whether accidental or intentional. Since public education has been proven to save lives and property, fire prevention personnel present fire safety programs throughout the community.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PUBLIC EDUCATION:** The members of Oakland Park Fire-Rescue represent a diverse workforce that is actively involved in serving the visitors and residents of our City and surrounding communities. Many of our programs are delivered through a cooperative effort of Fire Administration and Oakland Park Firefighter's Benevolent Association. Oakland Park Firefighters give back to their community through fundraisers, participation in citywide events, and other public education activities.

Programs and activities include: A state-of-the-art **Pet Resuscitation** Program; **Youth Day**, a fundraiser and public education event; **Fired Up for Reading**, a program where firefighters go to local schools and read to younger students; a **CPR Hotline (954-630-4550)** for Oakland Park residents interested in learning CPR and/or basic first-aid; a summer event called **Beat The Heat**, where children enjoy playing under cool water of a large fire ladder truck; a free **Smoke Detector Installation** program; and a **House Numbering Assistance** program. The Fire-Rescue Department also is involved with roadway design and with the **Neighborhood Traffic Committee**.