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LFD is Sponsoring *Communi-Tea and Coffee* events at all of its Stations to Mark Fire Safety Week

Lakeland, FL – The second week of October is National Fire Prevention Week. This is a week that allows for heightened awareness of the importance of fire safety nationwide, typically marked by events sponsored by local fire departments for their communities. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep! Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm". The Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) has traditionally sponsored a large Open House event every year during this week out of its largest fire station, Station 1, however this year it will sponsor its first ever ***Communi-Tea and Coffee with LFD*** events in its place. This will offer a more subdued and economical but equally as educational meet and greet experience at all seven of its fire stations.

Community members will have the opportunity to visit their local fire station that serves them in their community, get to meet the firefighters that work at that particular station and would likely be the ones to respond to them in a moment of need, and have an opportunity to tour their community fire station. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast pastries will be served to all guests (while supplies last). This will allow for a more intimate interaction with LFD's firefighters, be conducive to conversation where visitors can ask important questions they have about fire safety, and will allow visitors to learn more about the department and its fire safety offerings.

The more intimate ***Communi-Tea and Coffee with LFD*** events will be held Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 8:30 AM to Noon in lieu of Open House. The ***Communi-Tea and Coffee with LFD*** events will happen simultaneously at each of the department's seven stations (station locations available at <http://www.lakelandgov.net/lfd/>).

The larger celebratory atmosphere typically enjoyed by visitors to the department's Open House event will be postponed until August 2016, when the department will host its centennial celebration! That event will be a celebration of the department's rich history and serve as a thank you to the community for allowing LFD to serve it for 100 years. More information about that will follow in the Summer of 2016.

For more information about ***Communi-Tea and Coffee with LFD*** and where to find your nearest fire station visit <http://www.lakelandgov.net/lfd/> .

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