

## **Pompano Beach Fire Rescue**

*“Excellence in Service”*

Pompano Beach Fire-Rescue is a full-spectrum life safety agency protecting more than 100,000 people who live, work and play in the City of Pompano Beach. Whether or not you were part of the over 25,000 emergency calls in this city in 2006, you may find it interesting to know some of the facts that distinguish your fire department.

The variety of services Pompano Beach Fire-Rescue provides include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials initial response, water rescue, fire prevention activities such as fire inspections and plan review of buildings, fire investigations, public fire safety education and CPR training, as well as disaster management.

Pompano Beach Fire-Rescue provides Fire Suppression and Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services (EMS) out of six Fire Stations which are strategically located throughout the City. The typical response to a 911 medical emergency will include three Fire Rescue personnel responding on an Advanced Life Support vehicle equipped with the latest diagnostic medical equipment available. These services are provided by Firefighters certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics who operate under the Department’s Medical Director who is a licensed physician. In addition to Rescue/Ambulances, the Fire Engines and Ladder Truck are also Advanced Life Support equipped.

In fiscal year 2006, the men and women of the Pompano Beach Fire Rescue responded to 25,249 emergencies, including 575 fires, 1,867 vehicle accidents and 17,575 calls for emergency medical assistance. Our Fire Rescue personnel transported 14,276 patients to area hospitals.

The Fire Rescue Training Division provides both Fire and EMS training to all of our emergency response personnel. We are taking advantage of every technological breakthrough available to ensure that our level of fire and medical response is the best it can be.

The Fire Prevention Bureau, also known as the Fire Marshal’s Office engages in a number of activities in an effort to reduce the occurrence of fire incidences and to minimize the loss of life and property damage if a fire should occur.

The Fire Prevention Bureau ensures that commercial buildings are built with the proper building materials, the proper number and adequate means of egress are provided, and required fire protection systems are installed. This is accomplished during the review of building plans and by conducting field inspections.

After buildings are built, the Fire Prevention Bureau continues to conduct annual inspections. These inspections ensure that buildings and their fire protection systems are properly maintained and kept in Fire Code compliance.

In the event of a fire, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducts fire investigations to determine the cause and origin of the fire and identify trends and factors that can be prevented in the future.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue is also tasked to coordinate the emergency management for the City. In times of disaster, we will not only provide emergency services, but coordinate the recovery efforts as well. The Department trains and sponsors a Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT), made up of volunteer Pompano Beach residents, to assist in this effort.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue is proud to serve the citizens of Pompano Beach. For more information regarding our services or to inquire about our public education programs, please call us at 954-786-4510.