



Keeping Residents Safe

Volunteer firefighters are an integral part of the provision of Lake County's fire/rescue services. They work side by side with County personnel during all emergency operations. The addition of a new volunteer station in Harbor Shores brings the total number of volunteer fire stations to seven. A total of 91 active volunteers are currently on the roster. Volunteers remain the backbone of our system; we are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated individuals in our community.

In recent months Lake County's Fire Rescue Division has opened two new fire stations with ALS (Advance Life Support) capabilities. The 24 hour manned stations are located in Astor and the Four Corners area.

The large geographic size and rural nature of Lake County requires our Animal Control Division to be skilled in responding to a wide variety of calls. The 9,848 service calls in 2002 included requests for assistance with various types of animals including snakes, bears, and bulls as well as dogs and cats. Located in Astatula and situated on 3.21 acres, Animal Control dealt with over 10,500 animals last year.

Lake County is well prepared and ready to coordinate a rapid response to any emergency or catastrophic disaster. The County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is the planning document that facilitates and guides the County through the phases of preparedness, response, recovery

Wildfire in Southern Lake County

September

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5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	29	30		

and mitigation of any major event. The CEMP is a “living document” which means that exercises to evaluate the plan are conducted regularly. Subsequent to an actual emergency and implementation of the plan, an in-depth review is made to determine if the plan supported our needs. Adjustments are then made to enhance the plan’s effectiveness for future emergencies.

Lake County has established an Anti-Terrorism Task Force (ATTF), co-chaired by the Lake County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Emergency Management. Members include Lake/Sumter EMS, the County Health Department, Lake County Schools, and countywide law enforcement and fire rescue organizations. The ATTF is a planning and advisory organization that meets regularly to conduct activities to enhance Lake County’s capability to prevent, deter, or mitigate a terrorist event.



ALS Fire Station 12