

# What's Up with Estero Fire Rescue

Estero



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## Fire Chief's Corner

Dr. Jeffrey Lindsey, Fire Chief

Welcome to the first edition of the community newsletter from Estero Fire Rescue. As we continue to serve the community, we are constantly looking for ways to improve communication with the residents and business owners of the Estero community. This newsletter will give us a means to help bolster our efforts in communication.

It has been a busy and challenging year. The big story this year has been tax reform. The Board of Commissioners will be voting on the proposed budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year at the September budget hearings. I will be proposing three budgets based upon the various scenarios set forth by the legislatures. It will be my recommendation as the Fire Chief for the Board to adopt the rollback less the 3% as directed from the Governor. We recognize the need for tax relief for the tax payers of the community and will continue to be good stewards of tax payer dollars.

Further, tax reform is not going away. In January 2008, there will be a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the voters of Florida to accept or reject. After reading the amendment and talking with numerous individuals on the amendment, I would ask everyone to read and get a clear understanding of the impact on the

amendment. Personally, I have found a number of issues that would have an inverse impact on me as a property owner. Get your facts ahead of time.

On another note, we are reaching the end of summer and looking forward to getting past the peak of hurricane season. We have been fortunate so far this year and hopefully we will avoid any major storms. A tropical system with rain would be a blessing as we will face an even greater drought situation during our dry season and the threat wild land fires will be an even greater issue next winter and spring. Now is the time to start clearing the brush and making your home a Firewise home. Our Public Relations Manager, Susan Lindenmuth, is always ready to coordinate our public information sessions on Firewise, hurricane preparedness and other public education events. She can be reached at 390-8046.

If Estero Fire Rescue can be of service to you, your community, or business, please contact us today. Make sure you stay current on the happenings of Estero Fire Rescue by checking out our website – [www.esterofire.org](http://www.esterofire.org). We are here to serve you and help make our community a safe community to live, work, and play. Be safe, until next time.....

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 20 - Fire & Life Safety Day at Miromar Outlets
- ◆ Event Two
- ◆ Event Three



*"CERT - People Helping People"*

## CERT Class Begins September 9, 2007

September is National Preparedness Month. Are you ready for an emergency? Let EFR help. Classes to become part of Estero Fire Rescue's Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, begin Sept. 9.

CERT members are trained in basic response skills and assist local emergency services if a major event overwhelms or delays professional responders.

Training consists of 6 Saturday classes from

September through to December. Members will be trained on disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations and CPR training and certification. These classes are free to Estero residents or those who work in Estero.

Each student will participate in a final mock disaster drill at the end of the class.

For details and registration, call Susan Lindenmuth from Estero Fire Rescue at 390-8046.

### Estero Community Safety, Education and Emergency Fund

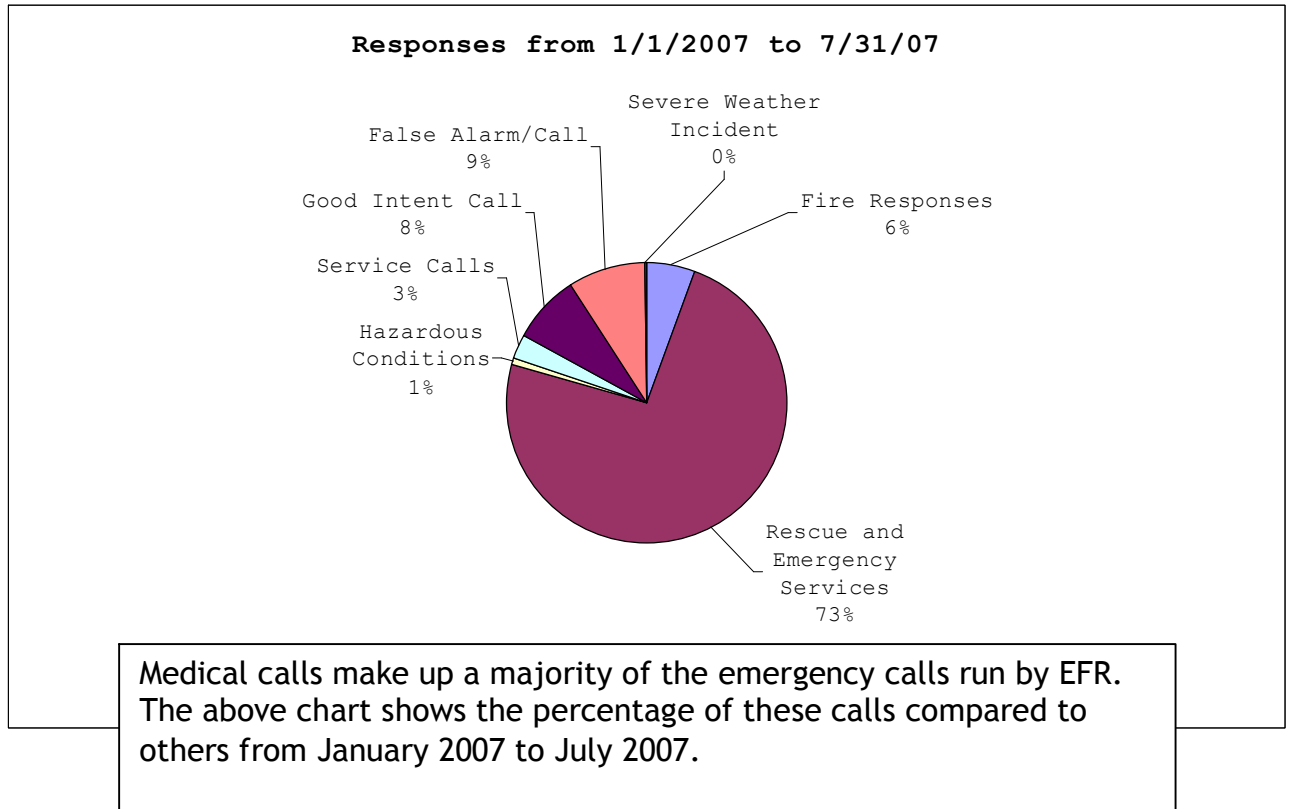
As First Responders, Estero Fire Rescue is uniquely qualified to recognize and address the immediate needs of victims and their families. To meet these needs as well as the increasing needs for education funding, EFR created the Estero Community Safety, Education and Emergency Fund. This fund exists through private donations and is used for education training for the residents, school projects and emergencies within our community.

If you would like more information about the fund or you would like to make a donation, please make

Checks payable to the Estero Community Safety, Education and Emergency Fund and mail to Estero Fire Rescue, Attn: Safety Fund, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, FL 33928.

You may also contribute to the Estero Community Safety, Education and Emergency Fund and promote community spirit at the same time by purchasing special 'Estero' golf shirts and cups which are available for sale at the administration office, with all of the proceeds going to the Safety Fund.

### How We Roll



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### EFR Services

Each year, EFR offers fire and life safety classes to residents on a variety of subjects. To learn more about these and other services your fire department provides, contact Susan Lindenmuth, Public Relations Manager for Estero Fire Rescue at 390-8046.

- Fire Extinguisher Training
- CPR, First Aid and AED
- Free Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program
- Home Safety Inspections
- Emergency Evacuation Plans/Drills
- Juvenile Firesetter Education
- File of Life
- CERT
- Babysitting Course
- Sharps Disposal Program
- Fire Prevention/Life Safety Lectures
- Fire Truck Demonstrations
- Senior Fall Prevention
- Plans Review and Inspections