



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Fellow Fire Chiefs:

A group of about 40 women have joined together and begun the efforts to establish a Central Florida Chapter of the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services. The chapter will be dedicated to improving the fire service, through the involvement and success of women.

In an effort to get people involved from all over Central Florida (Orange, Lake, Seminole, Osceola and Brevard counties) they are developing a web site, recruiting volunteers who want to be involved, publishing a newsletter, looking for fundraising ideas, and other activities that will help raise awareness of the Chapter.

The founding members of this organization are full of energy and would like to extend an invitation to others in the Central Florida area, who desire to make a positive impact on the communities we serve.

Currently, there are no dues or fees for membership – just a willingness to use what talents are available to help accomplish the goals that are set. Membership is open to men as well as women, certified and non-certified, full-time employees, volunteers, and anyone who is interested in helping us get the job done!

To join, become involved, make a donation, receive future meeting notices, or to find out more about this effort, please contact any one of the following:

- Lt. Victoria Quick: [Victoria.Quick@ocfl.net](mailto:Victoria.Quick@ocfl.net) or 321-689-1246 or
- Lt. Sue Wesley: [sw3@mindspring.com](mailto:sw3@mindspring.com) or 407-766-9207 or
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Please help spread the word about this worthwhile effort so that the organization can truly represent departments all over Central Florida who see the enormous value that women in the fire service can contribute.

Sincerely,

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