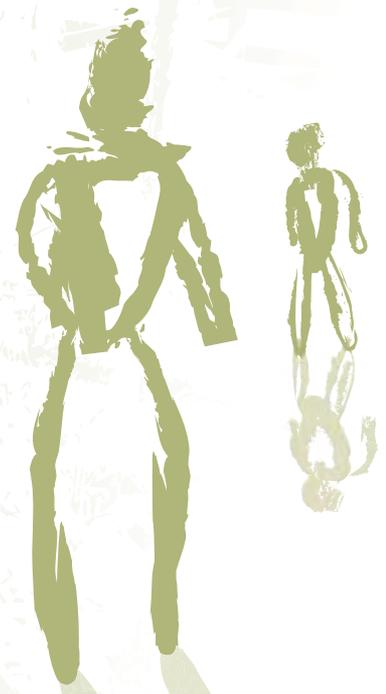


Down the Road: A new 800 MHz radio network will be completed in 2009. The project will ensure reliable for public-safety operations throughout the County and beyond, replacing a less effective system and ensuring will better equip public-safety personnel to



Rooted in Safety

Supporting Field

The Lake County Department of Public Safety, Fire Rescue Division, added advanced life-support service at Station 27, located on County Road 44-B near the Eustis airport. Since 2001, Lake County has updated many fire stations from basic to advanced life support based on call volume and severity of calls. In addition, a former volunteer fire station on Bay Lake Road in Groveland reopened as a new full-time fire station. Modifications to the building converted the former volunteer station to a facility that can support around-the-clock operations. Station 111 is the 17th staffed fire station for Lake County.



Sage Advice

*Say no to plastic and paper!
Buy a few reusable bags
for grocery shopping.*

*inter- and intra-governmental portable radio communications
key technology for the future. The new radio system
respond and assist residents.*

Naturally Prepared

Some emergencies have warning signs, while others may hit with little warning. The Emergency Management Division knows the importance of learning and recognizing the danger signs and of being prepared. After participating in multiple large-scale drills in 2007-2008 — including a comprehensive mock hurricane exercise and a three-day multiple casualty incident involving a bus and several

vehicles — Mother Nature dealt Lake County several real blows. Extremely dry conditions brought wildfires to Lake County in spring 2008 and the opposite occurred several months later when Tropical Storm Fay dumped a deluge of rain. The multi-agency training efforts paid immediate dividends as firefighters collaborated with other agencies to protect life and property.

Ray of Hope

Lake County marked the anniversary of the tornadoes that swept through the communities of Lady Lake and Lake Mack in 2007 with two memorial ceremonies. Both ceremonies included the unveiling of a monument and the planting of a memorial tree in remembrance of the 21 individuals that lost their lives. In response to the disaster,

Lake County unveiled several new programs, including providing free weather radios to at-risk residents and teaching neighborhoods how to react following a disaster. According to emergency officials, in every Lake County home a NOAA Weather Radio should be as common as a smoke detector.