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NEW MARION EMPLOYEES TO BE SWORN IN; TWO TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING CITIZEN

Immediate Release

- WHO:** Marion County Fire Rescue and Commission Vice Chairman Stan McClain
- WHAT:** Fire Rescue Employee Recognition, Swearing-In Ceremony
- WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 ▪ 3 p.m.
- WHERE:** McPherson Governmental Complex ▪ Commission Auditorium (601 SE 25th Ave.)
- WHY:** Four newly hired men and women are ready to take their oath of appointment and become Marion County Fire Rescue paramedics. As part of a Marion County Fire Rescue tradition, these recruits will raise their right hand and promise to dedicate their best efforts to saving lives and protecting property. Fire Rescue will also recognize six current employees for their committed years of service, one newly hired Public Safety Communication's employee and Fire Rescue's Senior Fire Investigator Angie Sweeney, who was named the 2009 Fire Inspector of the Year by the Florida Fire Chiefs Association.

County Commission Vice Chair Stan McClain will recognize two special Marion County firefighters will also be honored at Friday's ceremony. Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Bush and Firefighter/EMT Joe Ortiz from Orange Lake Station 9 will be recognized for reviving Marion County citizen Duane Stocking after his heart stopped beating on Jan. 24. Initially, firefighters from four Marion fire stations responded to a grass fire near the home of the 71-year-old. After over exerting himself outdoors, Stocking experienced severe chest pain and shortness of breath, alerting crews on scene to his condition.

Stocking will attend February's recognition ceremony to publicly thank the crew and assist in recognizing them for their life-saving service.

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