



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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### **SHADY STATION 16 TO RE-OPEN NEXT WEEK**

Immediate Release

- WHO:** The Marion County Board of County Commissioners in cooperation with Marion County Fire Rescue and community leaders.
- WHAT:** Grand re-opening ceremony for MCFR Shady Station 16 (a remodeled fire station)
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 20, 2011 ▪ 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Shady Station 16 (7151 SE Magnolia Ave., Ocala)
- WHY:** Fire and elected officials will celebrate the re-opening of MCFR's Shady Station 16, a remodeled three bay 8,419 square foot station on April 20. Station 16 responded to 2,804 emergencies last fiscal year as MCFR's third busiest station.

Upgraded Shady Station 16 will have expanded training areas and living space for emergency crews as well as drive-through station bays. These station bays will improve traffic flow and ensure safer access to and from the station for fire crews and residents using County Road 475.

The commission-approved project will cost just over \$1 million. The department's fire station renovations budget and grant funding will cover the cost of the project. Some project money came from rollover funds related to the 2008 ambulance service transition.

MCFR's Shady Station 16 crews will continue to provide primary response to Shady and its surrounding areas, as well as back-up service to Silver Springs Shores Station 17, Rolling Greens Station 28, Belleview Station 18, Friendship Station 21 and Liberty Station 32.

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