



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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## **FIREFIGHTERS CELEBRATE RE-OPENING OF THEIR SHADY HOME**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (April 20, 2011) – Firefighters from Shady Station 16 are back home after fire and elected officials celebrated the re-opening of MCFR’s Shady Station 16 (7151 SE Magnolia Ave., Ocala), a remodeled three bay, 8,419 square foot station on Wednesday morning. Station 16 responded to 2,804 emergencies last fiscal year as MCFR’s third busiest station.

Upgraded Shady Station 16 has expanded training areas and living space for emergency crews as well as drive-through station bays. These station bays 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 was budgeted at just over \$1 million. The department’s fire station renovations budget and grant funding covers 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 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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