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**Broward County Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for
Three New Fire Rescue Stations and a Regional Supply Warehouse
- Ceremony Slated for June 20 at 11:00 a.m. -**

The Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners are breaking ground on three new state-of-the-art Regional Fire Rescue Stations and a Regional Logistics Warehouse. A single groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off the start of all four projects will be held at the site of one of the new stations, Fire Rescue Station #106 on Alligator Alley (I-75), Wednesday, June 20 at 11 a.m. Speakers include Broward County Mayor Josephus Eggelletion Jr., Vice Mayor Lois Wexler, Sheriff Ken Jenne, and Ed Maurice, Director of Broward County Construction Management.

NOTE TO MEDIA
Highlights of the June 20 Groundbreaking

- Emergency response apparatus will be at the scene
- Jon boat rides available for media photo opportunities
- Interview opportunities with speakers

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the site of the new Everglades station, on the grounds of the rest stop on Alligator Alley (I-75), which is located between Mile Markers 34 and 35. The exit for the rest stop is clearly marked.

"These new state-of-the-art facilities will enhance public safety at Port Everglades, the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and on I-75 known as Alligator Alley," said Broward County Mayor Josephus Eggelletion, Jr. "Residents, visitors and travelers will be better served if emergencies occur on the road, at sea, in the remote areas of the Everglades and all of Broward County."

The new fire rescue stations will accommodate specialized apparatus and personnel trained to handle extraordinary emergency incidents, added Sheriff Ken Jenne. "These three new facilities will help Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue serve and protect individuals in every corner of Broward County. BSO Fire Rescue's Technical Rescue Teams and Hazardous Materials Teams are part of the department's commitment to countywide regional services," said Jenne. "Enhancing these kinds of regional services is a crucial step forward in protecting public safety, just as improving our ability to respond to the remote areas of Alligator Alley will help better protect drivers and residents in our western communities."

Each station is strategically located for rapid deployment and regional emergency response:

Regional Everglades Fire Rescue Station #106

Mile Marker 35 on I-75, Alligator Alley

The new Regional Everglades Fire Rescue Station is a \$5.1 million, 7,142 square foot facility with two bays that will accommodate an Advanced Life Support Fire Engine apparatus and four personnel. Specialized emergency response equipment including a Rescue Airboat and Jon Boat will also be stationed at this location. These specially-designed watercraft provide rescue personnel the ability to maneuver through the swampy terrain and wilderness environment of the Everglades. The Broward Sheriff's Office currently maintains a small presence at the Mile Marker 35 rest area. Personnel responded to 474 calls in 2006 and 252 calls year-to-date through May 2007, the majority of which were vehicle accidents, EMS calls excluding vehicle accidents, and brush or grass fires.



Regional Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Team Fire Rescue Station

3400 S.W. 4th Ave., Fort Lauderdale

The new Regional Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Team Fire Rescue Station is a \$10.2 million, 16,727 square foot facility with four bays that will accommodate six apparatus and 17 personnel. The Broward Sheriff's Office



Regional Technical Rescue Tractor Trailer and Hazardous Materials Tractor Trailer will also be stationed at this new location.

The Technical Rescue Team provides regional emergency response for incidents involving structural collapse, confined space, trench entrapment, heavy extrication and disentanglement, swift water rescue and high angle rope rescues. The Hazardous Materials Team provides regional emergency response for incidents involving hazardous chemical leaks, biological agents, radiological/nuclear emergencies and Weapons of Mass Destruction agents, rapidly mitigating hazardous materials emergencies on Broward County highways, railways, pipelines, airports and at Port Everglades

Airport/Seaport Fire Rescue Station and Regional Logistics Warehouse

2300 S.W. 42nd St., Dania Beach

The new Regional Airport/Seaport Fire Rescue Station is a 15,535 square foot, three-bay facility designed to accommodate three apparatus and 10 personnel. The close proximity of this station to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades will enhance the Broward Sheriff's Office regional emergency response to incidents involving aircraft and marine vessels. This station will also serve as a facility for training rescue personnel.

A new 23,097 square foot Regional Logistics Warehouse will be located on the same site as the Airport/Seaport Fire Rescue Station. The warehouse supports a regional approach to the acquisition and distribution of fire rescue supplies and equipment, enhancing the level of service provided by the Broward Sheriff's Office and providing cost benefits to local municipalities through bulk purchasing of supplies and equipment. Fire Rescue personnel will also benefit from the standardization of medical equipment and protective firefighting gear. The combined cost of the new facility is \$12.8 million.

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