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Fire Rescue outreach includes inviting children in

November 21, 2017 – Flagler County Fire Rescue outreach includes inviting schoolchildren and scouts into its stations to get a closer look at the gear and equipment firefighter-paramedics use to save lives and protect property.

Kindergarten classes from Imagine School – 108 students plus teachers and volunteers – recently visited Station 41 in the Hammock to see the firetruck, ladder truck, ambulance and marine unit. Lt. Mike Pius and firefighters Justin Stone, Marianne Houston, Jared Parkey, Steven King and Brian Meehan gave the tour.

“The crew went over each apparatus in detail and helped the kids get in and out of the units,” said Fire Marshal Jerry Smith. “The crew did an awesome job keeping the children’s attention – educating and entertaining them.”

Station 92, located at the Flagler Executive Airport, hosted a group of Boy Scouts earlier this month. Lt. Armando Castaneda and firefighters Jesse Hunter, Aaron Price, Jon Moscowitz and
Eric Burney dressed in full turnout gear in keeping with the Scout’s concept: “Firefighters are my friend.”

A separate group of Boy Scouts later visited Hammock Station 41 for a tour and meet-and-greet with Lt. Andrew Hardesty, Matthew Morgan, Kevin Feldman, Brendan Cook, and Meehan, who was again on shift.

“These visits are wonderful all the way around,” said Fire Rescue Chief Don Petito. “It’s a great opportunity for these youngsters to learn about what we do and fire safety, and it’s great for us to work with the community when it is not an emergency.”

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