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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## It took 6 months for surplus, donated fire engine to reach the Bahamas

**May 4, 2020** – Flagler County began the process in October 2019 to donate an old fire engine to the Hope Town Volunteer Fire Department in Abacos, Bahamas. It arrived last month on Saturday, April 11.

“It wasn’t a fast process, but we’re glad to have breathed some new life into this engine,” said Flagler County Fire Chief Don Petito, who also noted that today – May 4 – is International Firefighters’ Day. “We make sacrifices to ensure our communities are safe. This gave us an opportunity to serve a community with fewer resources than what we have.”

The 1998 Ford Fire Truck – initially named Engine 31, and renamed 3 for its new life in the Bahamas – was purchased new for \$99,900.

“It served Flagler County well for more than 20 years,” Petito said.

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All residents and businesses are reminded to abide by Executive and Emergency Orders, and follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

- Staying home except when engaged in essential services or activities
- Wearing cloth face coverings when out in public – more information about why to wear one and where to get one is available at [on the COVID-19 page](#).
- Practicing aggressive social distancing at all times – people should keep a minimum of 6 feet of space between one another, and keep groups to less than 10, which includes while shopping and waiting in the check-out line
- Frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Avoiding close contact with people who are, or may be, sick

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Additionally, those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate are to: remain at home unless seeking medical care, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask around others, and disinfect touched surfaces daily.

COVID-19 testing is available for Flagler County residents by making an appointment at 877-847-8747 or by visiting [www.AdventHealthCoronaVirusTesting.com](http://www.AdventHealthCoronaVirusTesting.com).

COVID-19 health related questions or concerns should be directed to your regular healthcare provider or the Florida Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

COVID-19 business concerns should be directed to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440.

All other COVID-19 government services questions or concerns may be directed to a specific municipality or the Emergency Operations Center at 386-313-4200.

Check for current information on Flagler County's website [www.flaglercounty.org](http://www.flaglercounty.org), and follow "Flagler County Government" or "Flagler County Emergency Management" on Social Media. The county's social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

#### Flagler County Government

- [Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment)

#### Flagler County Emergency Management

- [Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerEOC)
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