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February Fundraiser for Margate Firefighter

Margate, FL, February 5, 2007 – In December of 2006, Margate Firefighter/Paramedic Michele Sparks suffered a stroke that has left her in serious condition. As a result, members of the Margate Fire Department are holding a fundraiser to raise money to assist Michele and her family through this time of need. The fundraising event will include a car wash, disc jockey, barbeque and various displays of fire department equipment. It is scheduled for February 24, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Firefighter's Park, 2500 Rock Island Road, Margate.

Battalion Chief Ty Vassil, Michele's 16-year fire truck partner said, "Whenever we had fundraisers, Michele was always involved...she's painted houses for cancer patients. She's a committed, 19-year hard-charging firefighter who knows her job really well."

A 19-year employee with the City of Margate, Michele has been a valued member of the Fire Department. Michele has always been supportive throughout her years of service. She has participated in countless Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drives, various fundraisers, and she assisted other members of the department in their time of need. Now, it is time to give back to her. All proceeds from the event on February 24th will go the Sparks family.

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