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Margate to Host Memorial for Fallen Firefighters

October 7, 2005, Margate, FL – For the last eight years the City of Margate Fire Department has hosted a memorial to honor firefighters who have lost their lives. This year the ceremony will take place on October 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Every year, the National Fire Administration publishes a list of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Chief Garry Westbrook of Margate adds, “[the memorial is] for all firefighters...our colleagues who may have passed away after a long life and for those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.”

Each year, October’s Fire Prevention Week (10/9/05-10/15/05) provides an opportunity to recognize the profession and the people. Margate’s Firefighter’s Park was dedicated on November 16, 1996 and in October 1997 the memorial observance began. The Park is an ideal spot for the memorial, as it is one of the largest parks dedicated to firefighters in Broward County and features unique artwork dedicated to firefighters. In fact, this year a local artist, Teri Ferero, donated one of her original works of art to the city of Margate. Her work will be dedicated on October 21 at the memorial.

Firefighters Park is located at 2500 Rock Island Rd. in Margate. Contact 954-971-7010 for more event information.

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