



From the Desk of.....

Maurice L. Kemp

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

I am honored to welcome you to the City of Miami, Department of Fire-Rescue.

Our Department is rich in tradition and history, and has been an integral part of our community dating back to the early 1900's. This rich tradition has built a strong foundation that serves as a platform for innovative ideas.

Innovative management can be seen throughout all levels of our department. The most recent evidence of this can be seen in the management of our resources during these challenging economic times. As a vital part of the City of Miami organization, we are making great efforts to deliver the highest level of customer service to our citizens while operating within our budgetary constraints. In the most difficult of times, we remain committed to living up to our motto "Excellence through Service".

Operationally, we will continue to improve and enhance our emergency response capabilities, including our waterways with Fireboat 1 and Fireboat 2. We maintain a heightened level of preparedness and stand ready to respond to all types of emergencies including natural disasters and terror related events.

Our innovation can also be seen as we look to the future of our community where we have begun a venture to bring Emergency Medical Technician training to our community's high school students. Through a collaborative effort between the City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department, Dade County Public Schools and private industry, we are succeeding in our efforts to invest in the future of our community through the education of our children.

We have achieved the coveted status of a "Class 1" fire department by the International Organization of Standards. This classification recognizes our hard work towards building a safer community and provides for lower insurance rates for our citizens.

We consistently strive to be better tomorrow than we are today. Our philosophy of taking small but consistent steps toward progress will allow us to continually improve our performance. This will ensure that we never lose sight of our goal; to build a safer community for our citizens to work and live.

Thank you,

*Chief Maurice L. Kemp, Director
City of Miami, Department of Fire-Rescue*