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Media Release – Brevard County Fire Rescue Puts New Ladder Truck In Service

(Brevard County, FL)- September 3, 2010- Brevard County Fire Rescue placed a new ladder truck into service yesterday. The truck is located at Station 82 in West Melbourne and brings the total number of ladder trucks in the BCFR fleet to two. The other truck is located at Station 41 in Merritt Island and the third will be placed into service when Fire Station 48 is opened in West Viera later this year.

The trucks are staffed with a Lieutenant, Driver, Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter/Paramedic. Unlike a standard fire engine, the ladder trucks have a mounted 75' aerial ladder that can move 360 degrees around its base. A standard ground ladder is 24' tall. The additional reach gives firefighters responding to high rise incidents the ability to rescue victims from higher floors. The ladder is also equipped with a powerful 1200 gallon per minute nozzle that can be used to extinguish large fires without risking firefighter safety.

“With the addition of the ladder trucks, we are able to increase our level of service and do so more safely,” said Lt. Jeff Taylor, Brevard County Fire Rescue spokesperson. “The trucks are a great tool and a valuable resource.”

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