

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR REVAMPED LAW CAMP

FORT MYERS, FL— Openings are available for middle schoolers to attend the annual Respect for Law Camp, which was revamped into an Emergency Services program this year to expose youth to careers in fire and emergency medical services as well as law enforcement.

The Fort Myers Police Department is accepting applications online and in person for this 20th anniversary year of the Camp. Camp is scheduled for June 19, 20 and 21 at Dunbar Middle School, 4750 Winkler Avenue Extension as an overnight event for boys and girls.

The goal of the camp is to build respect for the law and enhance the self-esteem of youngsters by giving them a chance to participate in simulations of the work done by law enforcement, fire services and emergency medical services.

Camp staff members include various state and local law enforcement, fire services, EMS personnel and Optimist Club of Lee County members. Highlights for the 2009 camp include live police scenarios, SWAT demonstrations, K9 demonstrations, mass casualty simulations, police/fire obstacle courses, hands-on equipment displays and team building activities.

The three-day, two-night Respect for Law Camp is open to children ages 11-14 and limited to 120 campers. The cost, underwritten by the Optimist Club of Lee County, FMPD, FM Fire Services, Lee County EMS and other local businesses and organizations is \$50, including all instruction, food, and lodging. To attend, FMPD must receive a completed application and a check or money order made out to "Respect for Law Camp" by June 5.

Applications are available at the Fort Myers Police Department, any middle school in the City of Fort Myers and online at www.RespectForLaw.net . For more information call 239-321-7688.