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FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS RENOWNED INDUSTRY LEADER

Plantation, FL: April 6, 2010: For the past several years, the Plantation Fire Department has been a “must stop” for any fire industry leader or group touring the Country.

However, a recent visit and lecture by Firefighter Health and Safety Authority, Chief Billy Goldfeder represented the pinnacle for Plantation.

Chief Goldfeder, began his firefighting career as a volunteer during the mid 1970’s, in South Florida. He returned to his routes on April 6th when he delivered his safety message to more than 200 Plantation firefighters.

“We were riveted by his presentation,” said fire chief Joe Harris. “He is so well known and so dynamic. It was an honor to have him here.

Goldfeder, who operates a website [**FireFighterCloseCalls.com**](http://FireFighterCloseCalls.com), spoke for more than three hours offering tips and techniques to help firefighters and EMS personnel prevent injury or death while performing their jobs.

“Our job is dangerous,” Chief Goldfeder told the group. “Sometimes we must take risks. But, we first have to decide if the risk is necessary.”

Chief Goldfeder, a 37 year veteran of the fire service, currently serves as deputy chief for the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department in Ohio. He sports a resume adorned with awards and accomplishments as well as Honorary Battalion Chief of the New York City Fire Department.

Goldfeder’s presentation was part of the Fire Department’s longstanding commitment to excellence in training and firefighter health and safety. Each year the Fire Department participates in the nationwide, “Firefighter Safety Standown” program, to ensure all department personnel are aware of the hazards of the job and how to avoid them.

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Making his point: Chief Billy Goldfeder mugs for the camera during his presentation to the Plantation Fire Department,

Goldfeder, a recognized authority on firefighter health and safety, spoke to more than 200 Plantation firefighters about how to keep themselves safe while operating at fire scenes.

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