



## Fire Department Featured Nationally

The Key West City Commissioners were among the first to receive a very special wall calendar for the year 2011. At Tuesday's City Commission meeting, Fire Chief David Fraga distributed a copy of the new Pierce calendar to each commissioner. The full color calendar features the city's Pierce Velocity pumper truck.

"This calendar is of national significance," says Fraga. "It is a huge honor to be chosen. Departments across the country apply again and again for the opportunity to feature their equipment."

Professional photographer John Lewis came to Key West in June and photographed the truck in a variety of locations. The photo that actually made the calendar was shot just as the sun rose at the Southernmost Point. The oversized calendar also features a banner of smaller photos of the department and its personnel. A legend in the corner tells about the community's size as well as the number of firefighters and fire stations.

It also has a portrait of Chief Fraga. "Purchasing a new apparatus is a pretty big deal," he says in the quote on the calendar. "So we considered and evaluated our needs very carefully. Those needs include firefighter safety, product design, overall response and customer service - during and after the sale."

Phoenix Arizona is the first truck featured, followed by departments of various size. The tropical photo of the Key West Fire Department's truck comes in December, 2011.

"They saved the best for last," Chief Fraga said.

The calendar is distributed to fire departments throughout the nation and even to departments in other countries. It is distributed by Pierce Manufacturing/ Medtec Ambulance, and the back side of each photo shows a full schematic of the featured truck. The pumper truck is Key West's newest truck and was purchased with grant funding.

There are only 11 departments featured, the Chief noted. September is left dark in honor of the firefighters who gave their lives in 2001.



Firefighter David Zarate, Chief David Fraga and Division Chief Michael Davila show off the new calendar that features the newest truck in the fleet.



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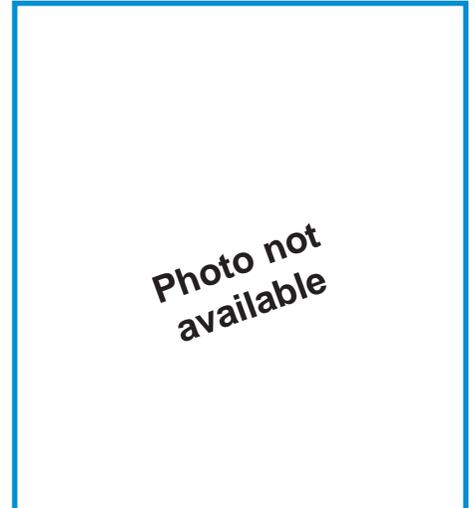
# Employee Service Awards

*The City of Key West has a hard-working and dedicated group of people whose service ensures city residents and visitors a clean, safe community. The following City staff hit some important milestones in the month of November:*



**Michael Budde**

Driver/ Engineer  
Key West Fire Department  
*20 years*  
start date: 11/14/90



**Frenza Shine**

Revenue Cash Clerk  
Finance Department  
*15 years*  
start date: 11/13/1995



**John Wes Barlow**

Officer  
Key West Police Department  
*10 years*  
start date: 11/13/2000



**Greg Veliz**

Director  
Community Services  
*5 years*  
start date: 11/21/2005

# Every Enjoys a Parade!

All eyes were glued on the entries of this year's Holiday Parade, especially the kids, who believed it was raining candy. And while every one of the more than 50 entries was wonderful, the judges managed to name the winners among them:

- o St Mary's Star of the Sea won first place for a non-profit entity.
- o Key West All Star Cheer and Tumble won for best youth group.
- o The City of Key West won the best commercial entry.
- o Keys Energy was awarded honorable mention.

Special thanks go to Joe Mather and Lenny Whitley for their role in pulling the lineup together and to Nancy D'Amato for her role as emcee. Thanks also go out to Florence Capas, Marva Green, Derrick Dudley, Jeff Larmel and Bonnie Kiperman for the difficult role of judge.

Finally, a thank you to Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for joining City Manager Jim Scholl and Police Chief Donie Lee in lighting the traditional menorah.



Key West Police Detective Janeth Calvert, Chief Donie Lee, and City Manager Jim Scholl welcome Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen to town for the holiday festivities.

The Key West Department of Transportation was thrilled to partner with the residents of the Housing Authority's Senior Citizen's Center as they sang holiday carols along the parade route.



Key West Public Works staffers had a head start on the festivities, hanging lights and ornaments for the traditional tree lighting ceremony.



# Key West Ambassador Class 15 Graduates

Class 15 of the Key West Ambassadors Program received diplomas early this month, topping off a 14-week course in city government. City Manager Jim Scholl welcomed the 24 new ambassadors to a who's who roll of alumni.

Program Director Dave Oatway is now accepting applications for Class 16, which runs from on January 20, 2001 through April 21st.

Applications are available on the City's web site at [www.keywestcity.com](http://www.keywestcity.com), or you can call Alyson Crean at 809-1058.

The Ambassador program was founded in 2003. During the weekly sessions, representatives of various city departments meet with the group to give a detailed understanding of the workings of city government. The Ambassador program works under the concept that an educated citizenry is the bedrock of a well functioning democracy.



Volunteer Program Director Dave Oatway (far right) beams with the most recent group of graduates of the Key West Ambassadors Program. Roger McVeigh (front right) is one of several volunteers who helps support the class, doing everything from arranging seats to working out schedules.

## City Helps Residents Recycle



The City of Key West gave away free home composters during the GLEE Green Life Expo on November 6th at the Key West Botanical Gardens.

The composters are a great way to turn kitchen waste into garden mulch. At the same time, you reduce the amount of solid waste shipped out of the Keys. Composting keeps your garden and your community green!

Recipients completed a 15-minute composting workshop, and they'll be filling out a follow-up survey after six months so the effectiveness of the effort can be quantified.

The giveaway is part of the City's initiative to reduce the waste stream and encourage all sorts of recycling. While some people may recycle as if it were second nature, many forget that composting is just another way to recycle. In fact, it's the fourth "R" in GLEE's mantra: reduce reuse recycle and rot. Composting is a clean, easy way to turn organic waste into a lush garden.

Key West Utilities Manager Jay Gewin (left) looks over the composters before they were handed out.