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## City mourns loss of Fire Captain

**July 28, 2009**--It is with deepest regret and heavy heart to announce that the City of Deltona Fire Department has lost one of our own.

Captain Horace "Pete" Tucker lost his short but courageous battle with cancer. Pete was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer this past Christmas Eve and showed his passion and commitment to the fire service and the City staying active as a Fire Captain in our Fire Loss Management Division.

Many of you who knew Pete may not have known that Pete started as a volunteer Fire Commissioner and firefighter for the Deltona Fire District in 1972. He then served proudly for the Sanford Fire Department from 1976 to 2001 where he retired as a Fire Inspector. In 2001 Pete rejoined the --now- City of Deltona Fire Department in the Fire Loss Management Division and moved up the ranks to Fire Captain.



Of Pete's many professional accomplishments he is most proud of his National Fire Protection Association Fire Protection Specialist certification and his Associates of Science in Fire Science with Fire Service Administration Specialization. Pete is a brother and friend to many of us and will be missed.

### MEMORIAL AND FUNERAL SERVICES:

Visitation: 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 31  
Deltona Memorial Funeral Home  
1295 Saxon Blvd., Orange City  
Phone: (386) 775-4260  
Fax: (386) 775-0324

Funeral Service: 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 1  
Deltona Alliance Church  
921 Deltona Blvd., Deltona  
(386) 574-6046

Internment: Deltona Memorial Gardens  
1295 Saxon Blvd., Orange City



Fellowship:                      Immediately following Internment  
Deltona Alliance Church  
921 Deltona Blvd., Deltona  
(386) 574-6046

Monetary donations to assist with funeral costs are being accepted. If you can assist please contact Emma Santiago Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief at (386) 575-0309 or [esantiago@deltonafl.gov](mailto:esantiago@deltonafl.gov). The Tucker and Fire Department family would like to extend a thank you to everyone all for their offers of assistance and expressions of condolences received on behalf of Pete and his family.

*From Assistant Chief David Faer  
City of Deltona Fire Department  
Communications Division*