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## \*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\*

## Seminole County Fire Department Debuts New Airboat ... Named by a Geneva Elementary School Class

WHAT: The Seminole County Fire Department's (SCFD) new Airboat 42 stationed in Geneva at Station 42 has recently gone into service. To name the new and SCFD's first airboat, the Fire Department asked for Geneva Elementary School's help.

Its official name will be unveiled and be proudly displayed on Airboat 42 (name will be on the boat at the ceremony). The boat is named by one of the classes. Every Geneva Elementary class submitted name suggestions and SCFD picked a winning class (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and runner-up class (1<sup>st</sup> grade). The winning classes will enjoy ice cream from Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream and treats from Mission BBQ.

- WHEN: Monday, March 28, 2022 11 a.m.
- WHERE: Geneva Elementary School (front of school parking lot) 275 1st St Geneva, FL 32732

## MORE ON AIRBOAT 42:

- Airboat is a Diamondback 5-seater that services all of Seminole County
- This valuable search & rescue asset serves our community and specifically helps in Geneva as the community has had past flooding at Lake Harney
- Geneva's area has diverse waterways from lots of wetlands to deep water. The airboat can travel and maneuver through traverse land and floodplains where normal boat operations would be difficult

## **ON-SITE MEDIA INTERVIEWS/VISUALS:**

- SCFD's Airboat 42 official name debuted (named by a Geneva Elementary School class)
- Engine 42 onsite
- Geneva Elementary School students (from the two classes) and faculty
- Lt. Ed Castlen, SCFD Airboat Program Coordinator and Lieutenant at Station 42 in Geneva as well as other SCFD airboat team members.
- Geneva Elementary School Principal Aimee Padilla
- SCFD Fire Chief Matt Kinley
- Geneva Elementary' s "Mustang" school mascot also joining

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS for providing ice cream and kids' meal coupons to the winning Geneva Elementary classes:







<u>About the Seminole County Fire Department (SCFD)</u>: The Seminole County Fire Department proudly serves a County-wide population in Seminole County, Florida of nearly a half-million residents with 20 fire stations. SCFD is <u>ISO Class 1</u> rated and provides emergency services to the unincorporated areas of the County and in the Cities of Altamonte Springs, Winter Spring and Casselberry. The Department has first response agreements in place with the Cities of Lake Mary, Longwood, Sanford and Oviedo. Follow SCFD on social on <u>Facebook (@SCFD.1974)</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter (@SCFDPIO)</u>. For more information, visit <u>www.seminolecountyfl.gov/firedepartment</u>.