

Explorers. The Fire Explorer program supports youth ages 14 to 21 who are interested in learning about fire service. Explorers support rehab units by giving out water and food to working firefighters, assisting with ceremonies, and doing administrative work. **Emergencies.** Clearwater Police enhanced emergency/natural disaster, tactical planning and response capabilities. **East Gateway.** The East Gateway Neighborhood Task Force was re-established to create a five-year action plan. **Economic Development.** The department received a \$700,000 award from the Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields loan fund. **Emergency Management.** Disaster

plans were rewritten to keep gas and water services operating, the Emergency Operations Center functioning, and the overall city working during disasters. **Equity Services.** This department focuses on diversity by promoting the worth and dignity of all people.

Engagement. The Development & Neighborhood Services Department created a resident engagement program with community partners. **E-Pay.** The city offers several e-business services to residents. Options include utility bill payments, permit and occupational license purchases, and web-based parking ticket payments.

Exhibits. Check out art exhibits at the Main Library. Local and national artists display work at the Osceola Gallery, Carnegie Gallery, and first Floor Lobby.

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It was fun to be a Fire Explorer in high school.



I was just hired by Clearwater Fire & Rescue, and, at 19, they say I'm our youngest firefighter.