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Inaugural Forest Park Girls' Future Firefighter Camp

JONESBORO - On Wednesday, October 11, the Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Department hosted its inaugural Girls' Future Firefighter Camp at the Gillem Public Safety Building in Forest Park. Nearly 50 young ladies from Clayton County participated in the camp. All were eager to spend the day learning what it's like to be a certified firefighter.

Held in coordination with National Fire Prevention Week, the one-day camp was led by several successful female fire professionals. A variety of topics were covered including the history of the fire service, CPR, first aid, fire safety tips, and above all, teamwork. Special guests included Forest Park Mayor Angelyne Butler, Retired Battalion Chief Lisa Baker, and Rockdale County Fire Rescue Chief Marian McDaniel.

“Girls have been in the fire service for more than 200 years; yet, we still only represent four percent (4%) and less in leadership positions,” said Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Chief Latosha Clemons. “As Fire Chief and a woman, it is my ultimate goal to show young girls that they have an opportunity in this career field if they desire to do so, and I could not be prouder to have an opportunity to offer this ‘first-ever’ program in the great city of Forest Park.”

“If you can see it, you can be it,” she added.

Some parent comments related to the Girls' Future Firefighter Camp were as follows:

“Thank you so much for the opportunity!! My baby will always remember this moment. She’s a Girlscouts captain of her basketball team, Girls flag football team, track team, and now a firefighter!”

“You have a fantastic group of female firefighters. I just wanted you to know they are very knowledgeable . They welcomed me and were very professional.”

To learn more about the Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Department, visit www.forestparkga.gov/fire.

To see pictures of the inaugural Girls' Future Firefighter Camp, please use the following link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WBz9jcE0sjNsxJJMnhj_HbPOMdfg_pjq?usp=sharing

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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