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## Sanford Fire Department Celebratory Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Tuesday, August 29 at 5pm A Mural Honoring 150 Years of the Sanford Fire Department in Service to Our Community

Please join the City of Sanford at this momentous occasion for a ribbon cutting ceremony of this public art mural Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 5pm, located at 311 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sanford, in Paulucci Park. The Sanford Fire Department's 150 year Anniversary Mural is the City's first "premier commemorative" mural in the City of Sanford's growing public art portfolio.

A very special thank you to the Sanford Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for funding this highly visible mural honoring the Sanford Fire Department, in addition to the building owners agreeing to paint their building, Adam & Ashleigh Ramsay and Zach & Cassandra Cox.

"Sanford's public art program is continuing to add to the dynamic attraction Sanford has become. I am pleased we are recognizing the 150-year dedication of the Sanford Fire Department to our community through art, to be enjoyed for many years to come. This mural will be a perfect photo opportunity while visiting beautiful historic downtown Sanford," said Mayor Art Woodruff.

"What an exciting time for the Downtown CRA District and a great example of City Boards working together to better Sanford, Sanford Proud," said Charles Davis, Sanford CRA Chairman.

"The team at Workspace Collective, located in 311 E. 1st Street, is very thankful for the opportunity to partner with the City of Sanford on this incredible mural project commemorating our Sanford fire fighters and their rich history," said Adam & Ashleigh Ramsay, Zach & Cassandra Cox, building ownership team.

"I am proud to say the Public Art Commission has worked with us to celebrate this historic event in our Department, being one of the oldest Fire Departments in the state, and sharing it for all to see through art. The Sanford Fire Department is honored that Mr. Ramsay and the ownership team allowed us to use his building to portray this mural of the Fire Department's history," said Sanford Fire Chief Ronnie McNeil.

"The City of Sanford's Public Art Commission endeavors to bring all forms of art to the City to enrich the lives of residents, visitors and those working in the City. With this mural honoring 150 years of dedication by the Sanford Fire Department, we both honor the firefighters and beautify our City," said Virginia Poe, Public Art Commission Chairman.

The Public Art Commission is on a mission to bring accessible art to the City of Sanford. Public art adds to our culture, identity, aesthetics, and economic vitality. It also creates community pride. Public art enhances the quality of life for all of Sanford's residents, businesses and visitors.

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