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#### May 16th 2013: Rags to Riches and Burning **Barriers**

First will be business entrepreneur Vonda White, who will share her remarkable life story from her days as a food stamp child. The second guest is an equally as motivating role model for women and mother of five, Karen Moulder, who was the first female firefighter in Brownsville, Texas. Vondas life today is a far cry from her childhood, raised by a divorced mom who had to accept welfare and food stamps. Young Vonda contributed to the family by collecting empty soda cans. As a teenager she won a beauty pageant and college tuition which began a new life. Her new career in insurance sales led

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### **Vonda White**

Vonda White Vonda's life today is a far cry from her childhood, raised by a divorced mom who had to accept welfare and food stamps. Young Vonda's contribution to the family finances was collecting and redeeming empty soda cans. As a teenager, at her third attempt, she won the Idaho state beauty pageant. The triumph came with college tuition and the beginning of a new life which led her into a record-setting insurance sales career and the launch of her own business while six months pregnant. Vonda White, founder and CEO of Collegiate Risk Management, a million dollar company providing health and accident insurance to thousands of students nationwide, has received numerous awards for her busin



## Karen Moulder

Karen Moulder entered a mans world when few women did so. A lifetime of breaking personal and professional barriers was epitomized by her getting hired in 1983 as the first female member of the Brownsville, Texas Fire Department.

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