



THE SIREN



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

April 2016

News from the Board

ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

First and foremost, we want to announce our new Chief Robert Leonard. Robert has been with the Squad since 2010 and has served in multiple positions. Robert knows our organization inside and out and will make an excellent Chief as we continue to evolve as an organization and as we respond to major changes taking place in emergency rescue at the State and Federal levels.

The Board thanks Dennis Floto for his two years of service as Chief of the Emergency Squad and expresses our deep appreciation for his hard work on behalf of the Squad during that time. His knowledge of fire/rescue service and his selection of an excellent leadership team provided guidance to the operation and helped to chart the course for the Squad.

The Board is also pleased to announce the following Operations Officers for the coming year, effective immediately through March 2017: CFO Marty Gifford and HIPAA Compliance Officer Linda Blume.

Election Results: The Board is pleased to welcome three board members elected for three-year terms by the Squad Membership: Marty Mallak is returning to the board, and Andrew (Mick) Hebel and Barry McKee are joining the board for the first time. Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 2:00PM in the Training Center. Squad Members are welcome to attend and observe these meetings.

Thank you to all Squad Members that attended the Annual Meeting of the Emergency Squad on March 10, and thank you to all who voted in the election of new board members. Over 90 people were present (and without food). We heard excellent presentations from Assistant Chief, Education Shirley Bardell and Assistant Chief, Communications Robin Watt.

The Education Department has reorganized and grown with enhancements to Squad training and the addition of new instructors. This team has also been busy keeping up with changes in medical protocols and the future plans to convert to a new required reporting system that will replace our current system.

Robin Watt, Assistant Chief, Communications, treated those present to a look at the new updated Squad web site. If you haven't seen it – go to scems.com and take a look. It is a completely updated site that we can all be very proud of. Thank you to Robin and her creative team.

The IT Department team under the direction of Assistant Chief of IT, Ted Stone, was applauded many times for their work on our computers and data bases. They have a lot of work ahead of them implementing the new reporting system for the Squad.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers! You are the glue that holds the Squad together!

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Meet Chief Robert Leonard

Chief Robert Leonard likes to stay busy. Since joining the Squad in December of 2010, he has worked non-stop to benefit the Squad and the community. Robert is a veteran, having retired in 2014 as Boatswain's Mate First Class, after spending 24 years in the Navy. When he first came to the Squad, he went through the Emergency Medical Responder class to assist on the ambulance. In short order, he became a driver and then went to the Emergency Medical Technician class in 2012. After serving as an EMT for a year, Robert went on to become a paramedic, finishing in 2013. Since then he has worked in the Emergency Room at South Bay Hospital.



Within the community, Robert has served as Cub Master and/or Assistant Scout Master from 2010 through the present. He is an American Legion member, a Reserve Member of the Hillsborough County Medical Corps and a memory screener with the South Shore Mental Health Coalition.

For the Squad he has served as an EMR, driver and EMT; Instructor for the toughbook, CPR and Emergency Medical Responder classes; Manager of Dispatch, and Captain of Team 1. The Squad is greatly appreciative of his dedication and service.

Calling the Elder Abuse Helpline by Bev Carnes

Have you left a home where transport to the hospital was refused and your gut was telling you something needed to be done? Has a neighbor or friend of a patient begged you to have someone stay there? This happened to me just recently and I left that home with an unsettled feeling that there was a serious problem in that household. After deliberation for a couple of hours, I chose to call Elder Abuse Helpline. Actually, I called 211 first (Crisis Center) and they referred me to the Elder Abuse line. The person I spoke to walked me through all the questions he needed answered and was very supportive and reassuring that I made the right decision to call. They would be sending somebody out to that house either later that afternoon or first thing in the morning.

In case you wonder what was asked: Patient's name and spouse's name, address and phone number. Any family nearby? Concerned friend or neighbor's name and phone number. I did not have all of these pieces of information for him, but I had enough that they could give me a case number and make the call on the patient.

If you have ever wondered whether you should call, the answer is yes. What we need to remember is we must call if we SUSPECT a problem. It is not up to us to prove it, just suspect it. From there, the agency takes over and it is for them to decide at what level, if any, help they will provide.



Run Report March 2016

Monthly

Ambulance Runs	472
Van Runs	109
B/P	153
Falls	*

Year to date totals

Ambulance Runs	1393
Van Runs	342
B/P	288
Falls YTD	267

Sick List

Roy Skinner - IT

Margaret Goss Team 1

Ruby Hebel Team 1

Martha Finley— Team 2

Bill Odell Team 2

Barbara Walker—Team 3

Peg Campbell Team 4

Lynn Kjollesdahl— Team 5

Pete DeRupo— Team 5

Garry Gose Team 6

Robert Butenhoff Team 7

Ron Wecker— Team 7

Monnie Shoemaker—Team 7

Arlene McCabe Team 8

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April Birthdays



Day	FIRST	LAST
3	Daniel	Zawacki
4	Marcia	Lederberg
4	Vallery	McKeehan
6	Russ	Girgenti
7	Mary	Bramel
7	Jennie	Casey
8	C J	Rogers
9	Joan	Feehan
9	Joyce	Moloney
11	Linda	Conklin
12	Barbara	Cuthbertson
15	Daniela	Bertola
15	Ron	Windsor
16	Frank	Gatto
16	Kathie	Withers
18	Sharon	Dolan
18	Anthony	Marro
18	Gene	Pliska
19	Beverly	Beard
19	Michelle	Blue
19	Dee	Whitehurst
20	Betty	Ellis
21	Michael	Schramm
21	Chris	Zewin
22	Larry	St. John
23	George	McInnes
23	Elton	Wiehe
24	Margaret	Farrell
26	Barbara	Cunningham
27	Don	Marotta
28	Deb	Croll
29	Reinhold	Baal



Emergency Squad Announces "Changing of the Guard"

Every year the Emergency Squad has elections for three Board of Director seats. The Squad has nine Directors and each position serves three years. After the new Board members are elected, they then select the Chief, the HIPAA Compliance Officer and Chief Financial Officer. This year, Mick Hebel, Marty Mallak and Barry McKee were elected to the Board.

The new Board met and selected Robert Leonard as the new Chief for the Squad. Dennis Floto, past Chief served for two years during a difficult transition period while the Squad was organizing under new bylaws.

Marty Gifford will continue as the Squad's Chief Financial Officer and Linda Blume will also continue to serve as the Squad's HIPAA Compliance Officer



Above, we are pleased to present our 2016 Board of Directors: Treasurer Mick Hebel, Secretary Linda East, Barry McKee, Emily Lahti, Jerry Mitchell, Chair Eileen Peco, Vice-Chair Dick Morrison, Mary Ann Meeker, and Marty Mallak. (Photo taken at the Squad's Training Building in front of a mural painted by the Kings Point Arts League.)



Left: Chief Robert Leonard with Chief Financial Officer Marty Gifford and HIPAA Compliance Officer Linda Blume.

MacDill Medics Join Emergency Squad

The Emergency Squad is pleased to announce that five active duty Air Force medics from MacDill AFB have joined the Squad as volunteers. Currently, they are all nationally certified EMTs, but will be working as EMT students until they have their Florida licenses. The Squad appreciates their service to our country as well as to our community.

Shown below, (L to R) are Dalton Mace, originally from North Carolina; Jordan LeBouef calls the East Coast home; Giancarlo Chapatta, from Puerto Rico; Noel Gamez, from Naples, Florida and James Martin, from New Jersey.

Thank you gentlemen, we look forward to working with you,



Your Easter Sunday Emergency Squad - Team 1

Easter Sunday morning March 27, members of Team 1 reported for duty. Like any normal duty day, the Squad is here for the community 24/7, 365 days a year, including holidays. However, this Easter was one of the busiest the Squad has experienced in the past few weeks, having a total of 22 ambulance runs. Because the crews were out almost continuously, getting a photo of the entire team didn't happen.

However, they did get a wonderful Easter lunch between calls. Shown below grabbing a bite (L to R) are: Chief Robert Leonard, Don Marotta (coming in before his shift), M.J. Ricketts, Naomi Layton and Danniell Zawacki .

Also working that day were: Walt Bowers, Noreen Schramm, Bob Geida, Roger Remec, Sean Bennett, Stan Zabetakis Ted Stone, John P., Vince Marlowe, Lloyd Banfield, Chris McCann, Mike Albanese, Merrill Pritham, Harold Kline, Chris Avella, Ginny Rottman, Ludi K and Monica J., Mary H., Joe M., Jane Galsentini, Pat Riddle, Lillian Stone, and Dayle M.



Dates to Remember:

April 11—Board Meeting 2PM training center

April 13—Recruiting meeting at the Training Center—6PM

April 27—All Squad Meeting 3PM Chamber meeting room

**Check out our new website at:
Sccems.com**

April Anniversaries and Pins

<u>Team</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Years</u>
I.T.	Christina Hatch	1
1	Ruby Hebel	1
4	Linda Kalpin	1
T	Ricardo Padron	1
3	Diana Raphael	1
3	Janice Rousseau	1
8	Raymond Skaine	1
3	Jody Timmel	1
T	Glenn Torres	1
8	Terrie McNamara	3

A few highlights regarding Squad business:

This year we exceeded the anticipated income of \$451K by \$55K, for a total income for the year of \$506K. We were also \$21K under in our expenses: budgeted \$452K; actual \$431K. In summary, we ended the year \$77K better than we expected. Thanks to careful management by the entire Squad team.

New and revised Policies include: Immunizations; Use of Oxygen for Wheelchair Transports; Updated Disaster Planning; Assistant Captain Training; Returning Member Mentoring; Conflict Of Interest; Uniform Policy; Record Retention Policy. More to come as the year progresses...