



THE SIREN



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

May 2016

From the Chief's Desk May 2016

Hello Sun City Emergency Squad. First off, I would like to thank each and every volunteer on the Squad. The Squad is open for business 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 12 months a year, 365 or 366 days a year without ever missing a second. It takes every one of you to keep this place going and everyday, here you all are, stepping up and filling in to keep this place running. This is what drives me. This is the best organization I have ever had the privilege to be a part of and now I get to be the face of the Squad. What an honor you have bestowed on me. Every chance I get, I walk around the Squad to talk to our volunteers and learn why they are here or just to talk about what is going on. I will do everything I can to represent the Squad with the respect and greatness it deserves. We are part of a wonderful community and I want the Squad name to be a good thought on everyone's mind in Sun City Center. With prices rising to almost double of past years, we need to be staffed and ready to help those we can. We can do this by spreading the word of who we are and being a beacon in our community by our attitude when we are on runs. So, keep up the wonderful work you all do for this city and for the county.

Next, now that I got all that emotional stuff off my chest, my first month came and went without me even noticing. I was trying to get all the staff in place and working so that we can begin or continue our service to the Squad and community. As of Friday, the 22nd, all positions are finally filled. I want to thank Robin Watt (Team 7), Shirley Bardell (Team 3), Linda Blume, Noreen Schramm (Team 6), Marty Gifford (Team 1), Dick Schneider and Ron Windsor for staying on in their positions. Also, Betty Richner (Team 2) has agreed to still help in HR/Personnel on a part time basis, which has made the HR department very strong. If you see them, make sure to thank all the staff members who stepped down. They are Dennis Floto (Team 8), Chief; Bob Rusnak (Team 2), Deputy Chief; Betty Richner (Team 2), Assistant Chief of HR/Personnel; and Tom Murphy (Team 8), Assistant Chief of Safety. Now, replacing them, as you may already know, are Mike Bardell (Team 3), Deputy Chief; Chris McCann (Team 1), Assistant Chief of HR/Personnel; and Mike Albanese (Team 1), Assistant Chief of Safety. Please help make them feel welcomed, they all have jobs that require a lot of hard work and many extra hours in the office. So, when you see them, encourage them. Everyone on the Squad staff wants to do the best job they can to support all our wonderful volunteers and to carry on the legacy of our 52 year old Sun City Center Emergency Squad. Thank you and God Bless. "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

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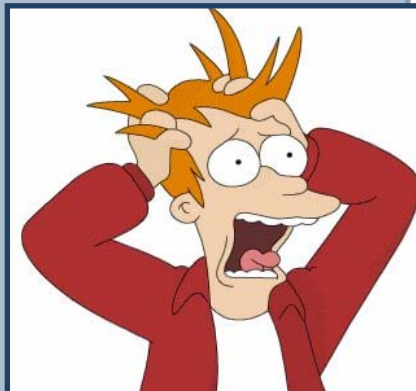
Your CISD Committee: Squad Members Helping Squad Members

As members of the Emergency Squad, we take pride in helping our neighbors. We are well-trained, dedicated volunteers. Occasionally, however, a situation occurs, on a call or in our personal lives, that can cause us to experience emotional stress. The fact that as Squad members we are prohibited by HIPAA laws from discussing, outside of the Squad, any identifying information about our calls can increase our stress levels and make it difficult for us to process our feelings and be comforted.

If you are experiencing significant emotional discomfort, we do not recommend that you continue to respond to calls and internalize or "stuff" your feelings. If your discomfort is the result of a recent call, we recommend that you discuss your feelings with those who responded with you. Whatever your position on the Squad may be - EMT, EMR, dispatcher, etc. - you may be upset or traumatized by an experience, and you are entitled to express and get help with your feelings. Begin with your fellow team members; involve your Captain; and do not hesitate to reach out to your CISD team, who are at your service 24/7. Captains may decide to take a team out of service and have them meet right away with members of the CISD team. However, if you prefer, you may call any CISD team member directly.

The members of the CISD team are: Linda Mascetti, Chairperson; Kathy Sager; Rick Frabotta; Noreen Schramm and our Squad Chaplain, Rev. Hal Jeffery. It is suggested that the CISD team members be called in the order listed. Please continue down the list until you are able to connect with one of them and a plan is made to address the situation. You will find all of the CISD members' phone numbers on the bulletin board in the Ready Room. We have varied backgrounds, with years of experience in different types of counseling.

You can be assured that the CISD team is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of any information that you may choose to share with us. As you probably know, confidentiality will only be breached when someone is a danger to themselves or others. We are dedicated to helping our fellow Squad members resolve feelings that could interfere with our ability to serve our neighbors.



Emergency Squad announces new Deputy Chief Mike Bardell

The Emergency Squad is pleased to announce its new Deputy Chief Mike Bardell. Mike joined the Squad in 2014, going through Emergency Medical Responder and Driver training.



In 2015, Mike took on the role of Captain of team 3, learning the job requirements of all his team members. Now as Deputy Chief, Mike will assist Chief Robert Leonard in the day to day operations of the Squad.

Thank you Mike!

Run Report April 2016

Monthly

Ambulance Runs	418
Van Runs	119
B/P	176
Falls	143

Year to date totals

Ambulance Runs	1811
Van Runs	464
B/P	461
Falls YTD	419

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
Ron Wecker	Team 7
Monnie Shoemaker	Team 7
Arlene McCabe	Team 8

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May Birthdays

Day Name

2 Pat Harkins
2 Dick Seagrave
3 Barry Bogart
3 Carolyn Cole
3 Linda Kalpin
3 James Richard
3 Theresa Walden
4 Robert Guzinsky
4 Monica Jarnot
5 LeRoy Skinner
7 Edna Fleming
8 Cody Fernandez
8 Carl Hanson
8 Lynne Kjollesdal
9 Harvey Berman
9 Naomi Layton
10 David Watt
11 Robin Watt
15 Meryl Guzinsky
17 Hanna Faircloth
18 Emily Gempler
19 Jim Smith
20 Merrill Pritham
21 Oscar Leon
22 Ronnie Reeder
23 Giancarlo Chaparro
23 Mary Wilkinson
24 Cindi Russell
25 Shirley Ziemer
30 Deborah Spitler
31 Lannie Cardwell



New Captains for Team 1 and Team 3

With the changes in Administration, come changes in the teams! We thank Bob Mulcahy and Paul O'Connor for stepping up to fill the roles of Captain for Team 1 and Team 3, respectively. The captain's job is one that begins before their duty day by ensuring that they have the crews to staff the ambulances and vans; the dispatchers to take the calls; and the support staff the open the building and serve the public. On duty day, the Captain comes in early and is ready for the prior team to turn over the controls to his crew. The

captain must be knowledgeable of all jobs and Squad policies. Thank you Paul and Bob!



Left: Chief Robert Leonard, Paul O'Connor and Mike Bardell.

Below: Bob Mulcahy and Chief Robert Leonard.



TOUGHBOOK Tips

by Linda Blume

Please get the patient's physician name along with any specialist that they are seeing for the current issue that they called us about., I.E. cardiologist, Pulmonary , infectious disease, etc.

Please make sure you get a full set of vitals including GCS

List belongings taken and left at the hospital

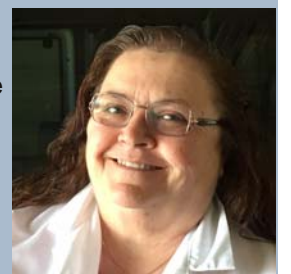
We now have the nature of call for LIFT ASSIST. This is for lift assist only, assistance off a chair, bed, or toilet. A fall is still a fall requiring head-to-toe assessment.

HIPAA

Please remember the short version HIPAA is "what happens here stays here." No, we can not tell our friends, family members, neighbors, members of Church, card groups or cocktail hour stories. What is said or heard here at the squad, stays at the squad Thank you.

Families calling from out of town that want an up-date on their family and cant find, please them give them the numbers of the local hospitals and let them call. We can not call looking for their family nor can we tell them anything. I know you took them to the hospital and you want to be helpful, but you can not say anything; just give them hospital numbers. Any questions contact me. Remember -- if in doubt say nothing!

Thank you for all you do!



“If you See something, Say something - to your Captain” by Mike Bardell, Deputy Chief

For an organization of nearly 400 volunteers, we have an incredible group of individuals. Even so, the last few months we have seen supplies disappearing. While we don't believe any of our volunteers would ever do this, we do have frequent visitors and ride-alongs; delivery men come and go; cleaners show up and work without oversight. There are many opportunities for people to have “sticky-fingers.”



Because of this, new procedures have been implemented at both the front door and back door. If you are visiting the Squad on a **non-duty day**, we ask that you wear your Squad identification. If you forget your Squad ID, please sign in and wear a visitor badge. Even if you have been on the Squad for many years and think most people know who you are, we always have new volunteers joining us.

And if you see something that seems off, don't confront the individual(s). Instead, let your captain know what and who you saw and why it seemed unusual. If it is a stranger without identification (who is clearly not delivering supplies), alert your captain and a few teammates. Our safety comes before anything else.

Memorial Day Tribute

Monday May 30th is Memorial Day and every year Kings Point hosts a beautiful memorial service for our veterans who have passed in the previous year. The Squad has participated for many years and is usually the first group that enters the auditorium. If you would like to participate this year, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Ready Room.

On that day, Squad members meet at the North clubhouse in Kings Point at or before 9AM. This is a uniform event, so please wear yours if you plan to be a part of this tribute.

Photos from 2015



Dates to Remember:

May 11—Recruiting meeting
6PM—Training Building

Monday May 30 Memorial Day
LIVING FLAG Tribute 9AM
Kings Point Veterans Theater



May Anniversaries and Pins

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
8	Tom Burlage	1
1	Michael Fletcher	1
1	Sally Haight	10
3	John Hargraves	5
1	Monica Jarnot	1
4	Barry McKee	3
5	Joe O'Brien	3
4	Cindi Russell	3
7	Peggy Seagrave	3
1	Ted Stone	3

Coming into the Age of Technology! Slowly we are getting up to speed and one more way we have moved forward is that we now have the ability to accept donations online through our new website. We have recently added a “Donate” button using the PayPal! Check it out!

