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EMERGENCY SQUAD



THE SIREN



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

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From the Desk of the Chief

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Chief Robert Leonard, below.



Toughbook Tips—by Linda Blume

As per some EMT and EMR requests, I have sent records to be corrected or I have corrected them and sent you a notice of what was done and why. The problem with waiting for the individual to make changes is that messages are not being checked and reports corrected. I need to have corrections done within the next week. I don't want to send incorrect records to the state.

If you have messages, a red message sign on the bottom of the toughbook will be lit and you will need to click on it, view and change if necessary.

Health care facilities are not private homes or residence. The name of the facility should be listed.

Condition Code should be "other" unless there is documentation to support your choice. I have been seeing Severe Abdominal Pain on reports for headache, back pain, fall, chest pains to name a few.

HIPAA signature is good for seven (7) years after the death of a patient. One time signature is all that is needed. If recurring patient doesn't pop up you can always chart signature on file.

Anyone can sign-Husband/wife, neighbor, child, friend stating that the form was left with them. It saves us \$6.00 for sending out registered letters.

I am here for you and can sit with anyone



Have you made your Hurricane Plans?

1. **Make a plan and tell your family what it is.**
2. **Prepare your evacuation supply kit and get your pets' supplies too.**
3. **If staying home, have enough water and dry goods to last 3 to 7 days.**
4. **Get batteries, flashlights and keep your gas tank topped off. Have an emergency supply of cash. ATM's may not work.**
5. **Get a weather radio in case communication systems are down.**
6. **During a storm, stay away from windows and doors, seek shelter in an interior room without windows.**



Run Report July 2016

Monthly

Ambulance Runs	372
Van Runs	110
B/P	137
Falls	120
Lift Assist*	7

(*new category)

Year to date totals

Ambulance Runs	2553
Van Runs	674
B/P	759
Falls YTD	632

Sick List

Roy Skinner - IT

Jim Rottman	Team 2
Flo Jesse	Team 2
Lynn Kjollesdahl	Team 5
Jan Kjollesdahl	Team 5
Bucky Devling	Team 5
Rosalie Rochford	Team 5
Cat Rogers	Team 5
Garry Gose	Team 6
Pam Windspirit	Team 6
Beverly Beard	Team 7
Ron Wecker	Team 7

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September Birthdays



Day	Name
3	Marilyn Navarro
3	Noel Gamez
5	Greg Miezwinski
5	Rick Sandlin
6	Lois Lynch
6	Julie Holtom
7	Mary Huntington
8	Pam Windspirit
10	Charles Woelfel
11	Charles Silk
11	Beverly Shackelford
12	Jay Windspirit
12	Phyllis Ingenito
12	Mike Albanese
12	Dan Johnson
14	Janice Churchill
14	Lynn Warren
14	Shirley Bardell
15	Bev LeDoux
17	Elaine Davis
18	Paddy Cooney
20	Mark Kinsey
20	Mary Reter
20	Harold Kline
21	Ken Ayers
23	Bev Carnes
24	Dan Holtom
24	Donna Manship
24	Mary Ann Meeker
25	Anne Cross
25	Harriet Bailey
25	Margaret Campbell
26	Sam Zians
28	Linda Hughes
28	Cynthia

Slaugh-
30
Cordial



ter
Susan

Flu Season is Coming - Skip the Infection

The Emergency Squad wants to reduce your chances of catching the flu or other contagious infections this flu season.

It's as easy as washing your hands. We want to encourage and remind you that the easiest way to avoid becoming a flu "statistic" is to wash your hands.

As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. In turn, you can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Although it's impossible to keep your hands germ-free, washing your hands frequently can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

In particular, when you go to public places like the grocery store, restaurants, all public restrooms, clinics and doctors' offices, you come in contact with chairs, door handles and elevator buttons that others have also touched. While most of our local stores and health care settings are diligent in cleaning, it's impossible for them to sterilize or clean each door-knob, grocery cart or faucet handle after each person.

If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is at least 62% alcohol.

Always wash your hands before:

- Preparing food or eating
- Treating wounds, giving medicine, or caring for a sick or injured person
- Inserting or removing contact lenses

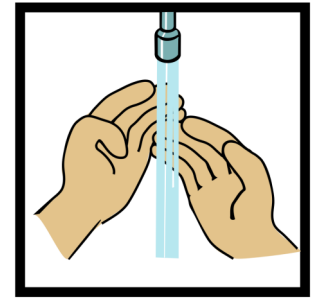
Always wash your hands after:

- Preparing food, especially raw meat or poultry
- Using the toilet or changing a diaper
- Touching an animal or animal toys, leashes, or waste
- Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands
- Treating wounds or caring for a sick or injured person
- Handling garbage, household or garden chemicals, or anything that could be contaminated — such as a cleaning cloth or soiled shoes

In addition, wash your hands whenever they look dirty.

Staying healthy can be as easy as washing your hands.

In addition, wash your hands whenever they look dirty.



I was thinking of our recruiting needs and I'm certain that you all have been asking your friends to volunteer. Sitting for a moment longer, my mind wandered to another thought. It seems that in today's society, people are more inclined to tell you what you have done wrong and less inclined to tell you what you have done right. The simple words "thank you" are heard less and less - something from the dinosaur era.

It has been a long and extremely hot summer. Someone dubbed it as "four months of August".

During these months, when our snow birds are away, we look forward to a slower pace. That did not happen this year. If anything it felt as though we were busier than usual. Many of you covered more shifts than you would have during the winter months. All of you are exhausted, yet you persevered to cover vacancies.

And so I will take a phrase from the "dinosaur era" and say THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your dedication and service to the Squad. You are indeed doing something right!

Our thanks and appreciation to Ted Stone



It was little more than three years ago that Ted Stone joined the Emergency Squad. In that time he has given the Squad countless hours, first as an EMR, then adding responsibilities as a tech on the Information Technology crew. But before long he was Asst. Chief of IT, working endlessly to repair old systems and bring new

ones online.

Ted will be retiring from the Squad at the end of September to spend more time with his family. Thank you Ted for your dedication to the Squad and our

Summer Appreciation Brunch

On August 25th, the Squad held their Summer Appreciation event at South community Hall. This event is to thank all our summer volunteers who work double, triple and sometimes quadruple duty to get us through the summer months.

This year, we had almost 180 volunteers come to the brunch. Tommy Johnson, the Piano Man entertained us with

his musical talent.

Brunch was catered by Suncoast



Catering.



Remember our Renovation

From late September through the month of October, the Squad will be renovating and upgrading our main building. During this time, we will operate out of our Training Building at 124 S. Pebble Beach. This will mean that we will be working in tight quarters, so your patience and good humor will be necessary.

Stay tuned and read your emails for updates to the schedule and logistics of how this happens.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 13th Heroes Lunch by Aston Gardens—11:30 to 1.
Please sign up in the ready room.

Flu Shots

- October 12
- November 17
- January 10th

Safety First by Mike Albanese

Recently it was brought to my attention that some ambulance drivers running red on the way to a call, are not slowing to a stop at red light intersections.

Always remember that crew safety, to and from a call, is the responsibility of the driver.



September Anniversaries

<u>Team #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
4	M.J. Ricketts	3
5	Debbie Jasmer	3
4	Mary Wilkinson	10
2	Pete Blair	10
2	Faye Kenna	10
2	Glenda Burgess	1
7	Dottie Kemmer	1
3	Sherri Cooper	1