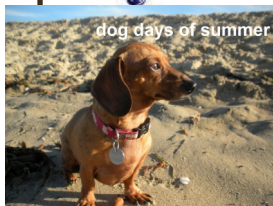




SUN CITY CENTER

EMERGENCY SQUAD



The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

August 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

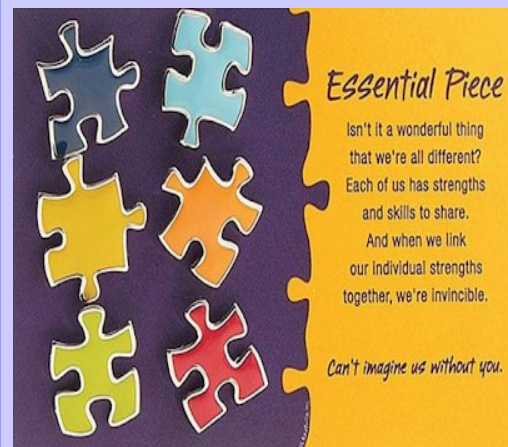
I'm not sure what has been more challenging; the heat or the rain. But, I am very appreciative of how many of you have pitched in to fill holes in the schedules. Usually, I can walk into the Squad and determine what team is on duty based upon whom I see. That has not always been the case in the last few months, as on many days, teams are filled with subs from other teams. But thanks to you, with only a few exceptions, we have been able to keep two ambulances running during the day.

Another item I would like you to know about pertains to our maintenance team. As most of you know, we are trading in one of our ambulances, and refurbishing the box and placing a new chassis under it. The savings over purchasing new is significant. The maintenance team has worked on whether to do this for months. Then which ambulance to trade became the question. Time is upon us to pull one and prepare to send it to Orlando. Maintenance has gone through the records and inspected the vehicles, and determined replacing number two is the best choice. They are going to exchange some parts (like tires and such) to reduce our costs going forward. They generally do their work out of sight and unnoticed. I now know how much work they put into projects and I thought all of you should also know.

August 16th at 11:30 am, is the Summer Appreciation Luncheon and I hope that all of you can attend! It is one of the few times we get to thank you for all you do. There will also be voting on an amendment to the bylaws. And, yes, we will be distributing T-shirts again.

Remember this is hurricane season and, although it does not seem like anything now, the really active part of us is late August to Mid-October.

You will start to hear about a symposium on Strokes and Diabetes that will be coming in September. The SCC Emergency Squad needs to focus on having the best quality of life for our residents as they can have. If someone has found a cure for aging, please see me to discuss. I would be very happy to see our calls reduced for falls. We are one of the sponsoring at September 18th at Community Hall and again at September 25th at Veteran's Theatre in King's Point. We are hoping for a huge audience at both locations as we are bringing in expert speakers to do presentations on Strokes and Diabetes. Flyers have gone out as to how to register. Tampa General Hospital is supplying a lunch for all attendees. This presentation is the beginning of an initiative to do more wellness outreach activities for our community.



Look for more of this type of program in the future. Our main goal is to assist our community members to extend their quality of life.

Chief Mike Bardell



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DONATIONS

American Capital Insurance Corp., the property insurance carrier for the Federation of Kings Point, visited the Squad today and presented a donation of \$7,500 for the fourth year in a row. Their donations in past years were used to purchase needed Tough Books for the crews, update the squad training center to protect against storms and most recently, to purchase a new computer and video equipment for training squad personnel as EMR's, drivers and dispatchers.



The squad thanks American Capital Insurance Corp. and Mack, Mack & Waltz Insurance Agency for their ongoing support for the residents of the Greater Sun City Center area.

Pictured below from left to right are Board Chair, Eileen Peco; Rob Munns of AmCap; CFO, Marty Gifford; Chief Mark Bardell, Board Treasurer, Mary Ann Meeker; Greg Waltz, Jr. and Greg Waltz of Mack, Mack & Waltz.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH THE ENTIRE SCC EMERGENCY SQUAD !



This year, as in past years, an All Squad Email was sent out to all of you, requesting that we collect school supplies with the assistance of Deputy Jeff Merry of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department for the benefit of the Boys and Girls Clubs located in Wimauma.

Pictured above distributing the supplies are Asst. Chief HR Chris McCann, Capt Tom Burlage, Asst. Captains Barry McKee and Marcie McKee with Deputy Jeff Merry.

You are all to be commended for your generosity to these children and if you had had the opportunity to attend the event, you would have realized how happy your donations made the children at the club. Evidence below is a young lady who searched through the back packs until she found her "bling" for the year; well as all of the children from the club who are anticipating receiving their backpacks! There were smiles all around!



JUNE RUN REPORT

Ambulance Runs	409
Van Runs	114
B/P's Taken	95

YEAR TO DATE RUN REPORT

Ambulance Runs	2696
Van Runs	732
B/P's Taken	793

Sick List

Mary Porterfield	Team 1
Jan James	Team 2
Betty Peyton	Team 2
John Cortese	Team 3
Barbara Walker	Team 3
Joan Ambrose	Team 3
Donna McClister	Team 3

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August Birthdays

DAY NAME

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EMR TEAM

The Emergency Squad is pleased to announce the newest Emergency Medical Responders from our July class. Pictured here from left are Walt Bowers and Shirley Bardell, Instructors; Elaine Elliott, S. Diane Hathaway, John Jacobs, Tiny Drury, Barry McKee and Marcie McKee, Instructors; and Mary Eagan.

Please take time to welcome our newest Squad members and to make them feel welcome as they find a home among us.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Family: This word is heard frequently at the Squad.

How easy it is to be "family" when things are going along just fine. It is usually quite different when difficulties arise.

In the last several months, we have lost a few members from our Squad family. This certainly falls under the difficult category. Yet in attending memorial services, it was amazing to see how many from our Squad family were in attendance.

family *noun*
1. a blessing
2. the ones you
live with, laugh
with and love

Family
Family
family

Thanks to all of you for showing your support and being the awesome Squad family that you are!

Chris McCann,
Assistant Chief,
HR

Welcome to
amazon smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

A SUN CITY CENTER MOMENT WITH JOHN CORTESE

A Husband in his back yard trying to fly a kite. He throws the kite up in the air, the wind catches it for a few seconds, and then it comes crashing back down to each. He tries a few more times with no success.

All the while, his wife is watching from the kitchen window, muttering to herself how men need to be told to do everything.

She opens the window and yells to her husband, "You need more tail!"

The man turns with a confused look on his face and says "Make up your mind Last night you told me to go fly a kite!"



August Anniversaries

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
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Thank you all for your time and efforts!



DATES TO REMEMBER

STOP THE BLEED CLASSES
CONTINUE FOR THE PUBLIC

SEPT 12 VOLUNTEER OPEN
HOUSE AT THE EDUCATION
BUILDING 6 PM

AUGUST 16 SUMMER APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON AT COMMUNITY HALL VOTING ON
AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS.

SEPT 18-COMMUNITY HALL
AND SEPT 25 VETERANS THEATER
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
SYMPOSIUM ON STROKES AND
DIABETES. SAVE THE DATE!
LUNCH PROVIDED BY TAMPA
GENERAL HOSPITAL.

KEEP OUR COOKBOOKS IN MIND

WE ARE CONTINUING TO SELL THE
SQUAD COOKBOOKS. KEEP THEM IN
MIND AS A NICE SHOWER GIFT OR A
WEDDING PRESENT. \$10 EACH OR SIX
BOOKS FOR \$50.

Memories
are made when
gathered around the table.

Team Captains

Team 1—Robert Leonard
Team 2—Betty Richner
Team 3—Chuck Russ
Team 4—Randy Anderson
Team 5—Ken Rodman
Team 6—Dick McCormick
Team 7—Tina Drury
Team 8—Tom Burlage

Thank you all for all you do for
our squad!