

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I look at our Emergency Squad and just marvel at the organization and teamwork involved to make it work! I see a solid structure that works from top down and I’m reminded of a wonderful story in the Book of Exodus. Moses has been listening to his people as they would bring problems & complaints to him....His Father in Law, Jethro, approached him and told him that trying to handle all of the decisions by himself was futile, he would wear down and be of no use to anyone.

Jethro’s guidance directed Moses to name leaders and divide the people into groups and have those leaders oversee those groups and report any situations to Moses for him to handle. He was the Chief and the leaders were the Captains and the team became those folks that stepped up to support Moses & his Captains.....

Does this sound like the Squad? We have a Chief and we have Captains and they have “Team Support” (assistants) and we have people who care that there might be something that they could do to help someone in need! What you do goes all the way back to 1400B.C.! What a great heritage you work in.... God ordained this system that long ago and you don’t let anything stop you from continuing that carrying attitude.....I am so proud of you and how you go beyond self and care for the needs of others.

I want to close by saying that each team has lost members of our Squad family recently. Let’s not forget their loved ones that remain in our community & our thoughts.

Blessings,

Rev Hal

Dates to Remember

OCT 6 Golf Cart Poker Run at Education Building 1 PM

Oct 9 Brunch-Lunch at United Methodist Church 10 am to 1 pm

Oct 11 Inservice Day at Education Building 1 pm

Oct 11 Open House at Education Building 6 pm

OCT 17 FLU SHOTS SPONSORED BY WALGREENS 9 TIL 1 PM

NOV 2 SCC COMMUNITY ASSN. "HI NEIGHBOR" EVENT 6:30 TIL 8:30 PM (NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PROMOTE THE SQUAD)

THURS NOV 9 ALL SQUAD MEETING

ANNIVERSARIES

October Anniversaries

Team	Name	Anniversary
5	Joan Nixon	10
1	Sean Bennett	5
7	Joan Feehan	5
7	Linda Eargle	3
8	Lee Ann Stichcomb	3
2	Julia Wickersham	3
4	Tom Canedy	1
7	Robert White	1

SAFETY FIRST

It has been brought to our attention that some of ambulance personnel may be entering and exiting the vehicle by way of the back doors. Not only is this not safe, it is against Squad policy. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for keeping all of our crew safe on the job.

Mike Albanese, Asst. Chief, Safety



Team Captains

Team 1—Bob Mulcahy

Team 2—Betty Richner

Team 3—Chuck Russ

Team 4—Randy Anderson

Team 5—Ed Davis

Team 6—Dick Morrison

Team 7—George McInnes

Team 8—Tom Burlage

Thank you all for all you do for our squad!



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

October 2017

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF:

Another month is gone, where does the time go? I wanted to let you know how we did in the preparation for the Irma and the way we implemented our procedures.

Overall, the plan went well but the implementation did show several areas we need to look at: Personal Plans – Everyone needs to make plans on what they are going to do for a Hurricane. If you are leaving, do so early and let your Captain know. Traffic will be excessive (as we saw with Irma) and anxiety will be at a fever pitch. If you are staying, please have medications and supplies to last 3 to 7 days. You need 1 gallon of water per day per person. Please let your family know your plans, as phone lines may be damaged in the storm. We feel we had an ample supply of water but we need to analyze the food position. Vehicle positioning- we were able to get all vehicles in the garages except for one van and the station car. We placed those vehicles right outside the Dispatch wall. We sustained no damage to any vehicle.

As you know, we lost the covered area on the back of the Squad building. This was unfortunate, but we had it 12 years (they had thought it would last 10) because the cover relieves wind pressure. No structural damage occurred. A new one is on order.

In addition, our implementation of WAWA for our fuel, has proven to be successful. In general:

Communication could always be improved, but we feel we attempted to let you know what we could, when we could. Remember to stay in touch with your Captain. We know we may not have the ability to call people after a storm as phone lines maybe down. So – after the storm, if you have the ability to work, stop by and let the Captain on duty know.

As the storm approaches, we will continue to position an Ambulance at the Training Center to reduce the chances of losing all of our vehicles. We will continue to operate until wind conditions reach 35 MPH sustained. At that time, we will cease operations until after the storm (as stated in our Disaster Plan) and additionally, so our people can be home. To resume operations, we need to be certain we are not bringing our volunteers out into dangerous conditions and that they are able to see where they are driving. The natural time seems to be 0630 in the morning when shift change occurs. After the storm, we are also planning on setting up charging stations for a variety of needs. Therefore, phones and tablets could be charged for Squad members who have lost power and who need to charge their devices.

I don’t know how many of you know that we have taken in a crew and vehicle from All Children’s in St. Petersburg prior to the storm. We do this because the Skyway Bridge will close and having them across the water, increases their response time. Their vehicle is very well equipped for all kinds of situations regarding children. In addition, it appears, being with us seems to be a very sought after assignment for them. Hmm...I wonder if it's the food? If you wonder why you didn't see them, they stay in our Training Center as to not affect our operations.

I appreciate all of your support and dedication to the community. We were very fortunate this time, but this was an opportunity for us to see things we need to change. As I write this, a new Tropical Depression has developed and is forecasted to become a Hurricane in the gulf. Unfortunately, we might have an opportunity to use our new ideas sooner than we thought!!

Thank you for all you do.

Mike Bardell, Chief

Chief Mike Bardell



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Please join **JIM AND JOSEPHINE SERENSON**  
Aboard a *\*CHRISTMAS DANCE CRUISE\**  
ON THE **COSTA DELIZIOSA!**  
**DECEMBER 20 – 27, 2017**  
~ 7 NIGHT CARIBBEAN CRUISE ~  
From LAUDERDALE to NASSAU, GRAND TURK (TURKS AND CAICOS),  
AMBER COVE (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) and KEY WEST  
Inside cabin: Category IP \$771.71 per person  
Ocean view cabin: Category EC \$871.71 per person  
Balcony cabin: Category BC \$971.71 per person  
Rates INCLUDE port taxes/government fees. Valid passport required. Insurance is highly recommended; please inquire. Other cabin categories also available.  
Deposit required to confirm your cabin: \$250 per person  
Final payment due: September 13, 2017  
**This cruise is a fundraiser for the SUN CITY CENTER EMERGENCY SQUAD.**  
\*There will be many opportunities to dance on the Deliziosa, noted for a lovely large wooden dance floor, and a variety of dance music/styles.  
For more information: please contact TRAVELWORLD 813-634-3318



**VIGNETTE OF THE MONTH COURTESY OF JOHN CORTESE:**

**THERE IS A MIRACLE CALLED FRIENDSHIP THAT DWELLS WITHIN THE HEART. YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENS OR WHERE IT GETS IT'S START. BUT THE HAPPINESS IT BRINGS YOU ALWAYS BRINGS A SMILE TO YOUR HEART. YOU REALIZE THAT FRIENDSHIP IS ONE OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS.**  
**(JOHN RELATES THAT THIS IS HIS REFLECTION OF HIS TIME WITH THE SQUAD.)**

words become actions ♦ actions become habits  
**Think Good Thoughts**  
habits become character ♦ character becomes destiny

**VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER**  
**BETTY AND DALLAS (DAL) MARME**

BETTY AND DAL MET WHEN THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL IN GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN IN 1942. THEY GRADUATED IN 1946 AND WERE MARRIED ON JULY 23, 1947 WHILE DAL WAS IN THE NAVY. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN 1949 AND THEN CALLED BACK IN FOR THE KOREAN CONFLICT IN 1950. THE MARMES BOUGHT THEIR FIRST HOUSE IN 1950 AND LIVED THERE UNTIL THEY MOVED TO SUN CITY CENTER IN 2004.

BETTY CAME IN TO VISIT THE SQUAD IN 2005 AND THEN BROUGHT DAL BACK FOR A VISIT. THEY LEFT WITH UNIFORM SHIRTS AND A SCHEDULE TO BEGIN FIRST RESPONDER (EMR) TRAINING. BETTY SPENT 10 YEARS AS AN EMR ON THE AMBULANCE AND DAL HAS BEEN DRIVING THE AMBULANCE SINCE HE TRAINED IN 2005. SEPTEMBER 29, 1917 WAS DAL'S LAST DAY AS A DRIVER AS HE FEELS HE GOT OLD TOO FAST AND CANNOT RECERT ANYMORE. SINCE LEAVING HER EMR ROLE, BETTY HAS BEEN A BACKUP COORDINATOR FOR TEAM 8. THEY HAD TWO ADOPTED CHILDREN, THREE GRANDKIDS AND SIX GREAT GRANDKIDS.

DAL STATED THAT FOR ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS HE HAS BE AFFILIATED WITH OVER THE YEARS INCLUDING BOY SCOUTS. ELKS, AND LIONS , HIS GREATEST FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS COME FROM HIS TIME ON THE SQUAD. WE WILL FIND A WAY TO KEEP THESE FOLKS INVOLVED AS THEY SLIDE INTO THEIR "RETIREMENT." BY THE WAY, DAL ADMITS TO 89 YEARS OF AGE AND WE DO NOT ASK BETTY HER AGE!



# Run Report SEPT 2017

**Monthly**

**Ambulance Runs            320**  
**Van Runs                    108**

**B/P                            103**  
**Falls                          110**  
**Heart/Chest Issues        19**  
**Cardiac Arrest             1**

*Falls were 41.48% of our calls*

**Year to Date Run Report**

**Ambulance Runs        3399**  
**Van Runs                1136**  
  
**B/P                        1169**  
**Falls                      1224**  
**Heart/Chest Issues    180**

## Sick List

**Robert Leonard    Team 1**  
**Robert Leonard II Team 1**  
**Betty Williams     Team 2**  
**Lou Balance        Team 2**  
**John Cortese        Team 3**  
**Judy Dargis         Team 5**  
**Chris Simko         Team 6**  
**Frank Gomez        Team 6**  
**Tom Barber         Team 6**  
**JeanAnn Pollard    Team 8**

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## October Birthdays

DAY	NAME
1	Helen Corradi
2	JeanAnn Pollard
2	Gary Kerckaert
3	Linda Bedrin
4	Robert Smolenski
6	Joan Leombruno
6	Carolyn Bell
6	Carole Austin
7	Joan McCarthy
7	Sally Stammen
7	Merv Hollander
9	Ginny Rottman
11	James Ryan
11	John Cortese
11	Bonnie Murphy
12	Joanne Sudman
14	Cathy Zurek
15	Maureen Carey
17	Kent Marchuk
17	Eileen Cole
18	Michael Brennan
18	James Diehl
19	Roger McCann
20	Rick Frabotta
21	James Raleigh
21	Marilyn McCormick
21	Janice Van De Kreeke
22	Walter Prouty
23	Frank Gomez
23	Brenda Levy
24	Dianne Good
26	Cecilia Horvath
26	Raul Garces
27	Janell LaFara

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLASS OF EMRS**

The Emergency Squad is pleased to announce our newest class of Emergency Medical Responders who completed their training on September 28. Pictured below L to R: Louise Kreider, Barbara Laino, Louise Michalchick, James Hiller, Shirley Bardell, Instructor; William Sabo and Mary Porter-field. Congratulations, welcome and thank you for joining our organization!



**CAUTION**

**I TRIP OVER  
FLAT SURFACES**



**OUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT  
WITH FALL PREVENTION**

Fall Prevention Week took place starting with the beginning of Fall on September 22. Robin Watt, Fall Coordinator and EMT with the Squad together with Dr. Linda Eargle, EMR with the Squad and a Physical Therapist presented programs during the week to present a formula to help our residents stay on their feet. According to Robin "falling doesn't have to be an inevitable part of aging. There are things people can do to reduce their chances of becoming a fall statistic."

According to the National Council on Aging "Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of trauma-related hospital admissions among older adults." One in four Americans over age 65 falls each year, and for the most part, it could have been prevented. Falls account for approximately 42% of our calls here at the Squad.

Pictured here are Robin and Linda as they presented their program at the Education Building on September 27.

