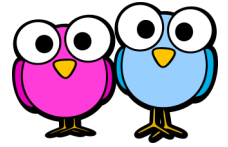


The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

March 2017

From the Desk of the Chief

Hello Sun City Center Emergency Squad! Wow, it has been one year since I was elected as the Chief. Boy, has the time flown. I am proud to be a part of the Emergency Squad and I have enjoyed every position I have held. I look forward to what the Squad has for this year.

Last month was busy. We had the Awards banquet for all our volunteers it was a great time for all. Make sure to thank Robin Watt for all her hard work of putting it together. I understand that being served instead of a buffet, was a highlight. Also, in February, the management classes for Captains and assistant Captains started with a large turnout. I have heard nothing but positive things about the class and I am looking forward to working with all the new leaders we have graduated. Last, Chris M, assistant Chief of HR, went to a staff meeting at Plaza West. We explained what services we had and how we operated which cleared up most of the misconceptions they had, and answered a lot of questions. Everyone seemed pleased when it was over and agreed that the goal was to give the patient the best care, throughout the whole process by working together. Our hope is to make it better for our dispatchers and ambulance crews, when they have to deal with the staff at Plaza West. Let us know your experiences now that they have been educated. I want to know if this process worked. If it does, I will start setting up the same type meetings with all the other facilities. We should all be working together for the care of the PT.

This month is a month of transition. The board of directors had 3 members term out and the 3 new members will be introduced at the March 9th Annual meeting at the Florida room in the Atrium at 1400(2:00 PM). Hope to see everyone there. There will also be a presentation on changes to the bylaws that need to be voted on. After the meeting the Board has 15 days to pick the coming year's CEO/Chief, CFO, and HIPAA compliance officer. As soon as it is open, I will be throwing my hat in the ring for another year. The Assistant Chiefs all want to stay another year except our Assistant Chief of PR/Communications. Robin will refocus her efforts on fall prevention for Sun City Center, which she has managed the last 10 years. She will still be in her office, but now we need to find a strong replacement to fill her shoes. As of now, Robin is training someone to replace herself.

Next month will start a new year for our administration and they are eager to get to work. The Board will be presenting their goals for the year followed by the Staff and Operations and then it is time to get it done. We should never stop trying to move the Squad forward. We will be getting a new van within the next 2 to 3 months. Also, we will begin the planning process to replace an ambulance. Currently, the plan is to stagger the replacement of the ambulances and how many we truly need. The rest of the goals will come in the next couple Sirens.

Good news! 90% of the 2017 recruits have come to us through "word of mouth." Thank all of you who have been going out and talking to your friends and neighbors and convincing them of how great the Squad is. We need to fill our EMR classes up every month to keep up with attrition. The latest article Robin did on our needs, has also produced a lot of interest and we are hoping it will produce more Squad members. Last, I have been seeing the ambulances in the community with our new signs. Thank you Captains, for supporting this and making sure those advertisements are put out and brought back every day.

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Chief Robert Leonard



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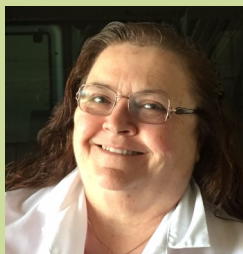
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The suggestion box had only 3 requests; 2 were taken care of pretty quickly and needed to be done. The 3rd one was a suggestion to place a hand sanitizer outside the kitchen to use as you go in to get food. It was brought to the purchasing director, Rick F. And it is being done. It was an excellent suggestion and it had the name and contact to make sure we followed up on it. I look forward to more suggestions in the future.

That is all I can come up with for this issue. There is a lot more to go over, but this is it from me today. I had a wonderful year serving all of you this last year as the Chief. This has and still is the best organization I have been a part of. Thank you for all your hard work and sacrifices to ensure the Squad continues to run. See you around the Squad.

PCR reports by Linda Blume

Your reports are sent back to you for a reason. Please make any changes requested or note the reason why you don't want to change your report, and return it back to me. I need the changes noted, not just read and replied OK.



Hard to believe that it is March how time flies. Soon we will be celebrating Christmas in July and I will still be begging you to make the changes if possible.

Thank you in advance.

SQUAD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When: Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 2:00PM
Where: Florida Room, Atrium Building at the
Sun City Center Community Association
on Cherry Hill Drive.

The Annual Membership Meeting is held to update the Membership regarding the status of the Squad, including business and financial status; elect new members to the board of directors; and to present any important business matters for the Membership to consider and vote on.

This year there will be no election since there were three openings on the board and three qualified candidates applied. The new board members will officially take their seats on the board as of March 9th. A Board Organization Meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect the Corporate Officers and conduct initial business.

Treasurer Hebel will present a proposed amendment to the Squad Bylaws regarding Squad Investments, for discussion and vote by the Membership. Approval of amendments to the Bylaws requires a 2/3 vote of Members present and voting at a noticed Membership Meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting to hear about the past year and share ideas about the coming year.



Run Report February 17

Monthly

Ambulance Runs	362
Van Runs	70
B/P	163
Falls	126
Heart/Chest Issues	21

Year to Date Run Report

Ambulance Runs	810
Van Runs	161
B/P	300
Falls	265
Heart/Chest Issues	40

Sick List

Roy Skinner - IT

Sandra Dillmuth Team 4

Kathy Shaefer Team 4

Mick Hebel Team 4

Lynn Kjollesdahl Team 5

Jan Kjollesdahl Team 5

Bucky Devling Team 5

Beverly Beard Team 7

Jane Foppe Team 7

Ginny DeFever Team 7

Lois Lynch Team 8

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March Birthdays



- 1 William Odell
- 2 Lloyd Banfield
- 4 William Grussi
- 4 Beverly Weaver
- 5 Robert Bissette
- 7 William Ammeraal
- 8 Harold Jeffery
- 9 Sheila Houlihan
- 9 Dorothy McKenzie
- 10 Dana Wallace
- 12 Shirley Dwyer
- 14 Jim Grimmer
- 14 Robert Davis
- 17 Jean Krull
- 17 Sylvia Eddens
- 17 Manya Ogle
- 19 Dale Johnson
- 20 Richard Bishop
- 20 Deanna Montes de Oca
- 21 Jeanette Remec
- 21 Mary Soja
- 22 Margie Blair
- 23 Richard McCormick
- 23 Betty DjFresne
- 23 Sam Sudman
- 24 Jo-Ellen Bromberg
- 24 Peg Noeltner
- 25 Elizabeth Richner
- 25 Joe Kushnerick
- 26 Timothy Zion
- 27 Sandi Zoldi
- 28 Carol Howley
- 28 Duane Marcum
- 31 Bob Bizzano
- 31 Virginia Defever
- 31 Joe Plaskon



SAFETY ISSUES by Mike Albanese

A problem has arisen in the kitchen with individuals - guests, as well as members, entering the kitchen while the cooks are preparing our meals. It becomes a **Safety Hazard**, in that either the cooks or squad members, may become involved in a collision with hot cooking equipment or food, as the cooks move between the sink and the stove areas.



We need to be cognizant of this situation at all times to avoid any unnecessary injuries to any of our many volunteers during this food preparation time.



The 2016 Awards Dinners (held in February 2017)

The Award Dinners were held at Community Hall on South Pebble Beach on February 17th and 18th. Bryan Ashley entertained us and dinner was catered by Banquet Masters. These dinners are the Squad's opportunity to recognize our volunteers for their many years of dedication. Specifically, we recognize 10, 15, 20 (and occasionally 25 year) milestone anniversaries. In addition, it's an opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and administrative staff.

On the 18th, a special award was made to Chief Leonard, Deputy Chief Mike Bardell and Asst. Chief Shirley Bardell, recognizing their service to our country as well as our community. Each received a quilt made in recognition of their branch of military service, by Quilts of Valor. More info about Quilts of Valor can be obtained at: www.QOVF.org



Maintenance Team Awards

February brought several longevity awards to members of our maintenance crew. **Mike McClintic**, **Barry and Kay Bogart** and **Bob Bizzano** all joined the Squad in February. Barry and Kay Bogart have been with the Squad 5 years. Kay has been part of the crew that cleans and sterilizes our vehicles. Barry, also a part of the vehicle cleaning crew has also served as a van driver and a member of the wheelchair maintenance crew. Mike McClintic also reached his 5th anniversary with the Squad. Mike has been a member of the Maintenance crew helping to keep our vehicles on the road and our buildings functioning.

Bob Bizzano joined the Squad's Maintenance crew ten years ago, working steadily to ensure our wheels keep turning. During his 10 years, Bob has helped bring new ambulances and vans into service and seen our facilities change several times.

We thank Mike, Barry and Kay and Bob for their continued service to the community and the Squad.



Bob Bizzano



Mike McClintic



Barry and Kay Bogart. And yes, that is a halo over Barry's head.

March Anniversaries

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
3	Jim Martin	1
8	William Zeller	1
8	Barbara Cuthbertson	10
8	John Yarabek	15
8	Tom Rawlings	15

Thank you all for your time and efforts!

Annual Awards Dinner—Your Input Please

In 2015 we experienced fewer than normal attendees at our Awards Dinner, which was held in December of 2015. Last Spring we asked you if you wished to try a different time of year and the response was generally in favor of moving it to a less busy time, with February being favored by the majority who "voted."

Now we asking again for your input. With the Awards dinners just over, please vote if you are in favor of keeping it after the December holiday season OR switching it back to December. I will have "ballots" at the Annual meeting for your input and will also place them in the Ready room.

Thanks so much.

Dates to Remember

Annual Squad meeting
March 9th 2 to 4PM
Florida Room

Fun Fest—March 18th
9 to 2 PM
Community Association

KP Spring Fling
April 7th 10 to 2 PM

Do You Know?

The Squad has a FaceBook page as well as a website. These two things are not the same thing. Our website is sccems.com. You no longer need to insert the WWW, but it will still get you to the same location. This website provides more detailed information about the Squad, than our FaceBook page.

The FB page is for more current events and news. Check both of them out.



Team Captains

Team 1—Bob Mulcahy

Team 2—Peter Gallagher

Team 3—Walt Bowers

Team 4—Randy Anderson

Team 5—Ed Davis

Team 6—Dick Morrison

Team 7—George McInnes

Team 8—Jim Ryan

Thank you gentlemen for all your work!