



# The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

November 2018

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

The snowbirds are really starting to return and they are a welcomed sight. They also seem to have brought better weather with them. Hopefully, they brought their swim suits and left the snow shovels up north.

The roof on our main building is completed. They are replacing ceiling tiles that have become damaged. I know that we had one day the smell was pretty strong. Speaking of replacing, our new ambulance 2 is back and maintenance is working to replace the radios, etc. We were a little disappointed that the GPS was not on it, but they don't put that in unless you have Onstar. That is about \$20.00 a month extra. But it does have a backup camera to view not only the outside of the ambulance but also what is going on in the inside of the back of the ambulance.

Documed training will start next month. The team has been working very diligently on this, and I thank them for all of their hard work. There are a lot of people to go through this so it will take some time.

We are planning for the next symposium in April. We haven't yet figured out the topics but it will be the same format as before. One class in Community Hall and the other in Veterans Theater in Kings Point. And for all those interested, there will be lunch for all.



There is a rumor that you can save on your cell phone through AT&T. This is true and you have to be a First Responder. They did make this available some time ago, but there were strings to the Squad. We had to maintain the list and notify them when anyone left. There was also a question as to where the Squad would have to pay and get reimbursed from the volunteer or not. It appears they may have that worked out now. As always, we would like you to be able to save money. If you decide to switch to AT&T, the agreement will be between you and AT&T, and the Squad will not be involved. It probably wouldn't hurt to check your current provider to see if they offer a discount for members.

Mike Bardell  
Chief



Chief Mike Bardell

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUN CITY CENTER EMERGENCY SQUAD**  
**HOLIDAY AWARDS EVENING**

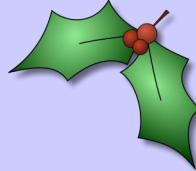


Please join us for our Awards Evening. One evening for everyone – Saturday, December 15, 2018. Community Hall on S. Pebble Beach  
 Doors open @5:30 PM Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM

BYOB Setups will be available.

Extensive Hot & Cold  
 d'oeuvre Buffet

Hope to see everyone



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there!

**SEPTEMBER RUN REPORT**

Ambulance Runs	364
Van Runs	100
Falls	184

**YEAR TO DATE RUN REPORT**

Ambulance Runs	3380
Van Runs	927
% of Falls	49.6

## Sick List

Sue Cooper	Team 1
Betty Peyton	Team 2
John Cortese	Team 3
Gary Krcil	Team 4

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

Joan Ambrose is celebrating 30 years of the Emergency Squad this month. 30 years and still going strong as a coordinator on Team 3!

Joan was raised in Bangor, Maine and then moved to Connecticut after she married her husband, Bill, who passed away in 1994. While in Connecticut, Joan wore many hats while raising her two boys, Jack, who still resides in Connecticut and Mike, who resides in Virginia. She also has four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Bill and Joan moved to Florida in 1988 and they both joined the Squad shortly after the move. Bill drove the ambulance during the days when members took the ambulances home and manned their radios 24/7. Joan worked as a First Responder. She recalls that their first call was to the Sun City Center Inn, however, it proved to be a false call. That was the extent of her training! Both Bill and Joan also worked on the Security Patrol for five years and she was involved with the Lapidary Club and the Ceramics Club, until her children asked her to stop because they had all the ceramics they could use!

Joan also works for Nettie's Estates Sales organizing prior to the sale as well as wrapping and checking people out at the actual sales.

Joan relates that she is proud to be a member of Team 3

all of her 30 years and still continues to enjoy the many friendships she has made over the years and all the good work of the many volunteers.

Please be certain to congratulate Joan this month when you see her! We are truly fortunate to have her!



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## November Birthdays

DAY	NAME
2	Sara Washburn
5	Terrie McNamara
9	Elda Miller
9	Wendy Rudolph
10	Emma Faron
14	Jeffery Ackerman
14	Robert Means
15	Rose Rife
17	Geraldine Roth
19	Michael Jasudowicz
19	Laura Schwandner
20	Ted Adamczyk
20	Louise Crandall
21	Walt Bowers
22	Debbie Jasmer
27	Julia Wickersham
28	Matt O'Brien

Dear Sun City Center Emergency Angels,

They told me to turn over . . . . I said I couldn't. . . . "Please just let me die here." Then they told me they wouldn't. They loaded me into an ambulance. That was in January 2018 and I am still limping around, but very much alive, even having done some gardening today. More than the horrific fracture break I suffered, was the realization that I was

being transported "Free of Charge" to Riverview Hospital. How could it be, that all these volunteers wanted in return were some cookies, if I ever got around to it. So, that is the reason that I am sending you a check today. Even when I am in Florida, I live 50 miles north of Sun City Center and most of the year I enjoy my home on a remote island in Lake Michigan. I have no idea when I will get to Sun City Center again. So, if it is cookies that they want, would you please use this money to supply them with some? They deserve it. . . all angels for sure.

What a wonderful group of volunteers you have and what a wonderful service you provide to your residents. I have been singing your praises all year long. No one I have talked to has ever heard of such a marvelous service at no cost to the patient. Sun City Center can really boast of something very special!!!

With my thanks for rescuing me on a very rainy, miserable day when I should have stayed home.

Anonymous



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I could continue writing an article every month and fill it with praise about all of you folks that give so much to the Squad, but there is so much more to this team!

The folks that have been tapped to lead you are men & women of character, skill and wisdom. They step into a position and it is like they trained for it for years, there's no drop off of service & support. When you realize that we have Dispatchers on duty 24/7 it's remarkable. Add to that our receptionists and kitchen staff and we are head & shoulders above other Emergency Squads in Florida. Those leaders that I mentioned are in constant contact with state offices to gather all the life saving information that they can attain and bring back to us that help us do a better job for our community.

I'm sure that you have realized the value that the special classes and constant training gives us, all of those make us the team that we are, winners and life savers and is there any better calling for any of us?

God loves a cheerful giver, that statement is usually reserved for a pulpit sermon on Church Budget Sunday, but I submit to you that each of you is a cheerful giver! You work all hours, you take classes, you work shift work and you smile through it all because you know it counts on the bottom line....You give so others have life and God loves your cheerful giving heart!!!!

Blessings,  
Pastor Hal

Welcome to  
**amazon**smile

You shop. Amazon gives.



## A SUN CITY CENTER MOMENT WITH JOHN CORTESE

God visited a woman and told her she must give up smoking, drinking and unmarried sex if she wants to get into Heaven. The woman said she would try her best.

God visited the woman a week later to see how she was getting on.

"Not bad" said the woman. "I've given up smoking and drinking but then I best over to get some stuff out of the freezer and my boyfriend caught sight of my long slender legs and high heels and made love to me right then and there."

"They don't like that in Heaven," said God.



The woman replied: They're not too happy about it in Costco either!"



## November Anniversaries

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
3	Joan Ambrose	30
3	Chuck Russ	15
5	Gene Deiss	10
1	John Phillips	3
	Gerald Wick	3
3	Ann McNamara	1
3	Marcia Doscher	1
5	Shawn Brauch	1



## DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV 5 HONORING OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. HAM & BEAN SOUP WITH CORNBREAD OR VEGETABLE SOUP AND BISCUIT. 5-7 PM. S. HILLSBOROUGH ELKS LODGE 2872 1630 HWY 41 RUSKIN. FREE TO ALL VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

NOV. 14 VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE AT THE EDUCATION BUILDING 6 PM

DEC 15 HOLIDAY AWARDS DINNER AT COMMUNITY HALL, S. PEBBLE BEACH 5:30 PM

## DON'T FORGET OUR COOKBOOKS

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



## 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!