



SUN CITY CENTER

EMERGENCY SQUAD



The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

September 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

All I can say is WOW. What a day the Luncheon was! It was so good to see so many of you that I don't get to speak to that often. It is one of the few times we get to thank you for your contributions. I really appreciate the special hello all of you did for John Cortese. He thoroughly enjoyed your video. Many of you remarked about how good the caterer was. They will be doing the Awards dinner at Christmas time also.

We just received a check from an Insurance Company, and while that may not be especially new news, there is another detail of the story. They are the insurer for Kings Point and they are a Clearwater company. Part of their philosophy has been to give back to agencies in the community they insure. They gave \$7,500.00 and this is the fourth year they have done so.

We have taken Ambulance 2 out of service, and it is now in Sanford awaiting the arrival of the new chassis. They will take the box off and do all the checks and then mount the new chassis. Then they will add all new equipment for the vehicle and send it to be painted. This will take sixty to ninety days.

We are in the process of redoing the roof on the Ray Watson building; however, we have to have some dry days to complete it and the roofer needs some time to get caught up on his jobs. So exact timeframe is unknown at this time.

We are looking forward to the return of our friends from up North and hope they had a great summer.

We have 2 EMR's starting their EMT August 20th. They are Robert Leonard Jr. from Team 1 and Susan McFayden from Team 7. Four other EMR's will be starting their EMT training in October. They are Barry McKee Team 4, John Gentry Team 8, Chris McCann, Team 1 and Karen McInnis Team 7. We wish all of these students success in this new opportunity they have chosen.



Chief Mike Bardell



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QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTED

The Sun City Center Emergency Squad recently presented "Quilts of Valor" to Veterans who work on the Squad. There are hundreds of men and women in the United States making quilts for Veterans.

Velma DeKing, a volunteer for the Squad, has organized this presentation and hopes to eventually give quilts to all of the veterans on the Squad.

Pictured above front row: Ken Ayers, Jorge Ignarra, Chris Simko and Bob Bizzano. Second row: Ted Adamczyk, Brownie Hoffman, Floyd Curvin, Don Churchill, Barry McKee, Walt Bowers, John Gentry and Ron Windsor.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

The Maintenance staff consists of a group of 17 people led by Assistant Chief, Dick Schneider. Dick has been with the Squad for over 22 years, during which time his team has been responsible for keeping all of the vehicles in tip-top shape and in good running order as well as maintaining the operations of the gurneys within the ambulances.

The maintenance crew's jobs are many. They wash and service all of our vehicles. They look for safety issues that may need to be addressed. In addition, they schedule service on the vehicles with outside contractors as well as delivering and picking up the ambulances and vans from oil changes, tire repairs, etc.

These men and women take care of every aspect of the building maintenance from changing light bulbs, unclogging toilets, taking out our garbage, servicing the garage doors and just about any other job nobody else wants to do! Additionally, they are available for all of these duties 24/7!

The maintenance crew begins their work very early before some of us are even awake. We often do not realize they are out there working for us and we certainly need to let them know that we appreciate all that they do for the Squad. Without their tireless service to the Squad, we would not be on the road!

Pictured below are Mike McClintic, Barry Bogart, Dave Graves, Howard Levine, Art Longo, Dick Schneider, Jack Riley, Jose Alicea and Bob Bizzano. Other crew members not pictured include Reinhold Baal, Kay Bogart, George Ineson, Mike Jasudowicz, Harry Kelly, George McInnes, and Ken Wolfert.



AUGUST RUN REPORT

Ambulance Runs	360
Van Runs	95
B/P's Taken	85

YEAR TO DATE RUN REPORT

Ambulance Runs	3016
Van Runs	827
B/P's Taken	880

Sick List

Jan James	Team 2
Betty Peyton	Team 2
John Cortese	Team 3
Barbara Walker	Team 3
Joan Ambrose	Team 3
Dick Morrison	Team 6
Scotti Fortiner	

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September Birthdays

DAY	NAME
1	Logan Dodson
1	Mariane Divar
3	Marilyn Navarro
5	Greg Mierzwins
6	Julie Holtom
6	Wendy Helton
6	George Mutti
7	Mary Huntington
8	Chris Fernandez
11	Mary Ann Rowe
12	Mike Albanese
13	Jan Caruthers
14	Janice Churchill
14	Linda Warren
14	Shirley Bardell
15	Lisa Boeger
15	Mark Schickowski
15	Bev Ledoux
16	Sebastian Smith
16	Sharon Privitera
17	Elaine Davis
20	Mary Reter
20	Howard Levine
20	Mark Kinsey
21	Ken Ayers
23	Rosemary Mattingly
23	Betty Russell
24	Donna Manship
24	Dan Holtom
24	Mary Ann Meeker
25	Margaret Campbell
25	Elaine Elliott
27	Louise Kreider
27	Glenn Russell
28	Cynthia Slaughter
28	Linda Hughes
28	Rolando Serrano
29	June Rowley
29	Jorge Ignarra

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TEAMWORK

ALONG WITH THE CHIEF, LET ME START BY ADDING MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR STEPPING UP THIS SUMMER TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE COVERAGE. SO MANY TIMES I HAVE WALKED THROUGH THE DOOR IN THE MORNING, FULLY KNOWING WHAT TEAM WAS WORKING THAT DAY, ONLY TO SEE FACES FROM MANY DIFFERENT TEAMS AND SECOND GUESSING MYSELF. YOU ARE TRULY THE BEST!!

THE NEED FOR PEOPLE WILLING TO GIVE BACK TIME TO OUR COMMUNITY IS STILL GREAT. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT THE WORD "VOLUNTEER" HAS BEEN LEFT OUT. WE ARE TRYING THIS FRESH APPROACH TO FILL OUR STAFFING NEEDS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THE NEW WORDING, OR IF THE OLD WORKS WHEN YOU ARE SPEAKING WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE SQUAD, THAT IS FINE TOO.



I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT ANY OF YOU WHO ARE VETERANS AND HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED A QUILT OF VALOR, TO PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN PASS THAT INFORMATION ALONG TO VELMA DEKING. IN CLOSING, LET ME WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY MONTH!

CHRIS McCann, Assistant CHIEF,
 HR

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Can you believe it? We're in September already! Yep, 8 months down and 4 to go and we see another year end. Are you practicing writing 2019 yet? No, I am not either but we will soon enough.

So how have you enjoyed your summer? Did you take some time away from Sun City Center? Did you take a vacation? Do a cruise? Visit family and old friends somewhere around the country? All of those things sound wonderful and if you did do any of them, my prayer is that you relaxed and enjoyed your time. Even with folks traveling, the squad must continue to function. As you travelled others covered the necessary shifts. When they were gone, you stepped up and covered the needs of the Squad and of our community.

That is why we are known all over the state of Florida. You are part of a unique Team.... A Team of people with hearts of concern and care. You shine whether our numbers of team players are high or low. God tells us to "Trust the Lord with all your heart"! You people sure show that you trust God to guide & direct us. Also, you trust each other to do a job that completes us as a great Team by working together. That makes a Championship team in athletics and to our community you are the National Champions!

Be Blessed,

Pastor Hal



A SUN CITY CENTER MOMENT WITH JOHN CORTESE

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol. . . DEAD.

The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . DEAD.

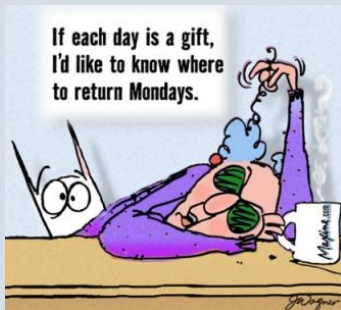
The third worm in chocolate syrup . . . DEAD.

Fourth worm in good clean soil . . . ALIVE.

The minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" Maxine was sitting in the back quickly raised her hand and said "as long as you

drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't get worms!!"

That pretty much ended the service!



September Anniversaries

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
3	Sam Sudman	10
5	Debbie Jasmer	5
4	M. J. Ricketts	5
8	Manya Ogle	3
7	Dottie Kemmer	3
2	Glenda Burgess	3
1	Cynthia Lowe	1
2	Louise Kreider	1
5	Louise Michalchick	1
3	William Sabo	1
7	Barbara Laino	1
1	Mary Porterfield	1
6	James Hiller	1



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 12 VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE AT THE EDUCATION BUILDING 6 PM

SEPT 17 FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION EVENT 10 AM—1 PM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—1210 DEL WEBB WEST

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.

SAVE THE DATE-DEC 15-@5:30 PM. HOLIDAY AWARDS EVENING.



From the CFO Office!!!

Just want to thank everyone who

gave back their check at the Appreciation Luncheon! The total amount came to \$750.

Also, don't forget to use AMAZON SMILE when you place an order! We received \$108 this month from Amazon Smile!!

What you do to help the Squad Is deeply appreciated!

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!