

# SUN CITY CENTER

# **EMERGENCY SQUAD**





# The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

**April 2018** 

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

This is the last month before the majority of our snowbirds will depart. We wish them well in their travels and hope that they have a great summer. We will be looking forward to their return in the Fall.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our All Squad meeting from 1 until 3 pm at the Community Hall. It is our hope that everyone will be able to attend. Here is a little summary of what will be taking place:

- A. AEROMED. They will be bring in a helicopter from Tampa General for you to see and for them to explain all that they do;
- B. Hillsborough County Fire Department (28). They will be bringing the engine for you to see and they will also be explaining what they do;
- C. Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. They will be there to give updates for you.
- D. CFO. You will be given an update on our Finances.
- E. HR. You will be given an update on that department also.

Please be sure to wear your badge for this event.

The fact that these people are willing to come out here for the Squad, says a lot about what they think of the Emergency Squad. As always, I am always very concerned about commitment of your time! But this time, we have tried to make things different and interesting. So, please plan on attending

this meeting and help us to show how grateful we are to work with these amazing emergency medical services to ensure safe, quality patient care to our community.

Someday, everything will make perfect sense. So for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.

Mike Bardell, Chief



Chief Mike Bardell

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## **NEW EMR CLASS GRADUATES**

The Emergency Squad is pleased to announce the new Emergency Medical Responders from our March Class. Pictured below: Front

Row: Jodi Rome-Avrus, Craig Marks, and Marcia McKee, Instructor. Second Row: Ron Cowden, Karen Leonard, Ana Bauer, and Shirley Bardell, Instructor.

Please welcome them as they find their new home among us.

Year to Date Run March:	Report	thru
Ambulance Runs	289	
Van Runs	105	
Falls	106	
Heart/Chest Issues	4	

# VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH BARRY AND MACIA McKEE

Barry and Marcia moved to Sun City Center in 2012, coming from Cape Cod. Their feeling was the Sun City had everything they were looking for in a retirement community plus it also had the Emergency Squad. They will be married for 12 years this May.

Barry's background is very impressive, indeed. After working as a Professor of Criminal Justice for 30+ years, he decided to semi-retire. After serving in the Army for two years, he earned a B.S. in Law Enforcement and a Masters in Forensic Psychology. He also worked as a police officer for 10 years until he was injured on the job and had to retire. He then became the Program Director Criminal Justice at Bristol Community College where in served for 25 years. Barry also taught online courses through the college in Massachusetts.

Marcia's background is equally impressive. She has also completed both her B.S. and Masters degrees. She originally taught K-12 in Science and has taught World and American History on the college level. In addition, she also taught teachers' education courses.

Barry has worked with the Emergency Squad as an EMR/Driver since joining the squad in April, 2013. Marcia, on the other hand, was still teaching online courses at that time and did not join the squad until January, 2015, as an EMR. In addition to their roles as EMR's on Team 4, they teach CPR and EMR education classes. At the present time, Barry is working continuously on our

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new "Stop the Bleed" campaign as an instructor getting ready to open up the classes to the general public, now that the Squad has been instructed.

813-634-380( At this point, approximately 100,000 people nationwide have been trained in this most vital program with lofty goals for the future!

# Sick List

Rick Frabotta	
Jack Riley	Maintenance
Scotti Fortiner	Team 1
Betty Williams	Team 2
Rolando Serrano	Team 2
Dolores Whiteside	Team 2
Lou Balance	Team 2
John Cortese	Team 3
Bud Wiehe	Team 3
Noreen Schramm	Team 6
Frank Gomez	Team 6
Suzanne	
McFayden	Team 7

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# **April Birthdays**

#### DAY NAME Dan Zawacki 3 Marcia Lederberg 4 5 Tracy Sabo 5 Floyd Curvin 6 Russ Girgenti 7 Diane Michaliszyn 7 Mary Bramel 7 Jennie Casey 8 Albert Bergeman Diane Simon Joan Feehan 9 Joyce Moloney 12 Barb Cuthbertson 15 Ken Krupp 16 Frank Gatto 18 **Anthony Marro** 18 Gene Pliska 18 Sharon Dolan 19 Dee Whitehurst 20 Betty Ellis 20 Khalifa Mohsen Chris Zewin 21 23 George McInnes 23 **Bud Wiehe** 25 Amy Fraser 26 Barb Cunningham 26 **David Graves** 27 Don Marotta 27 Gretchen Chapman 29 Reinhold Baal 30 Scotti Fortiner



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# **EMERGENCY SQUAD PRESENTS ITS NEWEST BOARD**

Squad elections for the Board of Directors took place at the Annual Meeting of the Squad on March 9 at the Sun City Center Cham-



ber of Commerce. The Board is composed of nine members serving staggered three year terms. Pictured at left are Barry McKee, Robin Watt, Dick Morrison, Vice Chair; Marty Mallak, Secretary; Tom Canedy, Mary Ann Meeker, Treasurer; Joe Michaliszyn and Chair Eileen Peco.

Missing from picture: Emily Lahti.

Pictured at right are the members of the Emergency Squad attending the Annual Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on March 9.



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

What a hectic time of year we are in! The squad went through elections; our annual squad meeting to get caught up with all of the current news and policy changes and the selection for our leadership team. We are also planning our All Squad meeting for April 2 with Aeromed bringing their air ambulance and Hillsborough bring their equipment so we can have an up-close encounter with all of their facilities.

Then we add the special events that the squad always supports in our community like the Sun City Center Fun Fest or the American Cancer Relay for Life Walk at Freedom Plaza. So many of you ramp up your volunteerism by attending these events and doing even more than normal in giving yourself back to our neighbors in Sun City Center. When you add in to all of this your time of service on your team with the squad, each of you are a monster blessing to all of our neighbors!

In the Old Testament book of Joshua we are told that he (Joshua) and his household chose to serve the Lord. Each of you also chose to serve in the many areas that the Squad offers to you. Your household is the Squad and you step up and are counted as a team mate, thank you.... The Squad needs you, the community needs you and God is happy with each of you which ain't bad!!!!

Rev. Hall

## INTERFAITH COUNCIL PROVIDES GRANT

Since 1971, the Interfaith Council of Sun City Center has assisted the residents of Sun City Center. In order to achieve their plan to raise funds, they established the Nearly New Shop. As the community grew, they relocated the shop from Wimauma to Sun City **Team** Center.

The Emergency Squad is most appreciative of the Interfaith Council in their assistance with a \$4,200 grant to enable the purchase of the necessary equipment for their new community outreach program: "Stop the Bleed." "Stop the Bleed" was the initiative of Home Land Security and came about as a result of the Sandy Hook disaster. We are now offering this vital instruction to the public after the training of the Squad. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the classes and advise them to schedule a class by calling 813-633-1411 X400. Class times will be arranged for all interested parties.

Pictured here upon delivery of the grant monies are Chief Mike Bardell; Doug Campbell, Grant Committee Chair: and Janet Caruthers. Grant Writer.





# April Anniversaries

Anniversary

O Cart Affavració	10
2 Gert Affayroux	10
5 Bob Nixon	10
8 Terrie McNamara	5
3 Janice Roussau	3
3 Diana Raphael	3
4 Linda Kalpin	3
3 Thomas Ginter	1
4 Melissa Burnham	1
4 Amy Fraser	1
8 John Gentry	1

Name



## Dates to Remember

APRIL 3 ALL SQUAD MEETING AEROMED AIR FLIGHT AMBU-LANCE TO APPEAR

STOP THE BLEED CLASSES CONTINUE FOR THE PUBLIC

APRIL 11 VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE AT THE EDUCATION BUILDNG 6 PM

APRIL 12 CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE SPING TRADE SHOW AT COMMUNITY HALL 9 AM TO 1

APRIL 19 HEALTH FAIR AT ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9-11:30.

## DON'T FORGET OUR COOKBOOKS

WE ARE CONTINUING TO SELL THE Team 2—Betty Richner SQUAD COOKBOOKS. KEEP THEM IN MIND AS A NICE SHOWER GIFT OR A WEDDING PRESENT. \$10 EACH OR SIX Team 4—Randy Anderson BOOKS FOR \$50.



# Team Captains

Team 1—Robert Leonard

Team 3—Chuck Russ

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!