



SUN CITY CENTER

EMERGENCY SQUAD



The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

June 2017

From the Desk of the Chief

First, let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the hard work they continue to do. Most come in do their job without fanfare or recognition. Some positions don't get much notice for instance; radio or wheelchair maintenance as well as our sanitizing crew.

But there are also other groups of people on the Squad that do multiple functions for the squad along with their jobs on their teams. These people take on additional duties on a daily basis and without them, we could not function. Their duties include, but are not limited to:

Board- These nine people that are elected to office each serve three year terms. They make and review policies, monitor investments, attend functions for the squad and meet at least on a monthly basis.

Comptroller/Treasurer- They strive to make sure we are financially secure, pay bills, handle the fund drive, as well as keep and monitor accounts payable.

HIPPA/Compliance- Linda Blume has a dual role in that she directly reports to the board on HIPPA issues, but also reviews every run report to ensure accuracy before sending them to the state.

Education- As we train all of our own people (except EMTs) and recertify them, this requires a large number of instructors in many different areas.

Human Resources – Every person on the Squad is interviewed and has a background check. Along with all the paperwork to go along with it, they also maintain all personnel files. In addition, this group of people organize and attend the monthly recruiting meetings with the objective of obtaining new members for our team.

Communications – This is a large group of people who see that all information relative to the squad gets reported accurately through our various lines communications in Sun City Center. In addition, they attend the orientation meetings to familiarize new residents of our presence within our community. They also attend various city functions, such as the annual Fun Fest, often providing blood pressures checks, distribute our vials of life and promote general good will throughout the City.

Safety – Along with constantly monitoring each building, he reviews any accidents or incidents.

IT- This is a technical area that I believe people don't notice much until something doesn't work.

Purchasing- Rick Frabotta reviews all contracts and ensures we have the supplies we need.

This, by no means, is meant to be a complete list of their areas of expertise within our squad, but to show it really does take a Village.

Submitted by Mike Bardell, Deputy Chief

Chief Robert Leonard



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Donation: PAR FOR THE CHORUS

The Par for the Chorus Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society donated to the Squad a portion of the proceeds, \$400, from their Spring Show. The group consists of approximately 18 regular members and presented their annual program at the United Methodist Church of Sun City. Pictured here are Eileen Peco, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Dave Totten from the Par for the Chorus, Chris McCann, Asst. Chief-HR; and Barry McKee, a mem-



Run Report MAY 2017

Monthly

Ambulance Runs	350
Van Runs	206

B/P	133
Falls	145
Heart/Chest Issues	17

Falls were 41.43% of our calls

Year to Date Run Report

Ambulance Runs	2004
Van Runs	653

B/P	733
Falls	719
Heart/Chest Issues	102

Sick List

Robert Leonard	Team 1
Caroline Whalen	
John Cortese	Team 3
Shirley Bardell	
John Colburn	Team 4
Bucky Devlin	Team 5
Judi Buyak-Daigis	
Mary Soja	Team 7
Karen McInnis	

NOTE: John Cortese is now at Palm Gardens and would love visitors!

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: WALTER BOWERS

Walt Bowers has taken the concept of re-inventing himself to a new concept. Since moving to this area with his wife, Jo-Ann, from Long Island, New York, Walt took his retirement a

little beyond. Not having had any earlier medical or first aid training, he volunteered at the Emergency Squad one day a week. He then became an EMR, then a driver, and now has become an Emergency Medical Technician. More recently he became Captain for his Team 3.

Walt and Jo-Ann were high school sweethearts after meeting at the movie theater where Walt worked and Jo-Ann was on a date that evening. They then began dating and the rest is history! They have now been married for 50 years, working and raising their family on Long Island. Walt worked for a large air conditioning company and became East Coast Regional Service Manager. Jo-Ann worked for the Internal Revenue Service for ten years and spent 20 years with Verizon. They moved to Valencia Lakes in 2010.

Walt remembers how good it felt to truly help someone in need and he realized early on that he wanted to continue working with the Squad in large part to focus on helping others. It was at this point that he enrolled in the EMT program to do just that. Even though it is only one semester, he is quick to interject that it was the hardest thing he has ever done. Walt epitomizes our motto: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."



June Birthdays

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	Ken Wolfert
2	Jim Hoffman
2	Tom Porter
4	Oscar Kramer
4	Richard Morrison
5	Marion Carlson
6	Tom Canedy
6	Barbara Kushnerick
7	Charlotte Epps
7	Barbara Flagg
7	Eric Ramey
7	George Stewart
7	Janis Wiehe
8	Karen Leonard
9	Melissa Burnham
9	Linda Eargle
10	Betty Marme
10	Gerald Wick
11	Rick Fox
11	Marlene Hollander
12	Noreen Schramm
13	John Gentry
14	Bonnie Matthys
15	Carol Watson
16	Aaron Gadomski
16	Ruby Hebel
17	Patricia McAdams
18	Kathleen Shaefer
19	Karen McInnis
19	Ted Stone
21	Jerry Mitchell
23	Linda Bowker
23	Linda Palmer
24	Julie McClintic
24	Jack McDonald
25	Bill Murphy
26	Larry Lewis
28	Joan Ambrose
28	Kathy Panzner

HYPERTHERMIA VS. HYPOTHERMIA

The second in a two part series by Kent Marchuk

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is defined by the Mayo Clinic as "a medical emergency that occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body core temperature, classified as body core temperature passing below 95 degrees F (35 degrees C)." Body shakes, cold or cool to touch, slurred speech, confusion and drowsiness are among this list of symptoms.

Do we really have to be too concerned about heat loss here in the Sunshine State? You bet. Even though it's a scorch-er outside, our core temperatures can get below standards. Swimming too long in our 90 degrees F Gulf waters or the heated pool is enough to do it. Lying on a cool tile floor; perhaps, after a fall for too long can do it. (We've all seen or heard of a patient not getting help for many hours after a fall) as well as sitting in direct cold air are just a few causes. Each situation seeping and dissipating precious body heat.



MEMORIAL DAY LIVING FLAG TRIBUTE

Once again this year the Squad was well represented at the 42nd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance: A Tribute to Our Deceased Veterans which was held in Kings Point Veterans Theater. The Squad had 29 members in

uniform who participated in the Living Flag Memorial to the men and women of Sun City Center who have passed away since the last Memorial Day, 2016. Many other members were in attendance to participate in this moving ceremony by representing various other community organizations.

The program is sponsored by the Military Veterans Organizations of Sun City Center and The Daughters of the American Revolution. This year's very moving speaker was Colonel Michael P. Davis, USMC (retired) who shared many of his thoughts about those who remain "Forever Young" in our hearts and minds.

To all of you who took the time to honor our deceased members it was a very moving experience and a sincere thank you goes out to all of you for your time. Next year, we hope to have a bigger and better turnout with all of us in uniform to show our support for this moving event.

ATTENTION ALL EMRS:

Please remember that pre-sets are wonderful but need to be changed if the situation changes. Nursing Facilities are NOT Homes but Health Care Facilities even if the patient "lives" there. If necessary, I have a list of facilities. We use Lights and Sirens when responding to ambulance calls (911) and do not down-grade. Medical Transports are FROM HOSPITAL ONLY. A Fall is a Fall and requires a trauma alert filled out and, of course, do not forget all falls require a Blood Sugar. Falls include lift assist. OBTW a complete set of vitals is required on all patients including GCS and repeated every 15 minutes. We do not use Prior vitals as if we took them. We must do a set of our own vitals. OIF falls require a head-to-toe exam and charted. [AFYADAG] Hope you are picking up the hints-if not, IWSIOFY. Abbreviations are great but please approved ones. Ones that you will remember if called to court or a teammate asks "What do you mean?" Thank you for all you do! You are so very appreciated and needed. If you have questions, just ask.

Linda Blume

June Anniversaries

<u>Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
6	Linda East	10
5	Linda Mascetti	10
7	Mary Carter	5
6	Sharon Gomez	3
6	Frank Gomez	3
5	John H. Fetting	3
8	Jean Fenney	1
7	William Reyes	1



Squad in the News

Karen Crippen, Team Seven, was recently named Woman of the Year

by the Preceptor Kappa Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority on the 85 year Founder's Day celebration. Karen, who is president of the chapter, was named for her many volunteer activities in Sun City Center and her leadership of the chapter during her presidency.

Good Work, Karen!

Dates to Remember

WED JUNE 14 RE-
CRUITING MEET-
ING 6PM-TRAINING
BUILDING

WED JUNE 14 FLAG
DAY

SUN JUNE 18
FATHER'S DAY

TO ALL YOU "JULIA CHILDS" OUT THERE:

Thank you for all of your recipes!
We are working with the publisher at
this point and hope to see our finished
"Baby" by the Fall.



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—Jim Ryan

Thank you all for all you do
for our squad!