



SUN CITY CENTER EMERGENCY SQUAD



The Siren



News and announcements from the Emergency Squad

March 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

This year is moving way too quickly for me. As always, there is a lot happening, but because of your efforts we have managed to accomplish the many tasks before us.

In February, we received our bi-annual inspection from the State. We had no deficiencies. This was not an easy inspection. They looked at our personnel records for education and training documents. They also reviewed our maintenance documents and performed inspections of our vehicles and onboard contents. In the past, this has been a problem. People would remove an item from a usually locked box and not replace it. We have recently changed this. We discontinued the old locks, replacing them with new breakaway tags with recorded numbers. This should give confidence to the crews that they have what they are supposed to have, and if there is no tag, they need to report it. Airway Boxes will be inventoried and resealed. There are many people to thank for all of this. This truly was a job well done!

Starting this year, we had to go through the same licensure process as any other ambulance company. In the past, we only had to ask for our license and they sent it. The PTC (as it was called) was dissolved and the County has taken charge. There is one packet for Ambulances and one for Wheelchair Vans. It's a good thing Dick Morrison is on the County EMS Planning Committee. He was able to get us an early copy of the ordinance which helped a great deal. IT had to design a complete database form to be able to give the County the desired information. In addition, each application is different because they are assigned to different departments at the County. The Ambulance one requires a recorded testimony under oath. They allotted 1 ½ hours for this and it actually took that long. This initially concerned me because I was unsure I would have answers for all the questions. But the hearing went well and we are expecting a positive outcome.

Stryker training was done on February 20th. I actually thought this might be the last year because of a lack of interest. I was shocked that there was more interest this year than last year. We are very thankful to Stryker for this as it was a free class. This is the point that Marty Gifford smiles about. A special thanks to Summer McPhillips for the time she gave us. A fun fact is that her boss is named Autumn.

Looking forward, new driver mentoring (now called Phase 2 Driver Training) is being changed to have one mentor per new trainee. This will give them more driving time and more consistent training before they drive with a crew.

We have scheduled an All Squad Meeting for April 3rd. Aeromed will fly in and give you access to look at the transport medical helicopter. I am told that a ride in one of these is about 15k but they are willing to show us the aircraft for free so that we can better understand what other transport vehicles are like.

So, it is on to Spring and hoping our weather doesn't get too hot too soon. Again, thanks for all you do.

Mike Bardell
Chief



Chief Mike Bardell

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Try to be a rainbow in
someone's cloud.

Maya Angelou

ELECTION NEWS UPDATE

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled on March 9, 2018 at 2 PM at the SCC Chamber of Commerce. The election of Directors to fill Board vacancies is the last order of business.

If you have not yet voted, you still have the option of submitting an Absentee Ballot or voting in person at the Annual Membership Meeting. Since there are five candidates and five vacancies, you may ask "why are we voting?" You are voting for three candidates to fill the three year positions. The three candidates with the most votes will fill the three year positions. The candidates with the 4th and 5th highest vote count will assume the two and one year terms. REMEMBER: vote for THREE candidates only.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Barry Bogart and his wife, Kay, moved to Sun City Center from Newark, Delaware, in 2012. Barry's previous endeavors was as a pipefitter, working outside in the elements for 30 years so he was determined to find a warm climate to spend his retirement.

Shortly after moving to Sun City Center, he became involved with the Squad, sanitizing and then becoming an EMR in 2013. Shortly thereafter, he became a driver. Barry has held various jobs within the squad including washing the ambulances and sanitizing the ambulances on Wednesday and Thursdays. You will often find him working on the wheelchairs and other equipment at the education building. Additionally, he works as a van driver on Team 4.

When asked about his hobbies, Barry reports that the Squad is his hobby. However, he is also involved as a Co-Captain of the Security Patrol, Chair of the Radar Patrol and also works on the RV lot maintenance as he and Kay enjoy travelling in their 5th wheel.

More than once, Barry reverted to saying that Kay was much more interesting than he. She has worked as an instructor for the American Heart Association, taught CPR, worked as a lab technician and was also an EMT. Most recently, her stain glass art won best in show!



It is easy to recognize that in talking with Barry, the Squad is very fortunate in having the Bogarts as volunteers for the Squad. They truly emulate "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

AMAZON SMILE

We are excited to tell you about promotion that will launch soon. Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. This We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile is a great opportunity to increase Sun City Center Emergency Squad No 1 Inc's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com.

From March 12 - 31, use the message and banner below in email, social media, and on your website to spread the word to your donors, staff, and volunteers. Please do not announce this promotion until it begins on March 12.

For additional details about the promotion, visit the promotion [detail page](#).

3x your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1147811 and Amazon donates to Sun City Center Emergency Squad No 1 Inc.



Now your support goes 3 times as far

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[amazonsmile](https://smile.amazon.com)

Sick List

Rick Frabotta

Jack Riley Maintenance

Scotti Fortiner Team 1

Betty Williams Team 2

Rolando Serrano Team 2

John Cortese Team 3

Donna McClister Team 3

Doris Ferron Team 4

Mary Carter Team 7

Suzanne
McFayden Team 7

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March Birthdays

DAY	NAME
2	Lloyd Banfield
2	Pamela Evoskevicz
3	Rochelle Berss
4	William Grussi
7	William Ammeraal
7	Richard Bothroyd
8	Thomas Ginter
8	Harold Jeffery
9	Sheila Houlihan
9	Dorothy McKenzie
9	Dana Wallace
12	Shirley Dwyer
14	Eliot Marcus
14	Sheila O'Halloran
17	Jeanne Krull
17	Sylvia Eddens
17	Manya Ogle
20	Richard Bishop
20	Deanna Montes de Oca
21	Mike Brezec
21	Jeanette Remec
23	Margie Blair
23	Betty DuFresne
23	Lynette Heisler
23	Richard McCormick
23	Sam Sudman
24	Jo-Ellen Bromberg
24	Peg Noeltner
24	Betty Richner
26	Timothy Zion
27	Sandi Zoldi
28	Carol Howley
28	Duane Marcum
31	Bob Bizzano
31	Birginia Defever
31	Joe Plaskon
31	Mary Porterfield

RUN REPORT FEBRUARY

Ambulance Runs	289
Van Runs	105
Falls	106
Heart/Chest Issues	4

KINGS POINT KRAFTERS CONTRIBUTES TO EMERGENCY SQUAD

The Kings Point Krafters recently met to contribute \$1,000 to the Squad which represents a portion of their fundraising efforts from the sale of their various knitting "Krafts." The Krafters also donate funds to the Samaritans and CERT as well as donating their finished products to school children and those in need in our area.

Pictured below are members of the Kings Point Krafters presenting their donation to the Emergency

Squad: Left to right: Kathleen Operach, Ann Farr, Cass Murphy, Margaret McDonald, Cathy Yevoli and Marty Gifford, CFO of the Sun City Center Emergency Squad.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

February already! I don't believe that I am the only person that thinks God is playing with me as I get older. Time seems to fly by compared to when I was a younger man It seems to me I just moved to the South County area but it's been 15 years already! I have lived in Hillsborough County for 65 years because I love this area and the people. I serve in two churches because God burdened my heart to do what I can when I get the opportunity to help others.

February also brings another holiday to get excited about. No decorations to put up and no big plans for having family and friends over for turkey. This is just a holiday about our hearts, Valentine's Day! Let's face it, we all care about hearts... In 1 Samuel 16 it says, "... that God looks at our hearts", isn't that what you as Squad members do also? You care about people's hearts! As a minister, I also care about people's hearts so I guess we celebrate Valentine's Day every day.

I don't care how fast the time passes, I'm just glad that we accept each day and the opportunities that it presents to us so we can take action as it is needed. I hope you didn't wait until Feb. 14 to give your loved one a big hug and tell them that each day with them is a present in your life.

Blessings,

Pastor Hal

NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF NAMED

The Squad recently named Dick Schneider as Assistant Chief, Vehicle Maintenance. Dick has been with the Squad for over 22 years during which time he has been responsible for keeping all of the vehicles in tip-top shape and in good running order as well as maintaining the operation of the gurneys within the ambulances.

Pictured here congratulating Dick upon his appointment is Chief Mike Bardell.



March Anniversaries

Team Name Anniversary

4	Ken Reid	20
4	Dan Holtom	15
2	Katherine Bizzano	15
6	Chris Zewin	10
	Beverly Ledoux	10
8	Sharon Dolan	5
4	Randy Anderson	5
3	Shirley Bardell	5
	Adebola Atanda	3
	Michael Jasudowicz	1
1	Karen Leonard	1
5	Leo Scire	1
2	Sheila O'Halloran	1
6	Patricia Johnson	1
7	Sally Mabesoone	1
5	Rick Fox	1
1	Donald Chabot	1
8	Peggy Cressy	1
3	Wendy Helton	1
6	Nancy Birkett	1
1	George Ignarra	1



Safety Issues

!EFENSIVE DRIVE TIP #1

Always remember the five second rule: Allow enough time (five seconds) to stop when the vehicle in front of you stops suddenly.

This definitely applies to our Emergency vehicles also.

Dates to Remember

MAR 5, 6 & 7 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

MAR 9 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS

MAR 9 KINGS POINT SPRING FLING

MAR 17 SCC FUN FEST SIGN UP SHEET ON BOARD IN READY ROOM

MAR 22 MINI RELAY FOR LIFE AT FREEDOM PLAZA

APRIL 2 ALL SQUAD MEETING AEROMED AIR FLIGHT AMBULANCE TO APPEAR

STOP THE BLEED CLASSES CONTINUE.

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 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!