

## Facility vs Block Address

By Diane Simon, Ass't. Chief, QA

Upon Dispatch, we are sent to an address. Is it a facility? On the Incident tab, under "Relative Location," if you select "Facility," a list of all local facilities will appear. If yours isn't listed, you may assume that you should use Block Address instead.



I.e. Aston Gardens is NOT a facility.  
Freedom Plaza is NOT a facility.

But Courtyards IS a facility.  
Freedom Plaza (Homewood) IS a facility.

Are you confused yet? A Facility in the State of Florida is a licensed residential location that has skilled healthcare. They are assigned a Code by the State and must meet certain requirements to maintain their license.

A Block Address is anything EXCEPT a facility.

The receiving Hospital/Stand Alone ER's may or may not recognize an address as that of a Facility. Please make sure your INCIDENT tabs reflect accurate data.

Also, please note that if a patient is currently in residence at Plaza West, they may or may not be a resident there - ergo, the responding address will be Facility and the Patient's home address may be somewhere else.

If this is all we have to worry about, we're doing a GREAT JOB!!! QA Team

## Recognitions

### Kathy Bizzano has 20 year Anniversary

In March of 2003, Kathy Bizzano joined the Squad. She has served on Team 2 her entire twenty years! Team 2 recently held a luncheon and presented Kathy with her 20 year pin and certificate!

Thank you for your many years of service!



**Dick Schneider—Everyday Hero**—Dick was recently chosen by Bay News 9 as one of their Everyday heroes—people who make a difference in the lives of others. Dick has been with the Squad for 27 years. He (and his crew) keep our wheels rolling!  
Thanks you Dick!



## Annual Meeting March 29th

The Annual Squad meeting was held Wednesday March 29th in the Banquet room at Kings Point. The Squad turned out in larger numbers than we have seen in a few years! Prior to the start of the meeting, a silent auction of donated arts and crafts was held, raising \$758 for our coffers!

The primary purpose of the Annual meeting is to provide to Squad members, a review of the Squad's finances and accomplishments of the past year and to elect new Board members for the coming year.

Six Board positions were open for election and nine Squad members ran for the Board. Elected were: Leslie Anderson, Bob Butenhoff, Betty Richner, Robin Watt, Bud Wiehe and Pam Zion.

Thanks to the nominating committee, the silent auction donors and organizers, the candidates and all who turned out for the meeting.



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### Team Captains

<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Paul Donohoe</b>
<b>Team 2</b>	<b>Betty Richner</b>
<b>Team 3</b>	<b>Walt Bowers</b>
<b>Team 4</b>	<b>Tim Zion</b>
<b>Team 5</b>	<b>Rich Bothroyd</b>
<b>Team 6</b>	<b>Eileen Peco</b>
<b>Team 7</b>	<b>Jim Hunton</b>
<b>Team 8</b>	<b>Tom Potter</b>

April 2023

# The Siren

Newsletter of the Sun City Center  
Emergency Squad



## From the Chief's Desk

It's seems that since Covid-19, so many people have little to no patience or tolerance for others. It's always been religion and politics that set people off, but now it could be someone too slow in the checkout lane. In Sun City Center, most of us are aging except those that have decided not to have anymore birthdays. We are all different and have had different lives and thus, different perspectives. I have listened to many of you about your past and have been fascinated at what you have done and accomplished in your lives.

Some of you may not have attended the Annual meeting, so I'll recap a few issues for you. We have received some new equipment – pediatric backboards, computerized child mannequins, and advanced airways. We will be receiving new AEDs over the summer. We believe that we need to constantly be on the lookout for new technology to make our jobs easier and to provide greater safety and care for our patients. I am also more optimistic about our community working together. If we can do this there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

I know you have heard me speak about the LED sign. It is finally up, however to get final approval we have to have a cut-off box installed. This has to be done by an electrician. And as most of you know, we are not in control of when we can get this done. We used none of our money for this, it was a grant Our hope is that this will be a great message board for the community.

Lastly, as always, your dedication and hard work are appreciated not just by me, but by our community. Thank you for being the best.



Chief Mike Bardell

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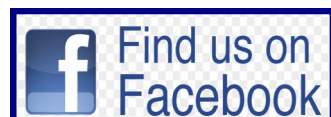




# UPDATES & REPORTS

## Birthdays for April 2023

Barbara Judy	1	
John Kunzler	2	
Jeanne Michel	2	Frank Gatto 16
Daniel Zawacki	3	Harriet Rubin 17
Vallery McKeenan	4	Mark Kelemen 17
Marcia Lederberg	4	John Kosin 17
Barbara Davis	6	Anthony Marro 18
Len Phillips	6	Darlene Whitehurst 19
Janet Meyer	7	Mohsen Khalifa 20
Mary Bramel	7	Mary Duncan 21
Betsy McGhee	8	Christine Zewin 21
April Lester	9	Bud Wiehe 23
Diane Simon	9	James Neyenhouse 24
Darbie Pfeiffer	10	Cricket Fraser 25
Ronald Freda	11	Greg Ferreira 26
Lawrence Bardsley	12	Barbara Phillips 27
Cindy Rohr	14	Gretchen Chapman 27
Julie Peterson	14	Reinhold Baal 29
Laura Butler	15	April Brake 30



## Anniversaries: April 2023

TEAM	
<b>Twenty Years</b>	
Kathy Bizzano	2
<b>Fifteen Years</b>	
Bob Nixon	5
<b>Ten Years</b>	
Terrie McNamara	8
<b>One Year:</b>	
Michael Vilasi	0

Check our website at  
SCCEMS.com

National Healthcare Volunteers  
Week  
April 16th—22nd

## Stats March 2023

Ambulance Runs	345
Van Runs	86
Fall Calls ( %)	128
	37%
Blood pressures	80
Y-T-D Falls	392

# What's New?

## Squad Outreach

March is typically a very busy event month in Sun City Center. The Squad participates in numerous gatherings, reaching out to our residents.

**Fun Fest March 11th** is an annual BIG event for the community, drawing thousands of residents and non-residents. The Squad provided blood pressure checks and worked to recruit new members. Volunteers who helped: Jim Abney; Barry McKee; Cathy Seale; Dar Brown; Georgia Ax-tel; Jann Christensen; Laura O'Connor; Heather Goodhart; Leslie Anderson; Diane Neyenhouse; Barb Davis; and Eileen Peco



Spring Fling



**Spring Fling was held March 14th** at the Kings Point North Clubhouse in Veterans Theater. It is the annual big event showcasing the community's clubs and organizations. The Squad attended and provided blood pressures, answered questions and worked on recruiting new volunteers.

Kings Point held a one mile **"Waffle Walk"** to raise funds for the new Moffitt center being built in Ruskin . In addition to



having Squad members participate in the walk, the Squad had an ambulance crew there to provide support in case of emergency. In the photo below are: Eileen Peco, Mary Christiano, Jim Abney and Diane Neyenhouse.

## CPR Heartsaver Class

The Squad hosted a HeartSaver class Tuesday March 28th. We taught 8 members of the CA including employees and a board member.



Our Instructors will also teach KP staff on April 10th.



## Preparing for the Death of a Loved one

Included in the this month's Siren is a separate handout and document that we encourage you to take home or share with friends. It regards the impending/recent death of a loved one and what to do next. This is never an easy time for anyone and it may help to have some guidance and direction on what needs to occur.

Thank you to Nan McNamara for sharing her wisdom and experience.

## Don't Forget Our Recruiting Meetings

### Wednesday April 12th at 1PM

Let your friends and neighbors know that we hold information meetings monthly and would love to share what we do at the Squad. If you can come to the meeting, please feel free to bring friends and neighbors with you.



## EMS Training

March has been a busy month for training. Many of our emergency medical responders and EMTs took the Geriatric Emergency Medicine training that was offered though Hillsborough Community College. This course was mostly online, but included was a four hour lab at the college. There were 3 lab sessions. Shown below is the class from one of those sessions.

L to R in the top photo are: Robin Watt, William Grussi, Vicki Kosin, Maureen Kurowski, Cathy Seale, Teresa Rowe-Wilson, Mark Anderson and LeAnn Stinchcomb.

On March 14th and 15th, our Education department held training on the new airway device, the new pediatric backboard and the new AED. This was the first time that the Squad had trainers from Hillsborough Fire Rescue join us for training. The HCFR Instructors were Sherri Virginiak, and Julie Hasse and they demonstrated how to place the new airway—the LMAq3 , in an unconscious patient.

Also included in the training was how to use our new AED by ZOLL. We are due to receive those tin August.. In the photo to the right are: Nancy Heiss, Sally Reid, Ken Ayers, Tom Murphy, Jorge Ignarra, John Gentry, Pam Zion, LeAnn Stinchcomb, Jann Christenson,, Bud Wiehe. At the table are Walt Bowers and Sherri, Virginiak. Training cont'd, next page





## My Spouse Just Died...Now What?

By Nan McNamara, Team 3

1. **Before** your spouse dies, sit down and have a financial tell-all. Make sure any financial information stored on the spouse's computer and phone is known to you. You need the codes and passwords to these as well as to the house, garage, and hidden cameras around the house. .
2. Hopefully, funeral, cremation, or donation of body has been predetermined. Notify appropriate family members.
3. **Death Certificates.** Get at least 6 copies from the funeral home or the county.
4. Do NOT talk to your lawyer until further down the line. They charge for everything.
5. Write/Publish the obituary. Include info re: funeral place/time/date, memorial service/celebration of life/no service. Remember, others may want some sort of closure as well as you. Obituaries usually cost by the column inch and more, if you want a photo included. (The SCC Observer)
6. **Banks.** Hopefully again, everything was in a joint account or POD (Paid on Death). If it wasn't, it will end up in probate. You can't touch it until it goes through the court. If able, consolidate accounts to one bank to simplify future transactions. Accounts insured up to \$250K now by FDIC. Banks involved will need a death certificate or copy. Probate can take several months.
7. **The Sock Drawer.** Go through it. You may find hidden cash or another bank account or valuable baseball cards. Who knows?
8. **Social Security.** Call and notify SS. They will instruct you further. Don't expect an increase to your monthly check for 3 - 6 months. They will make it right to the date of the decedent's death but this is the government you're dealing with. Make sure they repeat the call-back number to you. Wrong # will put you back another couple of weeks. Since COVID, this has been handled by phone. You may have to mail them the death certificate as well as a copy of your marriage certificate.
9. Review/update status of other **investments**...annuities, IRA's, real estate. no instant decisions need to occur immediately regarding changes.
10. **Pensions.** Notify pension company. Some pensions stop with the spouse; some may carry over to you. Know where you stand.
11. **Life insurance.** Notify them too. Discuss how you want it handled.
12. **Home/car insurance.** Notify your agent. Remove spouse's name from car and house with agent and at the county Driver's License Office. You may get a small refund.
13. **Spouse's Clubs.** As a courtesy, notify spouse's clubs and organizations with a phone call.
14. **Credit Cards** Check with your lawyer about paying his credit cards. If they are in his name only, you may not have to pay them. Notify the credit card company about the death and cancel the cards. Put the electric and water bills in your name.
15. **Review the will.** DON'T start handing out \$\$ to beneficiaries (for example, his kids, not yours) until you have gone through it with your lawyer and it gets settled through the courts. This may take 3 - 4 months. At this point, the lawyer will write lots of legal documents and charge you for it. It may cost you \$2 -3 K even when there's not much to probate. After you talk to the lawyer, call his office back one week later to make sure the death notice was published. (He'll blame the secretary!)

Cont'd.

16. **Update your own will.** If you are healthy, this can wait a while (a year).

17. *If you are too upset or not sure you can handle all this by yourself, ask a trusted relative or friend for help.*

18. If *distribution of cash or property* is to be made, then those persons are the ones the spouse cared about. Consider sending along a cover letter, photo and one or two personal items...a watch, sweater, his baseball mitt to a grandson, etc. Stay on good terms, if possible.

19. Watch out for trickery on the computer, No, your spouse did not order something just before he died. Ask for proof if anything smells fishy.

20. If you decide to donate some\$\$ to a cause that involved whatever the spouse died of, fine but know that you will end up on about fifty other good cause lists. They are all good causes. You are allowed to throw out whatever you want, without responding or even opening the envelope.

21. **Property taxes.** There may be another discount available. See the property appraiser. Don't forget the copy of the death certificate.

22. **"E-4 Form.** If your spouse died at the hospital, you may need copies of the medical records for the insurance company. Go to the Medical Records Office at the hospital and inquire.

I hope you find this helpful. It is based on my experience from my spouse's death in 2021. Nan McNamara Sun City Center, Florida

