



EMS & FIRE CONNECTION



August 2023 Edition

Stepping Up to the Plate!

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St. Petersburg Fire Rescue is honored to provide emergency medical services during Tampa Bay Rays home games. During the June 9th game, a fan suffered from cardiac arrest and with the immediate actions of the nearby fan, Janie Morales, CPR was started, and EMS crews responded. Resuscitation efforts were made by the paramedics that got the fan's heart beating again. Due to the quick response from the Rays organization and MLB, crews moved the fan to a Sunstar Ambulance and transported to Bayfront Health. Thanks to the amazing staff of Bayfront Health the fan recovered quickly to surprise Janie and EMS crews during a pregame award ceremony presented by the Tampa Bay Rays and Bayfront Health.

St. Petersburg Fire Rescue is overly thankful for the generous game experience and amenities provided.



2023 Fire Professional of the Year Award Nominations!

It's that time of the year again!

Time to nominate our 2023 Fire Professional of the Year contenders! These awards include **Emergency Fire Dispatcher of the Year, Fire Professional of the Year, and Special Operations of the Year!**

These honors are bestowed on individuals from our system who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide excellent care to our community, in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week October 8th-14th, 2023

Nomination forms can be found on Target, or you can email Ken Grimes. All nominations are due by **Wednesday, August 16th, 2023** by close of business.



COMING SOON

To a Station Near You



Stryker Lifepak 15






MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE 2023-15

DATE: August 1, 2023

TO: Pinellas County EMS Agencies
 Pinellas County Emergency Communications
 Pinellas County Certified EMTs and Paramedics
 Pinellas County Certified Advanced Practice Paramedics, Nurses
 Pinellas County Online Medical Control Physicians
 Pinellas County Ambulance Billing and Financial Services
 ED Nurse Managers

FROM: Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director 

RE: Stryker Lifepak 15 In-service Training

DISTRIBUTION/TRAINING PERIOD: August 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2023

- An “In-service Training” module separate from regularly scheduled CME has been developed and is assigned to all system clinicians through Vector Solutions.
- The in-service includes:
 - New Stryker Lifepak 15 Inservice Training
 - Protocols impacted by implementation of the Stryker Lifepak 15
- The inservice training plan consists of two components:
 - A Vector Solutions assignment consisting of fourteen (14) short videos
 - The assignment will be posted on August 1, 2023
 - Every clinician will receive the assignment regardless of the delivery option
 - A hands-on classroom component with a “ticket-to-play” to complete for each student

- The inservice training has two delivery options:
 - **Option #1 - Hybrid:** The video assignment is completed prior to attending the classroom component
 - A certificate of completion for the video assignment must be printed and brought to the classroom component
 - The classroom component will have at least one CME instructor who will sign the ticket-to-play
 - **Option #2 - Mixed:** The video assignment is completed as a part of the classroom portion of the training
 - Each video is played during the hands-on portion of the classroom component
 - No certificate of completion is required for the video assignment
 - The video assignment will be recorded as completed by the instructor of the classroom component
- The type of delivery will be determined by each Agency EMS Coordinator
- All system clinicians are required to complete both training portions no later than September 30, 2023
- Failure to complete this in-service by September 30, 2023, may result in clinical restriction or suspension.
- The protocols included with this Medical Control Directive are for **TRAINING USE ONLY** and **NOT AUTHORIZED FOR USE** at this time.

Attachments:

- 2023 Medical Operations Manual, Volume 1, Revision History Log
- 2023 Medical Operations Manual, Volume 1, Qtr. 3 Table of Contents
- CS10 Online Medical Control (OLMC)
- CS20 Infectious Disease/Pandemic - Universal COVID19 Guidance
- CS22 Standardized Response Gear Inventory
- CS22.5 ALS Airway Response Bag
- CS22.8 Handtevy Pediatric Response Bag
- CS22.9 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator (ALS)
- CS22.15 Vehicle Supplemental Equipment & Medical Supplies
- U1 Universal
- C1 Medical Cardiac Arrest
- C3 Suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)
- C4 Bradycardia
- C5 Tachycardia
- T3 Electrocution/Lightning Strike
- P3 Pediatric Medical Cardiac Arrest
- P4 Pediatric Post Cardiac Arrest
- P6 Pediatric Bradycardia

Attachments (cont.):

- P7 Pediatric Tachycardia
- CP11 Manual Defibrillation
- CP13 Synchronized Cardioversion
- CP14 Transcutaneous Pacing
- CP31 Laerdal CPRmeter 2 - CPR Feedback Sensor
- F1 Adenosine
- 2023 Medical Operations Manual, Volume 2, Revision History Log
- 2023 Medical Operations Manual, Volume 2, Qtr. 3 Table of Contents
- AD16 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator - AED Clinical Configuration

Distribution:

- EMSChiefs e-mail distribution group
- Vector Solutions
- Pinellas County EMS Office of the Medical Director Webpage www.pcemsomd.com



Safety & Emergency Services Employee Recognition Awards JULY 2023



Congratulations

Regional 9-1-1

Outstanding Service Award: Kaitlyn Hinegardner and Christopher Faltisco

Team MVP Awards: Emilio Chavez, Nick Savage, and Lina Black

Skilled Craftsman Award: Sandy Stoinski

Financial Services

Team MVP Award: Katia Mills

Behind the Scenes Award: Angela Husted and Cynthia Eden

Leadership Award: Jennifer Thomathakis

Please consider nominating someone for August's Employee Recognition Awards for Regional 9-1-1, Fire and EMS Admin, and Financial Services



Around The County

Congratulations



“I was never a paramedic. My son has surpassed me.” He patted the helmet and passed it to his son. Left, retired Fire Chief Zamparelli with his son and new St. Pete Beach firefighter, Mike Zamparelli.



St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue congratulates Firefighter Mike Zamparelli on completing his 1-year probationary period with SBFR! He received his yellow helmet during the Commission meeting on 7/25.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We wish you all the best in your career at St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue!!

See the article in Gabber here: <https://thegabber.com/mike-zamparelli-gets-yellow-helmet/>

Around The County



Congratulations



Firefighter Paramedic Jason Howard Recognized for 30 years' Service to the City of Treasure Island!



The son of a retired police officer, Jason Howard is no stranger to public service. On July 26th 1993, Jason started work as a Service Worker II in the Beautification Division in Public Works for the City of Treasure Island. In 1995, he transferred to Water Pollution Control as a Service Worker II. The following year, Jason was promoted to Crew Chief and reassigned back to Beautification Division.

In 1999 Jason left Public Works and started as a Firefighter/EMT with the Treasure Island Fire Department. In 2004, he completed his paramedic certification and has been working to keep the residents of Treasure Island safe ever since. During his tenure with the fire department, Jason has become qualified to operate all fire apparatus, function as an acting officer, and most recently earned his boat operator qualification. He is also a state certified fire safety inspector, fire service instructor, and fire officer.

TIFR is proud to work alongside such a dedicated public servant and congratulates FF/PM Jason Howard on 30 years' service to the citizens of Treasure Island.

Around The County



Congratulations



Congratulations to Dunedin Fire Rescue Lieutenant Ulloa, Firefighter Paramedic Reinhardt, Firefighter Paramedic Kieler, Firefighter Paramedic Harvey, Lieutenant Delmore, Firefighter Paramedic Harvey, and Lieutenant Cameron. These gentlemen were recognized for outstanding patient care on EMS calls. The crews received a special unique EMS challenge coin and certificates.



Congratulations to Dunedin Fire Rescue Paramedic Sarah McKay for graduating from the Firefighter Academy at Learey Technical College in Tampa. Sarah completed the 492 hour program which included rappelling, hazardous materials awareness, structural firefighting and extensive preparation to pass the State examination. Great job!



Congratulations to Lieutenant Fred Vielhauer on his retirement and last shift. Lieutenant Vielhauer started his career with Dunedin Fire Rescue in October of 1998. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service and we wish you the best in retirement.

Around The County

Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Seminole Fire Rescue Firefighter B. Gemmill on passing his Squad Operator final on July 24th. The program to become a Squad Operator requires months of specialized training and plenty of self-study. Firefighter Gemmill exemplifies the work ethic, initiative and attitude needed to be a top-tier Operator. Well Done!



On July 13th, Seminole Fire Rescue Firefighter J. Breau successfully passed his final Squad Operator Assessment. Firefighter Breau spent several months studying the apparatus, standard operating procedures, vehicle extrication techniques, becoming proficient with a wide assortment of specialty equipment and their capabilities and many hours of drive time. Well Done Sir!



We would like to congratulate Seminole Fire Rescue Firefighter Breanne "Breezy" Shore on her recent graduation from Paramedic school. Firefighter Shore tirelessly worked through the paramedic program over the last year while simultaneously working through all of the work that goes along with her first year with the department. Well Done!

Around The County



Congratulations



Please join us in congratulating Pinellas Park Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Carr and Firefighter/EMT Robert Nichols for successfully completing all qualifications to become our newest truck operators! Both men were already certified engine operators and will now be able to operate all fire apparatus in the PPFD fleet. Firefighter Carr has been with PPFD since 2010 and Firefighter Nichols was hired in 2019. Both are currently on B-Shift at Station 35.



Congratulations to Jess Traina on his promotion to District Chief!! Jess has been with the Gulfport Fire Department for 16 years, and has served as a Lieutenant for the past 6. Congratulations District Chief Traina!



Please help us welcome Treasure Island Fire Rescue Paramedic Elizabeth White to the "Crewe." White was sworn-in at the July 18th City Commission meeting and is ready to serve our community.

Around the Community



Thank you to all who attended East Lake Fire Rescue's Splash of Summer Hose Down Event July 3rd! There was such an incredible turnout, with over 270 attendees! ELFR distributed over 100 water safety bags and 100+ free life jackets. Their Fire and Life Safety Educator was also able to share Water Safety and Preventing Heat-Related Illness tips with Spectrum News and FOX 13 News!

Thank you to all who volunteered to assist for this event: Commissioners Kenney, Downes and Peasley along with his daughter and our incredible East Lake CERT.

A special thank you to ELFR wonderful community partners: East Lake Community Library, and CARD-USF and another special thank you to ELFR chiefs and on-duty crews at station 56 and 57 for all your hard work during this event!



Around the Community

R 'Club campers at M.K. Rawlings Elementary got a special visit this morning from Pinellas Park Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog! Their public education staff was on hand to teach fire safety lessons such as "Get Out, Stay Out" if a fire happens, what number to call in an emergency, and how to choose a safe meeting place. After that, it was time for an impromptu "dance party" with Sparky!



Around the Community



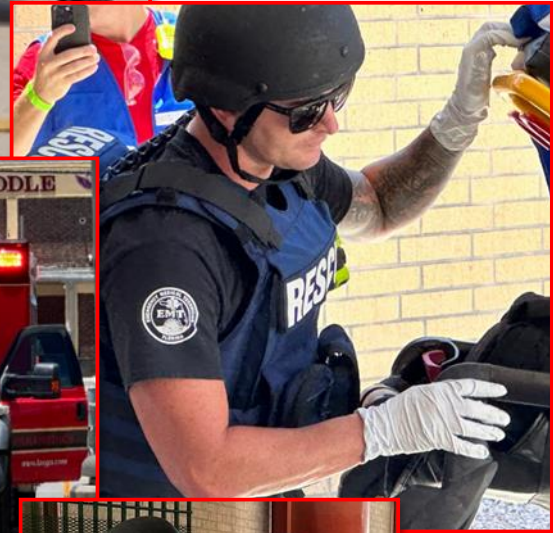
The July 26th life jacket giveaway event at the Northwest Pool was a success! Over 200 life jackets and water safety resource bags were distributed to attendees!

St. Petersburg Fire Rescue hosted this event in partnership with St. Petersburg Police Department and St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation.

Special thanks to Pinellas County EMS for providing the life jackets!



Mass Casualty Training



On July 20th, over fourteen Pinellas County agencies participated in an Active Assailant Mass Casualty Exercise. The exercise was held at Seminole Middle School/Seminole High School located at 8401 131st Street N/8701 131st Street N in Seminole. This large-scale drill involving over 650 participants, gives first responders and school staff the opportunity to train and prepare together in a realistic emergency setting.

Thank you to all the participating Agencies:

Clearwater Police Department, Dunedin Fire and Rescue, East Lake Fire Rescue, Indian Shores Police Department, Largo Police Department, Largo Fire Rescue, Pinellas County Emergency Management, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue, Pinellas Park Fire Department, Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Safety Harbor Fire Department, Salvation Army, Seminole Fire Rescue, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue, St. Petersburg Police Department, Sunstar EMS, Treasure Island Police Department.

Wild Rescues!



Everyone meet Rueben. Rueben is a handsome fella who put on a little summer weight while feasting on his parents mangos. Rueben managed to squeeze into a spot he used to fit in and needed a little assistance from Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue firefighters to get unstuck. Rueben was grateful and his parents offered to send over sausage to the station at a later date...chicken of course, because their guys try to eat healthy.



St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue along with Treasure Island Fire Rescue crews responded to a trapped baby osprey inside a narrow balcony. Mom was monitoring rescue operations nearby.

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary responded to evaluate the baby osprey and with no injuries was released.

Great teamwork by all!!

Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue Truck 70 C shift crew and District Chief along with the assistance of Craig from the water department worked together to save some baby ducklings who were trapped in a storm drain on Riverside dr. All babies were safely reunited with their mom and dad. Great job to everyone involved!





**Prevent the Fall,
Prevent the Call**

Falls Prevention Symposium

Where: EMS and Fire Administration Building (12490 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774)

When: September 7, 2023 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/wn7GLHzqssmv9XDd8>

Who should attend: Care Facilities (to include independent and assisted living), Life Safety Educators, and EMS Chiefs

Come join other advocates to learn more about Falls Prevention and what YOU can do to help. Falls Free Florida and Pinellas County's Department of Safety and Emergency Services are dedicated to reducing falls through Education, Awareness, and Resources. We invite you to join us for the Falls Prevention Symposium, where we will provide you with valuable insights and practical tools to make a difference.

- Gain knowledge from expert speakers
- Network with fellow advocates
- Take away useful tools and materials
- Discover ways to make a lasting impact
- Help your facility become falls free

Speakers to Include:

Pinellas County Regional 9-1-1
Pinellas County Office of the Medical Director
Falls Free Florida Coalition

For more information, contact
Lori Collins at llcollins@pinellas.gov.



Upcoming

MADEIRA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT LEGENDS NEVER DIE 5K

PTSD | MENTAL HEALTH
SUICIDE PREVENTION



**FIRST RESPONDERS
ACTIVE MILITARY & VETERANS**

OCTOBER 22, 2023

9:00 AM ARCHIBALD BEACH PARK

15100 Gulf Blvd, Madeira Beach, FL 33708



Find us on [Runsignup.com](https://www.runsignup.com)
Questions? Call MBFD 727.391.3400

Kids 12 & Under Are FREE

Early Registration (Race Tshirt Included)

June 1 - September 11 \$35

Regular Registration

September 12th - 30th \$35

Late Registration

October 1st - 20th \$40

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FRANCISCAN CENTER'S OPERATION RESTORE. THE FIRST RESPONDERS POST TRAUMA TRAINING CREATES A SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS TO WORK THROUGH THEIR MOST CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND PROCESS THE CUMULATIVE STRESS OF RISKING THEIR LIVES THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREER.

Since 2021, **Madeira Beach Fire Department** has hosted Legends Never Die 5K. Our mission for this event is to bring awareness to mental health, PTSD and suicide in first responders, veterans, active military personnel and their families.

We all have a role to play in listening, connecting and reaching out to those who may be struggling with challenges. By talking about mental health and suicide, it not only helps reduce stigma and increase awareness, but it also has the potential to save a life.

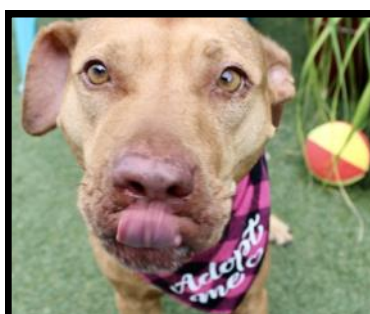
Join us on October 22, 2023 as we honor those that have lost the battle to traumatic stress, and show support for those who are currently battling and those who have survived the battle. We will stand together to advocate for education, resources and treatment for mental health for first responders and military/veterans.

INVISIBLE WOUNDS ARE THE HARDEST TO HEAL



Announcing!

Pinellas County Animal Services has many amazing dogs and cats that need loving homes! These are just a few of them looking for their fur-ever homes! Please consider adopting one of these wonderful animals or spread the word to anyone who is looking to add a furry member to their family! For more info on these animals, visit <https://pinellas.gov/adoption-center-dog-cat-adoptions/>



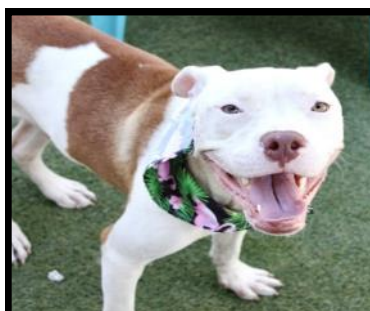
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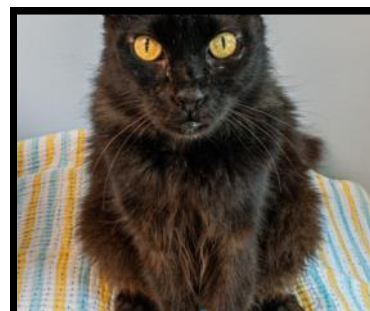
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PINELLAS COUNTY, FL

Free First Friday Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 1ST

8-10AM

2023

Active duty & Retired: Fire-EMS-LEO-Dispatch



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Palm Harbor, FL 34684**

**2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd,
Clearwater, FL 33759**



**1170 Starkey Rd,
Largo, FL 33771**



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