



EMS & FIRE CONNECTION



December 2023 Edition



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**From our EMS & Fire Administration,
and**

**Office of the EMS Medical Director
family, to all of yours, we wish you all
a Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays!**






MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE 2023-22

DATE: November 27, 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: December 2023 In-Service Training

DISTRIBUTION/TRAINING PERIOD: November 29 - December 31, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 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 for December 2023.
- The in-service includes:
 - Video message from Dr. Jameson
 - System updates
 - Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Survey
- All system clinicians are required to complete this training no later than December 31, 2023.
- Failure to complete this in-service by December 31, 2023, may result in clinical restriction or suspension.

Attachments:


- CS22.7 ALS Medical Response Bag
- CS22.15 Vehicle Supplemental Equipment and Supplies



MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE 2023-21

DATE: November 28, 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: IV Flow Controller - Product Change

DISTRIBUTION/TRAINING PERIOD: November 29 - December 13, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 29, 2023

- **Overview**

- ConMed, the manufacturer of the Stat2 IV Gravity Flow Control Device deployed in the system, has ceased production of the item
- **ALL inventory of the Stat2 IV Gravity Flow Control Device expires no later than November 30, 2023**
- The Vygon IV Administration Set with Flow Regulator is being implemented as the replacement

- **Protocol Impact**

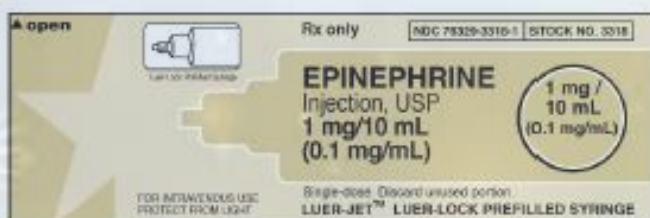
- CT7 Epinephrine Drip Infusion
 - Tubing image updated
 - gtt information updated
 - Drip Chart - Revised to reflect information for a 20ggt drip chamber
- CT8 Norepinephrine Drip Infusion
 - Tubing image updated
 - gtt information updated
 - Drip Chart - Revised to reflect information for a 20ggt drip chamber

- **Inventory PAR Level:**

- Par levels will remain unchanged from the existing Stat2 par levels in the ALS Medical Response Bag (CS22.7) and Vehicle Supplemental Equipment and Medical Supplies (CS22.15)

CT7 - EPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION

1. Add **ONE (1)** epinephrine prefilled syringe (1 mg) **OR ONE (1)** vial of Adrenalin (1 mg) to a 1000 mL bag of 0.9% sodium chloride via the injection port (port with **BLUE** cover)
2. Gently rock the 0.9% sodium chloride back and forth to mix in the epinephrine
3. Spike the IV fluid bag with an IV administration set with flow controller (20 gtt/mL)
4. Complete and attach a PCEMS MEDICATION ADDED label to the IV fluid bag
5. Administer the medication based on the chart below*



OR



MEDICATION ADDED

PATIENT NAME: Susan B. Anthony

DATE: 01/01/2023 TIME: 1645

DRUG NAME AND AMOUNT OF DRUG ADDED:
Epinephrine 1 mg

UNIT ID#/CLINICIAN EMS ID#:
E29/SS434 #050758

PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



| EPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION (1 mcg/mL) | | |
|---|---------|--|
| mcg/min | gtt/min | Set Dial (mL/hr) **** See note below **** |
| 2 | 40 | 120 |
| 3 | 60 | 180 |
| 4 | 80 | 240 |
| 5 | 100 | 300 |

*If specific DIAL number is not reflected, approximate the dial, but then provide secondary confirmation by counting drops

CT7 - EPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION

CT8 NOREPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION



MEDICATION ADDED

PATIENT NAME: Susan B. Anthony

DATE: 01/01/23 TIME: 0221

DRUG NAME AND AMOUNT OF DRUG ADDED:
Norepinephrine 4 mg

UNIT ID#/CLINICIAN EMS ID#:
E29/SS434 #050758

PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

| NOREPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION (4 mcg/mL) | | |
|---|---------|---|
| Mix 4 mg of norepinephrine in a 1000 mL bag of 0.9% sodium chloride | | |
| mcg/min | gtt/min | Set Dial to (mL/hr) **** See note below **** |
| 1 | 5 | 15 |
| 2 | 10 | 30 |
| 3 | 15 | 45 |
| 4 | 20 | 60 |
| 5 | 25 | 75 |
| 6 | 30 | 90 |
| 7 | 35 | 105 |
| 8 | 40 | 120 |
| 9 | 45 | 135 |
| 10 | 50 | 150 |

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CT8 - NOREPINEPHRINE DRIP INFUSION



Safety & Emergency Services Employee Recognition Awards



NOVEMBER 2023

Congratulations

Regional 9-1-1

STAR Award - Andrea Henry

Outstanding Service - Jessica Howard

Team MVP - Calvin Hunsinger, Stephen O'Boyle

Skilled Craftsman - Cheyenne Foxworth, Joseph Motil

Leadership Award - Larissa Cobo

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Team MVP - Leyna Lacognata



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



December EMS Advisory Committee

Meeting!

At the December 15th EMSAC meeting, the **Largo Fire Department's** Extrication Team wowed everyone. Fresh off winning the 2023 TERC North American Vehicle Rescue Challenge in Long Island, New York, the team is now gearing up to represent the nation on the grand stage in Portugal next year.

Their seamless execution and precision during the rescue operation, completing the extraction just under 9 minutes and had the patient stabilized and ready for transport in about 9.5 minutes. This underscored their unwavering commitment to excellence. After the demonstration Jim Fogarty and Council members got to try life-saving tools, making it a perfect ending to the presentation.

In a world where every second counts, the Largo Fire Department's Extrication Team continues to set the bar high, turning routine emergency preparedness into a captivating showcase of heroism. Their journey from triumph to triumph not only symbolizes local pride but also serves as an inspiration for communities everywhere, reminding us all of the incredible impact of those dedicated to saving lives.



Coast Guard Commends St. Petersburg Fire Rescue Paramedics for Heroic Offshore Rescue!!



On November 27, 2023 U.S. Coast Guard Sector St Petersburg **Commander Capt. Michael P. Kahle**, recognized a **St. Petersburg Fire Rescue** paramedic crew for their pivotal role in saving the life of an elderly female, 150 miles off Key West.

Sector St. Petersburg Command Center Watchstanders received a report from the cruise ship *Serenade of the Seas* off Key West, that a 71-year-old female on board was experiencing symptoms of kidney failure on Sep. 7, 2023.

The duty flight surgeon advised the patient only had 12 hours to reach higher care. A US Coast Guard Station St. Petersburg boat crew with an embedded St. Petersburg Fire Rescue paramedic crew was forward deployed to rendezvous with *Serenade of the Seas*, 18 miles off Egmont Key. The crews arrived on the scene within eight hours.

The SPFR paramedic crew provided the patient immediate care giving the SSP boat crew time to transfer the patient to Sunstar emergency medical services to receive specialized medical attention.

This mission was a success due to the professionalism, dedication, advanced training and forward-thinking of St. Petersburg Fire Rescue and Sector St. Petersburg crews.

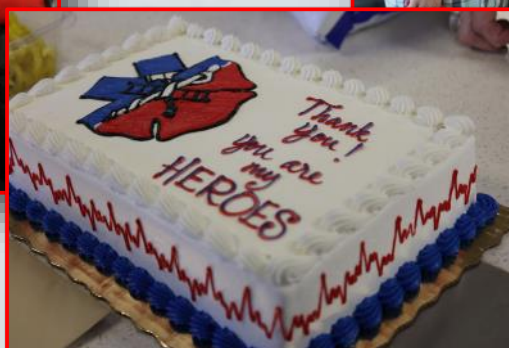
 SPFR team:

Fire Lt. Dan Distasio

Fire Paramedic Nathan Pratt

Fire EMT Carlos Acosta

Clearwater Heroes: A Year After the Unforgettable Pond Rescue !!



A year ago, on November 11th, Marsha Hurda faced a life-altering moment when her car careened into a pond on Camelot Drive. Emergency crews from **Clearwater Fire & Rescue** swiftly responded, displaying remarkable teamwork to rescue her from the submerged Toyota Prius. In just 12 minutes, from the initial distress call to her hospital transfer, their rapid and coordinated efforts saved Marsha's life.

Recognized by the city and the American Heart Association for their life-saving endeavors, the true impact of their work became evident when Marsha, now in good health, visited Station 48 on this moving anniversary. Expressing deep gratitude, she brought lunch, a cake, and a heartfelt card, emphasizing the selflessness of the emergency personnel and the profound difference they made in her life.

During her visit, Marsha, a vibrant 70-year-old who insists she's not elderly, shared, "I've wanted to meet you guys for so long. I don't think there's ever a time when you stop and think about yourselves. I will be forever grateful. The outcome could have been so different." Despite spending a challenging week in the hospital, mostly in a coma, and three subsequent months recovering at home, Marsha has fully returned to and embraced her normal life, a living testament to the positive impact of the dedicated work of these first responders. As the community commemorates the anniversary of Marsha's harrowing experience, their collective gratitude resonates for the unwavering commitment of the emergency personnel, affirming that their dedication not only saved a life but also allowed for the restoration of hope and joy.

Around The County

East Lake Fire and Rescue received a \$39,295.00 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation! They take great pride in providing lifesaving support to our community and this grant will fulfill a critical need within the department. With these funds, they can purchase a Hurst cutter, spreader, ram & accessories, allowing them to have the necessary tools when performing vehicle extrications and responding to other emergency situations.

A special thank you to **Chief Porch, Chief Wirth** and **Fire and Life Safety Educator Claudia Hernandez**, for all the time and effort they put into writing and submitting this grant application!



Around The County

WELCOME ABOARD



Please help us welcome the new hires that have joined the **Palm Harbor Fire Rescue** family.
From left to right: **Andrew Portale, Anthony Planeta, Stephen Wright, Liam Harvey, Nathan Munson, Doug Smith, Mike Fogarty**



Join us in welcoming our five new hires to the **Safety Harbor Fire Department** family.
From left to right: **Kelly Skaggs, Jonathan Shumaker, Xavier Davila, Maxwell Carman, and Thai Heng.**
They will be assigned to shift the week of December 18th.

Around The County



Please welcome **Largo Fire Rescue's** newest probationary firefighters!

Firefighter/EMT Kenneth Diagnault

Firefighter/EMT Ryan Pace

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Around The County



In the days leading up to Thanksgiving, Mike Alstott, accompanied by The Mike Alstott Family Foundation and a dedicated team, spread warmth and gratitude far and wide to the men and women on duty during the holiday, serving communities selflessly.

Along with all of Hillsborough County's 46 Fire stations, dinners were hand-delivered to multiple South Pinellas County locations, including **St. Petersburg Fire Rescue** stations, **Treasure Island Fire Rescue**, **St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue** stations, **Lealman Fire District** stations, **Pinellas Park Fire Department** stations, **South Pasadena Fire Department**, **Gulfport Fire and Rescue Department**, **Seminole Fire Rescue Department** stations, and **Madeira Beach Fire Department**.

Each meal included a turkey, sides, and desserts like Bassano Cheesecake and Cafe Cheesecake, along with coffee from Joffrey's Coffee & Tea Co. Special thanks were extended to Tito's Handmade Vodka, the employees of the Werner Logistics Tampa Office, Publix, and Bill Currie Ford for their support in making it happen.





Around The County

Congratulations



November 14th was **Lt. McClave's** last shift with **Madeira Beach Fire Department**. It was also the last day he would be riding on a fire truck. Soon, he will begin the next phase in his fire career with **St. Pete Beach Fire Department** as the new District Chief at Fire Station 23.

While it is bitter sweet for MBFD to say good-bye to Lt. McClave, it is amazing to see the passion he still has for the job by continuing his growth in the fire service. His leadership and knowledge will be missed, and the void left will definitely be difficult to fill.

He has officially traded in his fire truck for an SUV and his red helmet for a white one. As he steps off the truck for the last time, we wish him the best with his new department and position.

Tom, we thank you for your service to MBFD and their residents. You will always be MBFD family!

Congratulations, Chief McClave! Wishing you continued success! Stay Safe!

Around The County



Congratulations

Woo hoo



On November 20th, **Firefighter/Paramedic Erick Ubiles** was recognized as the Southern Region Firefighter of the Year. State Commander Raymond made the announcement at the Florida American Legion’s Fall Conference. Last year, the Florida American Legion acclaimed **FF Ubiles** as Firefighter of the Year for the State of Florida. **Chief Belk** was also in attendance. The ceremony took place in Orlando.

His recognition states: Outstanding selfless service over and above normal duties through community service and professional achievement thereby exemplifying the meaning of the phrase “America’s Bravest.” You reflect great credit upon yourself and the Madeira Beach Fire Department.

Presented by The American Legion at the 2023 Department Convention of Florida.
We couldn’t agree more! Congratulations **FF Ubiles!**

Thank you Commander Haygood and members of American Legion Post 273, for your continued support of **Madeira Beach Fire Department**

Around The County

Congratulations



Congratulations to this year's **Seminole Fire Rescue** Department Annual Recognition Award recipients! This peer-nominated event recognizes outstanding performance, personal commitment, and dedicated service to the Department and community. Fire Officer of the Year was awarded to **Lieutenant Rutledge**, Fire-medic of the Year was awarded to **Firemedic Galaz**, and Firefighter of the Year was awarded to **Firefighter EMT Turner**.



Around the Community

On November 15th, **Sunstar** had the privilege of participating in the Great American Teach-In across various schools. Engaging with students, the focus was on shedding light on the dynamic world of Emergency Medicine. It was an exciting opportunity to share insights, inspire curiosity, and showcase the vital role of emergency responders in our communities.



Around the Community



Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue had some fun recently at their local elementary schools!

In November, **Lt. Livernois**, **FF Granger**, and **FF Webber** participated in Transportation Day at Oakhurst Elementary. Then, the next day, **Lt. Anderson**, **FF Crevier**, **FF Post**, and **Assistant Chief Karpinecz** visited Bauder Elementary for the Great American Teach-In. Their Fire Prevention team, **Assistant Chief Doug Higley**, and **Fire Prevention Officer Stacie Schwab**, were also there to teach the kids about fire safety and hand out goodies.



Wild Rescues



On November 22nd, crew members from **Clearwater Fire and Rescue Station 45 B Shift** climbed high into a towering oak tree to rescue a cat that was stuck! Great job everyone!



The **Pinellas Park Fire Department** encounters a variety of rescue situations, but this one proved to be delightfully unique. In the late afternoon on a Thursday in August, Engine 35 of the B-Shift sprang into action for an unconventional citizen assist. The "citizen" in question? The family dog, who had somehow found himself stuck inside a utility closet.

At first glance, it seemed like a standard rescue mission, but Firefighters **Houghtaling** and **Richardson** took a thoughtful approach. Instead of resorting to tools and potentially causing damage, they identified a small window that allowed them to reach the trapped pup without any harm. A case of curiosity or a quest for hidden treats, the details remained unknown, but the firefighters successfully and efficiently freed the dog, leaving the residence unscathed. Cheers to a heartwarming conclusion and a job well done by all involved!

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS about falling?



A MATTER OF
BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas



This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program with documented results designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Coaches help participants become more confident about managing falls, help to identify ways to reduce falls, and lead exercises to help increase strength and balance.

Free FUN And Interactive Class Coming to You at Eastlake Fire Department
3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd.,
Palm Harbor, FL 34685

Start Date: March 7-April 25, 2024
1x week Thursdays 1p.m.-3p.m., 8 weeks

To Register: Claudia Hernandez
chernandez@elfr.org or 727-784-8668 x204
Contact: Terri Toner, 727-570-9696 x160 for more information.

LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR PAIN!



"Living a Healthy Life Chronic Pain Class" for Age 60 and over at East Lake Fire Rescue, 3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd., Palm Harbor, FL 1x wk, 6wk Course, Tuesdays, February 27-April 2, 2024, 12:30-3p.m.

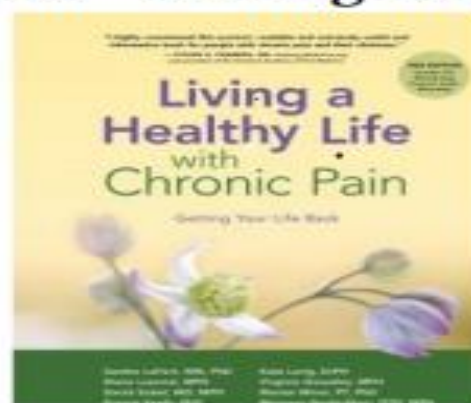


Evidence-Based Self-Management Programs Originally Developed at Stanford University



Provides techniques to deal with Chronic Pain conditions such as fatigue, sleeplessness, stress, as well as emotional problems for managing pain such as depression, anger, fear, and frustration, with emphasis on cognitive behavioral therapy techniques.

The Course is Free & includes The "Moving Easy" Exercise CD in your book!!



For more information please contact: Terri Toner at the Area Agency on Aging 727-570-9696 ext. 160



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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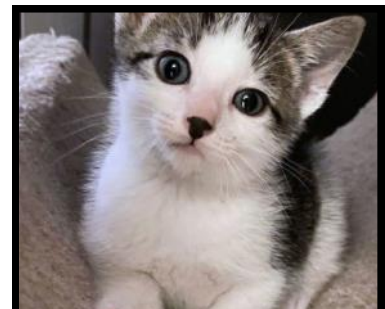
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PINELLAS COUNTY, FL

Free First Friday Breakfast

JANUARY 5TH

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

8-10AM

2024



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