



EMS & FIRE CONNECTION



July 2023 Edition



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Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration Certificate of Commendation Dr. Donna Dooley

Dr. Donna Dooley has retired from her position as Associate Medical Director. Thankfully she will continue to serve as an OLMC Physician and is now MD-10!

We thank her for her years of service to our system!

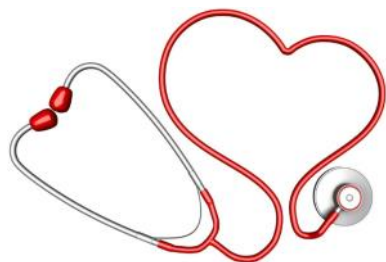
At the last Medical Control Board Meeting, Dr. Dooley was presented with a commendation and plaque in recognition of her outstanding service to PCEMS:

“This commendation is presented in recognition of your decade of dedicated service to the citizens and First Responders of Pinellas County. From your tireless work towards the goals of Quality Assurance & Improvement, to your professional and unwavering support of crews in the field with On-line Medical Control, to your leadership in the Capstone process, you have been an integral part of our County’s EMS system and contributed to countless lives saved. We thank you for your many years of dedicated service and sacrifice and we wish you all the best in your future ventures.

Thank you for being one of our System’s pillars.”

Welcome to the TEAM!

MD-5 EMS Fellow- Ken Dumas, MD



Dr. Kenneth Dumas is a graduate of UCF Emergency Medicine residency and the current USF EMS Fellow!



"Hey everyone I'm Kenneth Dumas and I'm excited to join you all as the EMS Fellow this year. A little about me, I am a native Floridian and I was born and raised in Orlando, Fl. While in Orlando I completed my undergraduate training at University of Central Florida (UCF) with a bachelors in biomedical sciences and later my medical doctorate at UCF as well. I moved out to the Tampa bay area for residency where I fell in love with the area and completed my residency training in Emergency Medicine at USF/TGH. I regularly enjoy kayaking and paddle boarding the bay area or exploring the many restaurants Tampa has to offer. I am excited to work with you all and learn as much as I can in the challenging field of pre-hospital medicine."



Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Kropp for graduating his EMS Fellowship. He will be joining the team at Sarasota Memorial and Sarasota EMS.

Pinellas County EMS Medical Direction and OLMC Physician Team

Medical Directors

MD-1 Medical Director
Angus Jameson, MD

MD-4 Associate Medical Director
TBD

MD-2 Associate Medical Director
Michael Lozano Jr., MD

MD-5 EMS Fellow ('23-'24)
Ken Dumas, MD

MD-3 Associate Medical Director
Andrew Smith, MD

On-Line Medical Control Physicians

MD-6 OLMC Physician
Anh 'Vu' Nguyen MD

MD-10 OLMC Physician
Donna Dooley, DO

MD-7 OLMC Physician
Rachel Semmons MD

MD-11 OLMC Physician
Stephanie Tershakovec DO

MD-8 OLMC Physician
Marshall Frank DO

MD-12 OLMC Physician
Melissa Leming MD

MD-9 OLMC Physician
Jim Hillman MD



Happy Anniversary!

Thank you



Congratulations to Lynn Abbott on 10 years of loyal commitment to Pinellas County! Lynn's exceptional dedication, work ethic, and passion sets her apart. She consistently goes above and beyond, contributes proactively, and fosters a positive atmosphere. Pinellas County EMS and Fire Administration is fortunate to have Lynn on their team, and her invaluable contributions are truly commendable.

Thank you for your dedicated service, Lynn!



★ Thank you ★
— FOR —
★ YOUR ★
★ SERVICE ★





Safety & Emergency Services Employee Recognition Awards

JUNE 2023



Congratulations

Regional 9-1-1

Star Award: Kathy Boucher

Outstanding Service Award: Joshua Nirenberg

Team MVP Awards: Kevan Brenay, Alex Hanker, Luis Agosto Santos

Skilled Craftsman Award: Amanda Iannone, Brianna Price-Sanders

Behind the Scenes Award: Bianca Young,

EMS & Fire

Stellar Performance Award: Leyna Lacognata

Team MVP Awards: Derek Schauer, David Hudak

Behind the Scenes Award: Michelle Slawinski

Financial Services

Skilled Craftsman Award: Thomas burke, Robin Kelly





New Equipment!



The new Gas Clip CO monitor will begin Auto-Shipping to your departments starting the 2nd week of July.

Each department will receive a separate email showing your assets and the quantity you will be receiving.

You may start deploying these upon arrival. Please return the old CO protégé to Derek Schauer when convenient.

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Derek Schauer EMS & Fire Logistics Coordinator at

dschauer@pinellas.gov

Every CO Monitor will come in a mesh bag with a keychain. Attached to the keychain will be a tag that will display the CO Monitor's serial number.

- Red Serial tag is FD only
- Blue serial tag is Ambulance only



On the MRX, the monitor will clip right on the metal loop of the bag.

On the LP15, the monitor will clip right into the metal ring of the LP15 monitor.



ALERT!!

Beginning June 26, 2023, the EMS Ramp Construction project will begin. This project will ultimately widen the EMS ramp to accommodate our EMS volumes and make it safer for patient unloading.

This will impact traffic patterns, including the Eastbound lane on 6th Avenue which will be closed for several months at the EMS Ramp exit. We will maintain the site line for EMS crews upon exiting the EMS ramp. The actual ramp will not be affected during this first phase of construction. Thank you again for your partnership as we work to improve our EMS ramp and please feel free to reach out for any questions.

Over the next few months, we will monitor progress and send changes as needed. We encourage you to provide any feedback you may have. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Liz Lavelle, Patient Care Administrator

Roger Carriere, Allied Health Services Admin



Tactical Paramedic Training 2023



During the last week of June, we conducted the four-day Tactical Paramedic training for the year. This training consists of three components, which comprise four days of content. The students are all members of local tactical teams from various agencies. The participants were mostly new team members or those who may have missed last year's training.

The first component was held at Tampa's Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS). CAMLS is a part of USF and provides top-notch training for healthcare professionals. During their time at CAMLS, the students received instruction on several procedures specifically allowed by the tactical medic. The highlight of the training is when the students practice these specialty procedures on actual tissue from individuals who have donated their bodies to education. Due to the sensitive nature of this portion of the program, we did not take any pictures.

The second component is the two-day Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) NAEMT course. This class was held at the Largo Center for Prehospital Medicine (CPM). During this class, the students learned the skills of care under fire. There was time spent in the air-conditioned classroom and outside in the Florida heat. Students had to wear all their ballistic and medical gear to add difficulty to the outside exercises.

The final component was a practical application of all the newly learned skills. This event is held at night to add another level of difficulty. The evening started with a guest speaker. Dr. Brown came to teach the students how to care for injured K-9s. Dr. Brown is a veterinarian who regularly teaches care for working dogs. She brought several furry adjunct instructors to help the students practice as realistically as possible. These dogs were accommodating and allowed our students to practice several assessment skills.

After the instruction from Dr. Brown and a dinner break, the students were divided into teams and led by several instructors to four separate scenarios. While the details of the scenarios are kept relatively quiet, they may have included load noises, flashing lights, strenuous exercise, complete darkness, and OC spray. Despite the difficulty level, we had a 100% completion rate for the week.

A big thank you to all those who helped make this week a huge success. Thank you to Lt. Lance Michael and Chief Kyle Lighthiser for their efforts as the lead instructors.

Around The County

Congratulations



Please join in congratulating, and welcoming, Mr. Gregory Newland to the Safety Harbor Fire Rescue as their newest

District Chief. Greg is a 40+ year fire service member, including 33 as a full-time, career paid firefighter; this includes 11 as a lieutenant, and 5 as a district chief with the City of Clearwater prior to his retirement in late 2022.

Greg's first taste of the fire service was in 1986 as a volunteer with Safety Harbor. He is finally returning home!

DC Newland resides in Trinity with his wife; his son is a Clearwater Firefighter. He is a State of Florida Licensed Paramedic, and State of Florida Certified Firefighter, Fire Officer II, and Fire Instructor I, and has an Associates of Science degree in Fire Administration from SPC. Greg is also an active member of the Clearwater Firefighter's Pension Board.

Chief Newland's first day of employment will be Monday, July 3rd. He will be temporarily assigned to days working with DC Hawkins, DC Pennino, and DC Hummer prior to being assigned to shift sometime in September.

Congratulations District Chief Greg Newland!

Around The County

Congratulations



Congratulations to Firefighter/EMT Peter Gottschling on his retirement from St. Petersburg Fire Rescue! Thank you for your 39 years of service, we wish you the best!

Congratulations to Lieutenant Christopher "Mark" Callahan on his retirement from St. Petersburg Fire Rescue! Thank you for your 30 years of service, we wish you the best!



Congratulations to St. Petersburg Fire Rescue's Michael Conran on his promotion to Firefighter Paramedic. As a Paramedic, he will take the lead in providing advanced, emergency medical care for critically ill and injured patients.

Around The County

Congratulations



Congratulations to Lt. Doug Kellin on his retirement after 14 years of service with Clearwater Fire and Rescue . Good luck in your next chapter!



Largo Fire Rescue would like to congratulate Firefighter/EMT Brent Norwood on his retirement after 27 years of service with Largo Fire Rescue! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the department and to the residents of our community!

Pinellas Park Fire Department welcomes our new firefighters



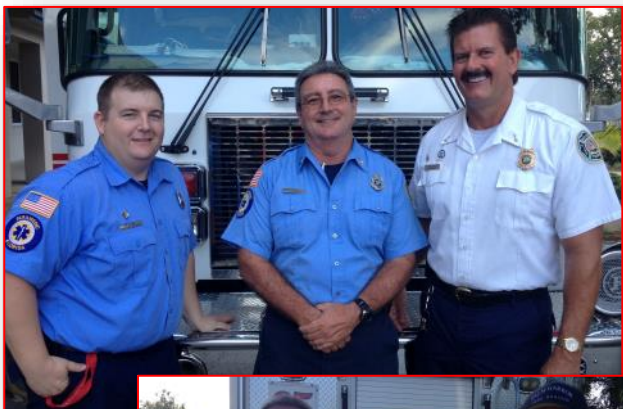
Chris Fogarty Firefighter/Paramedic C Shift	Shannon Silfies Firefighter/EMT B Shift	Sydney Wendel Firefighter/EMT C Shift	Sean Murphy Firefighter/Paramedic B Shift
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Please join in welcoming four new firefighters to the Pinellas Park Fire Department: Chris Fogarty, Shannon Silfies, Sydney Wendel, and Sean Murphy. All were hired in April and are now on shift after completing orientation and field training. Shannon and Sean are assigned to B-Shift, and Chris and Sydney are on C-Shift. Congratulations!

Gone But Never Forgotten



With much sadness, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue announces the passing of Retired Firefighter, Ron Romaguera. Firefighter Romaguera began his career with Palm Harbor Fire Rescue in July of 1987 and spent nearly 27 years serving the citizens of Palm Harbor before he retired on November 26th, 2014. He spent many years as the driver engineer on Engine 66 and worked on the department's Hazardous Materials Team. Ron was an active member of the Honor Guard and in his tenure placed the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; an enormous honor held by few. Please keep his wife, family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



A Run to Remember

Coachman Park played host to the Tunnel to Towers 5K in Clearwater. Dozens of local firefighters, spanning all ages and backgrounds, came together with people from all walks of life to pay homage to the exceptional mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The Foundation's mission is a testament to the bravery and valor of Firefighter Stephen Siller, who carried 60lbs of gear on his back as he raced on foot through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel on 9/11. He ultimately gave his life to rescue others, and his legacy lives on through the Foundation. The foundation also honors our military and first responders who make the ultimate sacrifice of life and limb for our country. To memorialize the sacrifice of the 343 firefighters who perished on 9/11, participants wore badges displaying a 9/11 hero's name and photo. Thank you to all participants who made this event a resounding success!



Around the Community



Firefighter For a Day June 2023 with Mad Beach Summer Camp in the Books!

What a fun morning at Madeira Beach Fire Department! A group of local kids got to complete an obstacle course, did a team building exercise where two groups competed to fill the bucket first, talked about fire safety, and got loves from Clover! MDFD thanks you all for the visit!



South Pasadena Fire Department had a small visitor in June! Local citizens Cal and his Mom were invited to the station to help wash the trucks. They got a short ride in the truck, learned how to spray the hose, and assisted with washing the trucks. You can see by the look on his face that they made his day! Thank you South Pasadena FD for showing this little one a good time!

Upcoming

Palm Harbor Fire Rescue Summer Splash Down and for a cool treat try our favorite FRIOS Popsicles!



When: July 27th, 2023

Where: Palm Field

799 Riviere Rd, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

ARRIVE EARLY

Water Begins

11:00 a.m. to 11:30a.m

10am to 11am
FREE
 Children's Life Jackets
 & Bike Helmets



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 Volunteer Program would be pleased to connect with Fire Agencies across the County, Sunstar Paramedics, and 911 Telecommunications Services, to provide some stress busting visits with their furry pals!

Visits can be tailored to location/shift schedules/circumstances.

Agency Mental Health Coordinators can reach out to Volunteer Program Coordinator, Jennifer Renner, to schedule a visit!



Jennifer Renner, B.Sc., HABc
Volunteer Program Coordinator
Pinellas County Animal Services
12450 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774
(727)582-2636

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PINELLAS COUNTY, FL

Please join us for our monthly First Responders

AUGUST 4TH

Free First Friday Breakfast

8:00-10:00

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

2023



**40489 US-19
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689**



**443 Main St, Safety
Harbor, FL 34695**



**10555 Park Blvd,
Seminole, FL 33772**



**2151 54th Ave N, St.
Petersburg, FL 33714**



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Trinity, FL 34655



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