



Happy EMS Week!



PROCLAMATION PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

- WHEREAS,** National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the dedicated efforts of our EMS System personnel who provide compassionate quality care and service to our community every day; and
- WHEREAS,** the high skill level and professionalism of our Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics have enabled the EMS System to attain clinical excellence; and
- WHEREAS,** the longstanding partnerships with our Fire Rescue agencies for Paramedic First Response; the countywide Paramedic Ambulance Service; and our hospitals allow Emergency Medical Services to be provided seamlessly; and
- WHEREAS,** Our EMS providers made significant contributions and immeasurable sacrifices during our local response to the world coronavirus pandemic; responded with compassionate care to the sick and vaccinated tens of thousands of citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** National EMS Week brings our community and EMS providers together to celebrate our accomplishments and rededicate ourselves to our mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the week of May 21st through May 27th, 2023 be recognized as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of May 2023.

 _____ JANET C. LONG, Chair	 _____ KATHLEEN PETERS, Vice Chair	
 _____ DAVE EGGERS, Commissioner	 _____ RENE FLOWERS, Commissioner	 _____ CHARLIE JUSTICE, Commissioner
 _____ CHRIS LATVALA, Commissioner	 _____ BRIAN SCOTT, Commissioner	





Craig Nare, EMS & Fire Administration Director accepts EMS Week Proclamation from Jane C. Long, Chairman of Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Congratulations !!!!

2023 Professional of the Year Award Recipients:



*Joe Motil
Medical Dispatcher of the Year,
Pinellas County Regional 911 Dispatch*



*Chris Barnes
EMT of the Year
Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue*



*Craig Brown
Paramedic of the Year
Pinellas Park Fire Rescue*



EMS & FIRE CONNECTION



A Message from HCA Healthcare



EMS Week 2023

HCA Healthcare Executive Message

Dear Colleagues,

No matter the time nor the place, you're the first to show up and provide our patients a safe and secure journey toward healing and better health. For your bravery, your dedication, your life saving care... we salute you, during this year's EMS Week.

Thank you for your round-the-clock care and bravery to show up whenever and wherever. Thank you for your compassion and determination to provide our patients the best possible outcomes.

While each shift may seem different, your life saving care for our patients never changes. Your work is important and extremely critical to each patients' care journey.

Thank you for your commitment to the improvement of human life.

Sincerely,

HCA Largo Hospital Executive Team
HCA Northside Hospital Executive Team
HCA St. Petersburg Hospital Executive Team
HCA Pasadena Hospital Executive Team



EMS Week
May 21 – 27, 2023

 **HCA Florida**
Largo Hospital

Events at HCA Florida Largo Hospital

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
05.22.23	05.23.23	5.24.23	5.25.23	5.26.23
Engine 53 Pizza Truck	Root Beer Floats	Rib Shack BBQ	Sweet treats	Kona Ice Truck
11:00 am-2:00 pm 14th St campus parking lot near ambulance bay Pizza delivery to Indian Rocks Rd and Clearwater ER campuses	11:00 am-2:00 pm 14th St campus EMS/ED entrance	11:00 am-2:00 pm 14th St campus parking lot near ambulance bay BBQ delivery to Indian Rocks Rd and Clearwater ER campuses	11:00 am-2:00 pm 14th St campus EMS/ED entrance	11:00 am-2:00 pm 14th St campus parking lot near ambulance bay

First in their care journey.

No matter the time nor place, you're the first to show up and provide our patients a safe and secure journey toward healing and better health. For your bravery, your dedication, your life saving care... we salute you.

Happy EMS Week.

Please join us for lunch in the EMS Lounge 11 am - 2 pm each day and pick up a special gift any day of EMS Week.

Mon., May 22 Chick fil A sandwiches 

Tues., May 23 Taco Bar Tuesday

Weds., May 24 Steak and Chicken Cookout

Thurs., May 25 Pasta Bar

Fri, May 26 Ice Cream Bar

Sat., May 27 Cookies

With thanks from
HCA Healthcare

 **HCA Florida**
Pasadena Hospital

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Sunday MAY 21	Thanks a Hole Bunch Dunkin Donuts (6:30 AM-all day)
Monday MAY 22	You're Egg-celent Omelet Station (7:30-9:30 AM)
Tuesday MAY 23	You Have a Pizza My Heart Engine 53 Pizza Truck (11-2 AM) Papa Johns Pizza (8-10 PM)
Wednesday MAY 24	Let's Taco-bout Appreciation Taco Bar (11-2 AM & 4-8 PM)
Thursday MAY 25	Franks for All You Do Outdoor Cookout (11-2 AM & 4-8 PM)
Friday MAY 26	Thanks for Keeping Us A-Float Rootbeer Floats (7 AM-all day)
Saturday MAY 27	You're the Coolest Ice Cream Treats (7 AM-all day)

HCA Florida
St. Petersburg Hospital

6500 38th Avenue N
St. Petersburg, FL, 33710

Happy EMS WEEK 2023

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Breakfast
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Covered area outside Cafeteria
★ ★ ★

MONDAY, MAY 22
Cookout
11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Outside Ambulance Bay
★ ★ ★

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Taco Tuesday
11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Follow the Stars
★ ★ ★

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Wing Wednesday
11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Follow the Stars
★ ★ ★

THURSDAY, MAY 25
Throwback Thursday
Old School Candy & Homemade Treats
All Day Follow the Stars
★ ★ ★

FRIDAY, MAY 26
Brain Freeze
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Follow the Stars

HCA Florida
Northside Hospital



National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week 2023 Awards

Star Award – 8 hours of LWP

An employee who demonstrates two or more of the award categories.

Dillon Bean—911 Achiever of the Year Award
Andrea Henry— Supervisor of the Year Award



Outstanding Service Award – 4 hours of LWP

Professional and effective handling of a difficult and/or Controversial issue.

Cheyenne Foxworth—Excellence in Call-taking or Dispatch Award
Rebecca “Becca” Karrenbauer—Performance Under Pressure
Dorothy “Dee” Gonzalez—Live, Love, Laugh Award

Stellar Performance – 4 hours of LWP

An employee who set goals, continually presses forward, and takes initiative to achieve more than they set out to do. This award rewards people for demonstrating a strong internal motivation to be better or more efficient.

Denise Rostek—New Horizon Dayshift Award
Cristina “Crissie” Muhlstadt—New Horizon Nightshift Award
Romonda Knights—Stellar Service Award

Team MVP Awards – 4 hours of LWP

For the team member who always puts the goals of the team first, goes above and beyond to accomplish team goals, takes up slack when short staff, overall ensures team's success.

Amanda Lannone—Cover Company
Nelson Phan—Certificate of Appreciation Award
Haley Bean—Key to Our Success Award

Skilled Craftsman Award – 4 hours LWP

For the employee who shows extraordinary skill in their craft and a sense of pride and honor is reflected in their work.

Bryanna Ward—New Blood Award
Eileen Conway—Queen Bee of Quality Award

Behind the Scenes Award – 4 hours LWP

This award brings someone deservingly into the limelight whose role is important, but not regularly visible.

Chante Douglas—Sunnyside Up Award
Terri Griffin—I Love My Community Award

Leadership Award – 4 hours LWP

For the employee who sets the pace, demonstrates the vision of the division/department, and readily takes the initiative.

Jessica “Jessie” Howard—Key Contributor Award

Awesome Affiliate Award

For personnel from partner agencies who have provided outstanding support to the R911 department during the previous year. This award recognizes the exceptional efforts of those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to collaboration and teamwork. The recipients of this award have gone above and beyond in their support of the R911 department.

Officer Stephen O’Boyle (PCSO)



EMS & FIRE CONNECTION



Continual Compliance to Continuing Medical Education

By Craig Hare, Director of EMS & Fire Administration

Having been an EMT since 1984 and a Paramedic since 1986, I've been to a lot of wallet card classes and a lot of CME classes over the years!

I know when I had young kids and competing priorities, I attended more than my share of make-up CMEs – I get it.

I know that it is a burden to fit into your already busy professional and personal lives, but, it is essential that as a public safety professional you attend all Continuing Medical Education within the prescribed time and keep up all of your certifications without lapse.

There have been a small number of recent cases of EMTs and Paramedics getting into trouble by not maintaining their ACLS card, not renewing their State License in a timely manner, or not attending Continuing Medical Education (online or classroom) in the primary month.

After working so hard to build a career and jump through all of the hoops to become an EMT or Paramedic, it is very surprising that we see clinicians put their County Certification at risk.

Just some quick reminders:

Most agencies require you to maintain County Certification to keep your job.

Not attending CME, results in immediate Clinical Suspension.

If you don't attend CME classes in a timely manner, you are subject to an Administrative Proceeding that can conclude with Restriction, Suspension or Revocation of County Certification.

Training and quality assurance review records follow you if you change agencies within Pinellas County

Training and discipline records could be used against you in the case of a medical malpractice lawsuit

Many issues have mandatory reporting requirements to the Florida Department of Health that can impact your license

Medical Control Directives need to be read and acknowledged in a timely manner

Same with any In-Service and Safety Alerts – the expectation is that they are viewed and completed within the timeframe given which can be "immediately" depending upon the situation.

I know it is a tough job and appreciate the pressures and time constraints, but please attend training in the month it is given and keep up your wallet cards.

If you attend CME and keep up your wallet cards you are part of the mass majority – thank you!



HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Hollie Warkenthein - 32 years



Congratulations Holly Warkenthein on her last week as a Firefighter/EMT for the City of Safety Harbor! After almost 32 years of public service to the community, she gets to start her next chapter.

Lt. Lou Skaggs—20 Years



Congratulations to Lt. Lou Skaggs on his retirement. Thank you for the 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of Dunedin. We wish you the best in your future endeavors!



International Firefighter's Day May 4.

Madeira Beach—Thank you to all members of Madeira Beach Fire Department and all firefighters around the world for their service. Honoring the Heroes Who Protect Us!



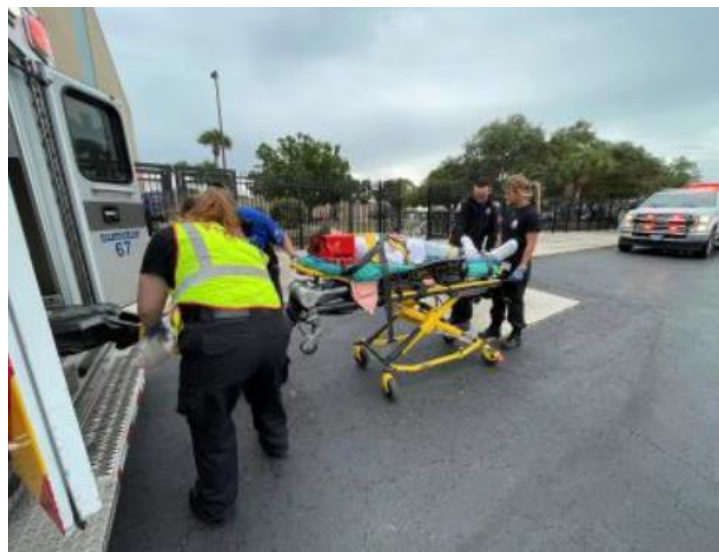
Largo Fire Rescue—Happy International Firefighter's Day! Thank you to the residents of Regal Palms for spending time with Engine 41 this morning, and for treating our firefighters with delicious snacks and cupcakes.





Pinellas Park High School Disaster Day

On April 12th, Sunstar EMS and the Pinellas Park Police Department participated in the annual Pinellas Park High School Disaster Day, which is focused on the high school seniors who are enrolled in the 1st Responder Program. Each year the seniors will plan out the scenario, and fill the positions of Incident Commander, Operations, Hazmat, Medical Branch, Treatment and Transport. Sunstar EMS and the Pinellas Park Police Department will participate and work with the high school seniors in their assigned position for the day, helping them facilitate a successful disaster drill. Sunstar EMS has been participating in the Pinellas Park High School Disaster Day Drill for several years and is happy to be a part of helping the Pinellas Park High School 1st Responder program and their continued success each year.





East Lake Fire Rescue Prom Promise



East Lake Fire Rescue stopped by East Lake High School the day before their Prom to share prom safety tips. The Fire and Life Safety Educator was able to obtain materials to distribute through AAA, including highlighters, string bags, air fresheners and reusable water bottles. Students were also able to sign a big poster after making the AAA Prom Promise: I promise not to drink alcohol or take drugs, I promise not to drive impaired or distracted, I promise not to let my friends drive impaired or distracted, I promise my parents I will get home safely or call them for help. This poster was then hung in their school for the rest of the day.

East Lake Fire Rescue Promotes Water Safety & Hands-Only CPR

East Lake Fire Rescue attended the 16th Annual Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise Cruisin the Park Community Festival & Car Show on April 29th at John Chesnut Sr. Park. This event is also in collaboration with the John Geigle YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. During this event, the Fire and Life Safety Educator distributed water safety bags that included a water watcher badge to help prevent drownings. Event attendees were also able to practice hands-only CPR on a mannequin and check out East Lake Fire Rescue's newest apparatus, Rescue 57! "We had a wonderful time at this well attended event! We were very happy to have the opportunity to share drowning prevention materials with so many community members. We look forward to attending this event once again next year!" said Fire and Life Safety Educator, Mrs. Hernandez.





South Pasadena Fire Rescue

Gulfport Fire Rescue, South Pasadena Fire Rescue, St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue, and St. Petersburg Fire Rescue responded to reports of a 40 ft. boat fire. The bulk of the fire was in the hull and spread to the cabin of the boat. Crews made a quick knockdown. No occupants were on board.



Dunedin Fire Rescue

T53 operating at a multi-alarm fire early this morning in Dunedin. Pic includes Acting Captain Trezza, and FF/PM Latour operating the saw. FF/PM Tilka operating the aerial controls below.





South Pasadena Fire Rescue

South Pasadena Fire Dept. in conjunction with the IAFF 747 firefighters union of the 2023 Cereal for Summer Drive. Local citizens and the IAFF 747 firefighters union donated a lot of cereal in this years event. A special thanks goes out to all that participated.



St. Petersburg Clearwater International Airport Emergency Preparedness Drill

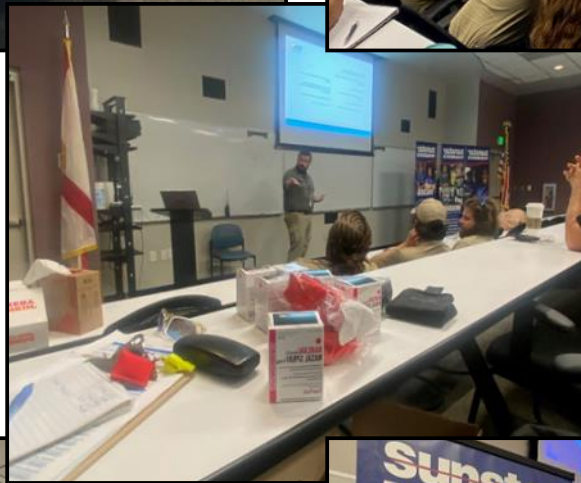


On April 11th, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighters and Clearwater Fire Rescue, Largo Fire Rescue, Pinellas Park Fire Rescue, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue, and Sunstar EMS participated in the St. Petersburg Clearwater International Airport Emergency Preparedness Drill. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that all certified commercial service airports conduct a full-scale emergency exercise every three years to assess their emergency response capabilities in the event of an actual air disaster. The drill scenario involved a commercial passenger aircraft experiencing a simulated crash landing on RWY4-22.



NARCAN TRAINING!

On May 3, 2023 over 100 Pinellas County Park Rangers received training in Narcan administration and suspected opioid overdose response tactics by the Pinellas County EMS Office of the Medical Director. This was an important next step in the county's efforts to respond to the Opioid Crisis occurring in our communities.





City of Seminole Fire Rescue

This week the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department has been training the department on our new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). Our previous air packs are reaching the end of their useful life and were in need of replacement. A committee was formed and SCBAs from several different companies were tested in many environments and situations. At the end of the trials, a system was chosen, recommended to Fire Administration and ultimately approved by our City Council.

This training was performed by members of our Training Division covering the use, care, maintenance, emergency procedures, mask fit testing, updated communication equipment and the many new options that will ultimately make the scenes we encounter safer for our firefighters.



Morgan Pyle, Application Analyst Safety & Emergency Services

On behalf of Pinellas County Safety and Emergency Services, I had the opportunity to present a new data solution at the ESRI Southeast Conference.

The new Address Data Management Solution streamlines the collection and maintenance of an address repository used by a variety of information systems. The solution includes content defined by several national guidelines, and provides tools to validate, maintain, and improve the integrity of data. As part of the presentation, we discussed two project drivers that involve Safety and Emergency Services, like transitioning to NextGen-911 and implementing the consolidated CAD.

There was high interest in our county relating to addressing with 24 different authorities, population compared to size, and overall function of Police, Fire, and EMS.

Overall, it was a great experience.



Treasure Island Fire Rescue

With hurricane season coming up, it's a perfect time to remind everyone about the Treasure Island Hurricane Expo coming up on May 31. Each year, the city hosts an expo to help prepare residents for the upcoming hurricane season and answer any questions they may have.



CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
**HURRICANE
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A SPECIAL
PRESENTATION BY:
SPECTRUM NEWS **BN 9**



CHIEF METEOROLOGIST
MIKE CLAY

MAY 31 • 6:30-8:30 P.M.
TREASURE ISLAND CITY HALL

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTATIONS BY:

- Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Treasure Island Fire Rescue Chief Trip Barrs
- Treasure Island Police Chief John Barkley
- City staff
- Flood Insurance vs. Disaster Assistance
- Storm safety & survival tips
- And more

MYTREASUREISLAND.COM/STORMREADY



Mental Health Training

Franciscan Center 'Operation Restore'



Find Your Center

DATES FOR UPCOMING

RETREATS

May 22—25, 2023

July 24—27, 2023

August 21—24, 2023

September 11—14, 2023

September 27 Blue Bass & First Responder Luncheon

October 16—19, 2023

If you, or someone in your agency is interested in attending,
please email or call

Liz Fogo @ lfogo@pinellascounty.org or 727-582-5755

Seats go quickly! Reserve yours now!

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Sgt. (ret.) Mark DiBona and Nicholas Greco



Surviving Life On and After the Job **For All First Responders**

Learn to take control of your life, career, still help others and successfully transition to life after the job.

All attendees will earn a certificate in Suicide Prevention Training QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), as well the C-SSRS to facilitate suicide prevention.

***This is a free event for all first responders,
sworn and non-sworn employees.***

Two opportunities available.

Wednesday, May 17 08:00 - 12:00

Thursday, May 18 15:00 - 19:00

at Largo Police Department EOC building. Scan the QR code for location details.



*****REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 15 AT 0800*****

Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/surviving-the-job-tickets-614401259707>



Hosted by the CISM Teams of:



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SAT, JUNE 3RD, 2023 PEDIATRIC LIFE JACKET GIVEAWAY

Life Safety Event

Safety Harbor Fire Fighters' Local 2267 and the City of Safety Harbor invite you to a family friendly event at Fire Station 52. Please stop by to claim a FREE pediatric life jacket, receive life safety material, and peek at our beautiful downtown station.



**Limit one per child. Children must be present.*

250 FREE Pediatric
Life Jackets

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Various Sizes

—————
Touch-a-Truck

—————
Kids' Fire Helmets

—————
Life Safety Materials

SHFD FIRE STATION 52
700 Main Street, Safety
Harbor, 34695

727-724-1520

<https://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/45/Fire-Department>

Sat, June 3rd 0930-1130

MADEIRA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

LEGENDS

NEVER DIE 5K

PTSD | MENTAL HEALTH
SUICIDE PREVENTION



FIRST RESPONDERS
ACTIVE MILITARY & VETERANS

OCTOBER 22, 2023 9:00AM
ARCHIBALD BEACH PARK

15100 Gulf Blvd, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Early Registration (Race Tshirt Included)

June 1 - September 11 \$35

Regular Registration

September 12th - 30th \$35

Late Registration

October 1st - 20th \$40

Questions?

Call MBFD 727.391.3400



Runsignup.com/Race/FL/MadeiraBeach/LegendsNeverDie5K



ST. PETE FIRE RESCUE NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

**FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT
& POST-GAME
FIREWORKS!**

**SATURDAY
JUNE 3**
GATES 5:30PM
GAME 6:30 PM



VS



\$20 PERSON

(AGES 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE!)

\$6 OF EACH TICKET GOES TO ST. PETE FIRE RESCUE

**OPEN SEATING IN
SECTIONS 119, 120 & PICNIC PAVILION
& ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK
FROM 5:30PM-8PM**

*Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Peanuts, Popcorn,
Chips, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Soft Drinks & Bottled Water
\$3— Draft Beer from 5:30-8pm*

**TICKET INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE
CLEARWATER V. ST. PETE FIRE & RESCUE
SOFTBALL GAME!**

3:15 PM: GATES FOR SOFTBALL

**3:45 PM: ST. PETE FIRE RESCUE VS
CLEARWATER FIRE RESCUE**

SOFTBALL GAME

FOR TICKETS & INFO:

Hans Holod

773-216-2886

 **BayCare Ballpark**

601 N Old Coachman Rd. Clearwater, FL 33765