



# **July 2024**



As I sit down to write, Hurricane Beryl is closing in on Jamaica. Currently a Category 4 storm, it's expected to bring "devastating hurricane-force winds, life-threatening storm surge, and damaging waves" to the island before continuing west through the Caribbean, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Resources have been mobilized and staged to provide an immediate response. Once the storm passes, search and rescue efforts will begin in earnest.

Search and rescue – it's the responsibility you live with. Not only when dealing with storms the magnitude of Beryl, but also day-to-day as you search out and rescue those in trouble. To those in need, you provide hope, comfort, and compassion. You help people make sense of their broken world, their broken bone, or their broken heart.

Search and rescue – it's the intensity you operate with. During this part of the mission, the approach is risk a lot to save a lot. All available resources are

directed to the mission. A search will continue for as long as the subject might be alive, and conditions allow.

Search and rescue – it's the priority you focus on. It is a time-critical effort that demands a high level of attention. Time truly is of the essence, because everyone knows that the search and rescue phase doesn't last forever.

Responsibility – intensity – priority. Sounds like another search and rescue mission I'm familiar with; the search and rescue of the human soul. Luke captures the heart of this mission with these words, "The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."

--Chaplain Joe LaCognata



WHEN: August 9 & 10, 2024

Starts at 0900

WHERE: EGH Fitness Center 2730 E Silver Springs Blvd

Ocala, FL 34470

WHAT: The Big 3 Lifts: Bench, Deadlift, and Squat

WHY: Because we all bear the burden

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## **Our Legacy**

My wife Kim and I have been on the parenting journey since 1989. The past years have been filled with many trials and much joy. We have been blessed with 5 children (4 daughters and a son), and now 4 sons-in-law. For the past several months, we have shared answers to some questions about strengthening your relationship with your kids. We had the opportunity to present this information at Area10 Faith Community in Richmond, VA. Click here for a video of that presentation.

As you continue your parenting journey, we pray this blessing over you and your family...

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



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#### Faith in the Fire

Chaplain Joe LaCognata shares about some of the unique challenges faced while trying to live out faith in the fire service.



# **Upcoming CISM Training**

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### **Stress Management Information**

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#### In Remembrance

The following firefighters died in the line of duty during the month of June

6/6 - Kenneth D. Caldwell - LaCrosse, IN

6/14 - Benny Filiaggi - Montgomery, WV

6/14 - Andrew Pontious - Los Angeles, CA

28 firefighters have died in the line of duty in 2024



#### **Our Vision**

Imagine an organization committed to one task – supporting fire rescue personnel. From their work in the field to their lives at home, picture an organization working to equip these first responders to be more successful on the job and in life. Envision an organization that extends the support of those serving in fire rescue by offering care and comfort to the people they serve. Finally, picture an organization that would impact emergency services workers all across the country. That organization is Fire Rescue Support – supporting fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call.



#### **Donate Today**

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