

# The All Hands

It takes all of us working together, to get the job done!

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## Deputy Chief's Message

By **DARREL DONATTO**

Deputy Chief

May 18-24 is EMS Week and this year's theme is: "EMS: Dedicated. For Life."

My sincerest thanks to each of our members for their dedication and for what they do and are willing to do to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. You are there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – always willing to give your all. When you are not responding to or dealing with an emergency, you are training so you can be better when an emergency occurs. Your level of teamwork and skill are nothing short of incredible.

But – beyond being good at what you do – your level of customer service is just as amazing. Some recent examples include:

- Crews going back to the station to get batteries for a resident whose smoke detector was not working.
- Assisting a resident whose medical bed was not working properly going out and helping them to sit up in bed and making them comfortable with pillows.
- Retrieving a resident's cell phone from a storm drain.
- Changing the battery in a resident's back-up oxygen system who was infirmed and needed continuous oxygen.
- Teaching animal CPR to our residents.
- Assisting a resident who needed help getting two locks off of her suitcase.
- Carrying an infirmed resident getting up three floor levels when the power was out in their building.
- Getting a stray cat out of a resident's chimney.
- Assisting a resident getting home and bringing their portable electric scooter to their home when the battery on their scooter died.
- Searching for and recovering the prosthetic limb of an Army veteran who lost the limb swimming in the ocean.
- Using a ladder to gain entry to the second floor of a resident's home after they were locked out.
- Getting a bunch of baby ducks out of a storm drain.
- Assisting a resident who had a water leak in their home by moving their furniture and rugs, using squeegees to remove the standing water, then mops and the electric fan to completely dry the tile floors, then moving the furniture back inside.

I don't know of any other group of firefighters anywhere that puts as much emphasis on delivering great customer service and going above and beyond the call of duty.

We have some of the greatest people and those great people have great hearts. From me - thanks for doing what you do the way you do it. We celebrate your dedication and care for the lives of others. 🔥



## Who Are You Holding Back?

By TONY GRAVITT

[HTTP://CATALYSTCONFERENCE.COM/READ/WHO-ARE-YOU-HOLDING-BACK/#WHEN:12:00:26Z](http://CATALYSTCONFERENCE.COM/READ/WHO-ARE-YOU-HOLDING-BACK/#WHEN:12:00:26Z)

**When I was younger, a friend of my parents owned a restaurant in our hometown and you could find us there every Friday night for dinner.**

The owners had a daughter, who worked at the restaurant when she was in high school, and I idolized her-- I wanted to be just like her. One night, while she was waiting tables, she called seven-year-old me over and asked me to be her assistant for the night. I was thrilled. She took me around to all of her tables where I would write down orders, take drinks, and follow her every move. After that night all I could dream about was being a server, all because she had taken a chance on me, and had given me responsibility.

I've been privileged in my life to have been given many different responsibilities, and now I can tell you with confidence that I know what I am gifted in. I can tell you what my passions are, and what I believe my calling is. I have been given the chance to figure things out. I've been given the chance to feel empowered, responsible and worthy, each time because someone who led me chose to give me a chance.

**Leaders, someone gave you a chance once, and it was risky.** They probably put a lot on the line putting you in charge, but now you've figured it out. You have responsibility. It's time for you to help someone else do the same. I understand that it is hard to give up your responsibility, but I challenge you to not just delegate, but to empower. Taking a chance on someone younger or

less experienced is a risk, but the return is immeasurable.

Yes, it is counter-intuitive, but giving someone younger than you a chance to have some of that responsibility sets you up to build a relationship and pour into them. Take a chance. If they fail, they fail. Help them to stand right back up, and try again. You will have an incredible impact on their personal path to leadership because you are letting them step in to what you once stepped into.

**The only song I ever learned on the piano was Clocks, by Coldplay.** It was difficult for me, because my small hands had to stretch farther than they had ever gone, but I learned a new song. I was stretched and challenged.

Up and comers, *learn to stretch your fingers.* Learn to play something new. Be someone worth the responsibility. Be someone who is noticed for work ethic, excellence and humility. Be willing to step out of what YOU see as your calling, and be willing to step into what others can see in you. There is no better view of yourself than from the outside. Be someone who is teachable, and be someone who is willing to stretch. Take the chance on yourself and seize every opportunity to grow.

**It's simple really, leaders are learners, and sometimes to learn, risks must be taken. Leaders, regardless of position or skill set should be willing to learn from what sharing responsibility can teach you.**

**Sharing and taking responsibility with open hands, and willingness to grow, is the ultimate display of humility for leaders of all levels.**

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## New Equipment and Technology

New Pelican cases #1600 have been ordered to serve as Airway kits and replace the large backpacks. The red O2 kit will still be necessary for multiple patients, and those scenes where the patient is difficult to access with the stretcher.

The schematics will be entered into the Operative IQ inventory system during its rollout next week. Operative IQ has been in use at the North Fire station for a few weeks while we test the system. This inventory system will reduce the redundancy of medical supplies requests and documentation. It will allow for quicker changes to our inventory and will most importantly, hold me more accountable to get you the tools you need to do the incredible job you do each day. You will at a moments notice know the status of your supplies request and not have to log it in the book each day :) .

Please be patient in the beginning as the data gets entered into the system and updated based upon the information you provide. Formal training will be conducted during the rollout period. ✨

## News and Notables

By **BRODIE ATWATER**

Assistant Chief

It's been another busy month or so here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue. The following information has been compiled in an effort to keep everyone up to date on what's been happening in the Department:

- Risk Management conducted safety compliance inspections of all three stations. This is done annually in conjunction with the Town's insurance carrier. All stations met requirements with the exception of some minor issues.
- Plans are moving forward for the enclosure of the Station 3 bunker gear storage room with doors, similar to the enclosure at station 1. Construction will be completed by department personnel.
- The Annual Palm Beach Daily News "Empty your pantry" food drive ended on April 28th. It was another very successful drive with a total of approximately 1000 pounds of food collected. The donated food was collected by various agencies that serve the needs of the less fortunate in Palm Beach County.
- Lieutenant Scott Comer retired on May 6th after 24 years of service. Scott will be remembered as a committed officer who was well liked by all. Scott always went out of his way to provide a positive image of the department and the fire service.
- Lt. Ward has been working on specs and price quotes for new fitness equipment for the Station 3 fitness room. Unfortunately, due to some administrative issue with purchasing, the bids will need to be re-quoted by vendors. The process should take 1-2 months. Our thanks to Lt. Ward for his ongoing persistence and patience with getting this project completed.
- Rescue 4 was taken to the Palm Beach County apparatus shop for needed repairs and completion of annual preventative maintenance.
- The Flagler Bridge closed on May 12th and will remain closed until November. All personnel should continue to review the Bridge Disruption Plan and be familiar with their roles and responsibilities. So far, traffic appears to be moving well onto and off of the island with no major delays experienced to date.
- Eight additional emergency signal remote activators were purchased and are being programmed. Remotes will be placed on units which do not currently have activators and older remotes will be replaced. Personnel should remember that the emergency signal at the north station is to be activated any time units enter or leave the station for any reason.
- The Department's FY15 budget has been finalized and has been reviewed and approved by the Town Manager.
- The Palm Beach Country Club held their annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on May 5th. Many Department and Town employees were in attendance to enjoy lunch, golf and gift card drawings.
- The air compressor panel on the Squad truck was re-built by the Palm Beach County vehicle maintenance shop. All gauges and valves were replaced and the panel was serviced. The compressor was re-built previously by an outside vendor.
- An Officer's meeting was held on May 5th with department officers and administrative personnel in attendance. The Lieutenants participated in a separate meeting with James Rowan.
- An additional Opticom Traffic Preemption device was installed at the intersection of Royal Poinciana Way and S. County Rd. This brings the total number of operational systems up to five. Two more systems for Sunrise/Sunset and the Breakers entrances are planned for the future.
- After several years, all access points for the beach area at Phipp's Ocean Park have been re-opened. Public Works repaired stairways and erosion damage caused by several recent storms. New signage has been added and beach and park attendance is increasing.
- Mosquitos have been noted in the apparatus bay at Station 1, this issue has been discussed with Public Works who will be adding an electric insect control device ( bug zapper) to the bay and treating any potential breeding areas with pesticide. 🔥



## Training and Safety Division

By **JIM DUANE**  
Division Chief

Palm Beach State College has been contracted to teach 3 of the 4 company officer classes, which are a requirement for both the state Fire Officer 1 certification and eligibility for promotion to Lieutenant. Beginning Monday, May 19th, FFP 2720 Company Officer 1 started and will finish on Friday, followed by FFP 1810 Strategies and Tactics 1 and finishing off with FFP 140 Course Delivery. All the future dates can be seen on the training calendar as well as in Target Safety. This is a tremendous opportunity for our personnel to attain the required promotional classes, in house in an expedient manner. Fire Rescue is committed to educating each and every employee to the highest degree; therefore, we encourage you to sign up.

The Town of Palm Beach has proba-

bly the best tuition reimbursement programs around. For members seeking degrees, almost 100% of tuition is paid for in accordance with Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University fees. Recently, I completed my Bachelor's degree with the help of the Town of Palm Beach. Though extremely happy to be done, my only regret is that I waited 20 years to do it. For those of you thinking about promoting in the future, I encourage you not wait and to take every opportunity that is offered to you. In the end, you will be very happy that you did. For the EMTs, consider attending Paramedic school now while you are new to the career. The longer you wait the more commitments you will incur and the harder it will be to begin.

As everyone knows, live fire had to be cancelled due to the closure of the Flagler Memorial Bridge. With the increase in transport times to the hospital,

units leaving the island for non-emergency functions could possibly pose a delay in emergency response. Other options are currently being explored and training will continue as soon as possible.

June 3rd, 4th and 5th, command level personnel will be taking part in a countywide mock high rise fire in Lake Worth. Chief Officers and Acting Officers will simulate a high rise event filling all the command level positions associated with the countywide high rise procedure. Lessons learned from the drill will be used for updating the procedure. The Training Division will be making up a schedule so that all Battalion Chiefs and fill-in Chiefs may attend.

PALS will take place during the second week in June. All on-duty personnel will be required to attend. Though not

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## Battalion Chief's Message—Things to Think About

By **PETE CODISPOTI**  
Battalion Chief C Shift

On a monthly basis the Battalion Chief are assigned to discuss current operation topics, but before I do I want to say a few words. I want to thank everyone for keeping the ship upright and moving! Everyone is doing a great job every day. We have become very dynamic and adaptable to changes on the fly... let me explain. We have had a lot of driver training completed, approximately 8 or 9 people. What made this possible was everyone who stepped in to fill the overtime so their co-workers could get the needed training so they could fill a need. The different shift combinations could boggle your mind, new and old faces working together. What I also thought was impressive with these diverse groups was, just when you had everything figured out..... Boom....staffing change then a new plan. Everyone just rolled with it and made it worked and this makes your BC's brain avoid a BLEVE. This makes us all better able to respond to an emergency or non emergency. Thanks again.

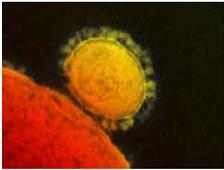
**Operational topic number 1** Last month the Chief released a data report about information missing or needed for billing, the Social, phone number and insurance info. I have found that the insurance info has improved, but the Social and phone number has remained flat. Please make an increased effort.

**Operational topic number 2** Just a reminder. If you are assigned to "C" shift and you come in at 0745 to start your shift and you run a call at 0750, please remember to put "B" shift. The call has taken place before 0800 and it needs to be captured as such. 🚒

## EMS Division

By **BRIAN FULLER**  
Division Chief

Recently there has been a few cases of MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) confirmed in Florida by the Department of Health in Orange County, Florida. According to the DOH-Orange, "The patient presented to the emergency department with a nine day history of worsening symptoms of fever, chills, cough, sore throat, and myalgia on May 9, 2014. The patient is from Saudi Arabia and traveled to the US on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The patient worked in a hospital in Saudi Arabia where cases of MERS have been seen".



Personnel should be alert for patients;

- Develop acute lower respiratory illness after traveling from countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula

- Have come in contact with a symptomatic traveler to those areas who also has a fever or respiratory illness
- Have been in close contact with a confirmed case

Personnel should use masks for respiratory illness patients especially in any unusual cluster or having any one or more of the above mentioned alerts.

Standard, Contact, and Airborne precautions are recommended for management of hospitalized patients with known or suspected MERS-CoV infection based on CDC's case definitions. The patient should wear a surgical mask when being transported. Highly compliant hand hygiene practices and disinfection of the environment are important bundles to prevent Corona virus transmission.

Low level disinfectants with a virucidal label claim for Human Coronavirus include: PDI Alcohol free Sani-Cloth, Sani-Cloth Bleach and Super Sani-Cloth,

EcoLab and Diversey ready to use quaternary ammonium and peroxides chemical products.

Refer to the CDC Middle East Respiratory Syndrome [MERS] site at <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/>

Q: What is MERS?

A: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is a viral respiratory illness. MERS is caused by a coronavirus called "Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus" (MERS-CoV).

Q: What is MERS-CoV?

A: MERS-CoV is a beta coronavirus. It was first reported in 2012 in Saudi Arabia. MERS-CoV used to be called "novel coronavirus," or "nCoV". It is different from other coronaviruses that have been found in people before.

Q: Does MERS-CoV spread from person to person?

A: MERS-CoV has been shown to spread between people who are in close contact.[1] Transmission from infected patients to healthcare personnel has also been observed. Clusters of cases in several countries are being investigated. ✨

## Training and Safety

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mandatory, off duty personnel wanting the training may attend. The class is being held on 3 consecutive shifts and will take place once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

The driver Engineer promotional process is right around the corner. By now, personnel are most likely beginning to practice with pumping and aerial operations. Driver Engineers and Company officers are encouraged to help these candidates achieve their goals. The first two weeks are set aside on the training calendar specifically for them to practice and drill. Use that opportunity for hose and company evolutions.

Our personnel have really gone above and beyond with training over the last several months. Everyone's schedules have been jam-packed with monthly objectives, drills, probation training and so much more. It is essential that all training hours be captured daily in Target Safety. Each Officer, Step-Up Officer and FTO is required to complete this following every training event. Please keep up the great work and continue to forward any ideas for future training to me. 🔥

## “Chock” Full of Uses

By **ROB FLING**

Published <http://firefightertoolbox.com/chock-full-uses/>



The ordinary “door chock” is an essential tool that should be carried by all firefighters regardless of whether they respond as an engine or truck company. They are often overlooked as a great tool, probably because they are so simple, but as we will examine here in this article they not only come in a multitude of types but also have a multitude of uses.



A carpenter’s clamp can be used to keep a door open. (Photo courtesy of Courtney Fling)

Without a doubt the simplest, cheapest and most widely carried chock is the ordinary wooden

wedge. They can be carried in your pockets but you will also frequently see a rubber inner tube stretched around someone’s helmet with chocks placed in there.

“Cherry bombs” are simply a piece of wooden dowel with a nail placed in the end and bent over. Other types you will frequently see are commercially made of metal formed in a “V” with a piece to hang over the door hinge. Steel spring clips that carpenters use or even a standard ten penny nail can be a door chock if used properly. A bungee cord can be used to hold open screen doors.

So how are all these different types of chocks used?

Wooden wedges should be placed above the bottom hinge of the door. (Photo courtesy of Courtney Fling)



Wooden chocks are typically placed under the door to keep it open, similar to a door stop in your home. This works fine in most instances; however, my personal preference is to place the chock above the bottom hinge of the door. Any door that you pass through that you do not want to close behind you should be chocked by this means.

Cherry bombs and the commercially made metal chocks are both used in the same fashion: They are hooked over the bottom hinge of the door preventing the door from closing. The steel spring clips are generally clamped on the back of the door keeping it open. A nail can be placed in one of the hinge screws and the door pulled closed slightly; the nail bites into the door thus keeping it open.



The wooden chock is still my go-to. I have tried the others but for the price (if I forget it or lose it I can just make more out of some scrap wood) they can’t be beat. Plus they have a variety of other uses which we will look into now.

“Cherry bomb” chocks can be slipped over the hinge to keep the door from closing. (Photo courtesy of Courtney Fling)

A wooden chock is the perfect complement when you are conducting conventional forcible entry. Many times you will have to reposition your tool to get added leverage. If the door is tight (being held by multiple locks), when you remove your tool the door may “spring back” on you. The perfect solution to this is to reach up on your helmet or into your pocket and pop a wedge into the purchase you have made. The door will stay where it is, allowing you to easily reposition your tool to continue work.

If you happen to run a water flow alarm and find a sprinkler head has been activated, two chocks pushed into the head from opposite directions can greatly reduce or even shut down the flow of water.

An EMS alarm in a large building can make it difficult for additional arriving crews to easily find you. Chocking the doors open as you go enables the additional manpower to simply follow the open doors to find you. In addition, it eases patient removal on the stretcher because doors do not need to be held open for the stretcher to pass through.

As you can see, the door chock is an important tool that every firefighter should carry (more than one is a necessity, I carry 4-6). They are many more uses than we have touched on here, so if you have any uses to add, please share them in the comments section below.

## Fire Prevention

By **TIMOTHY POMPOS**

Division Chief

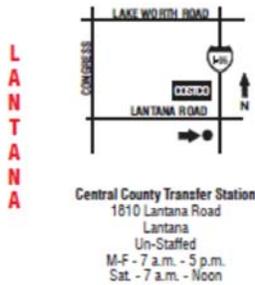
In the month of April, the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division completed 168 fire prevention inspections with the assistance of Fire Operations shift personnel. The month of May, is the start of our annual Knox Box inspections for residential properties. While inspecting the resident's Knox Box, utilize this opportunity to provide home fire safety tips in regards to 9-volt battery safety. Some of the key safety tips include the following: keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape; prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects; keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around; store batteries standing up; 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer; and do not store them in containers with other batteries.

Also, you should mention how to properly dispose of batteries with the following: 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash as they could come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal; 9-volt batteries should be taken to a SWA drop-off location; and while disposing of batteries, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape. If personnel would like to hand out 9-volt battery (NFPA) or HazWaste (SWA) brochures they may find the information on the 'N' Drive, under Fire Rescue, then Department, finally under the folder listed as, Community Education Programs for the Fire Company Officer (4th item listed).



In closing, residential Knox Box inspection forms need to be completed and returned through the Battalion Chiefs to the Division Fire Prevention and Life Safety no later than June 30, 2014. 🔥

### SWA Household Drop-Off Location



## Ocean Rescue

By **CRAIG POLLOCK**

Ocean Rescue Supervisor

In the month of April beach attendance really stayed steady. The swim conditions for the majority of the month had Yellow condition flags (medium hazard) flying at Mid-Town Beach to advise swimmers of Rip Currents and Shore break Waves. Lifeguards performed their annual 500 meter ocean swim requalification during April; all guards did an excellent job passing the under 10 minute standard time limit.



Public works has done excellent job making some improvements to Phipps Ocean Park over spring, staircases that had been damaged over the years from big surf have been repaired. All the Tiki Huts have been repaired and now have picnic benches in them to enjoy an ocean view and breeze. Also numerous grills have been placed throughout the park for barbecuing 🍖

## The End of an Era

By **KEITH GOLDEN**

Battalion Chief

The loud Booming Voice of a Southern Gentlemen on the radio has come to an end. For almost 25 years the citizens, residents and visitors to the Town of Palm Beach were protected by Lt. Comer and his crew members but on May 6, 2014 his last radio transmission as a member of Palm Beach Fire Rescue was heard. Lt Comer with his signature Silver Mane was the Officer on Rescue 3 and Truck 3 and entered into his well-deserved retirement.

Lt Comer entered into the fire service with the mindset to make a difference and he most certainly did. When asked about his most memorable call he told me that there were too many to recall but the one that sticks out the most in his mind was a pediatric trauma call and during that call he felt like he had to do everything in his power to make the child survive and that's when his true calling was revealed and he has been on a Rescue truck ever since. Most people that know him knows that he is a husband to Kim, a Proud father, very athletic and really loves sports, but most don't know that he actually taught in the Georgia School system for 5 years and was also a Coach.



Lt Comer said he was excited at first to retire, because retirement will leave him more time to really get into saltwater fishing, Golfing and supporting his wife in all their new endeavors.

But as the final day drew closer he said he is a little conflicted; He's been in firefighting for almost 25 years and struggling with this decision "I really don't want to leave, but I know it's time.

Enjoy Your Retirement

You will be missed



## EMS Week May 18-24



National EMS Week 2014 is May 18 – 24. The theme for EMS Week 2014 is “Dedicated for Life”. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, “National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s front line ([www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org)).

It is that dedication, and passion for your work that is evident in the customer service you provide, and the lives you change each day. You are truly changing the outcome of what is often a person’s worst day by providing a rapid response, using advanced skills combined with the latest technology, and transporting those patients to the most appropriate definitive care facility. It is made possible by the many hours of continuing education, and the relentless commitment to care for anyone and everyone in need.

Thank you for your selflessness and dedication to this great profession.



## Job Well Done

**Incident Date: 05/13/2014 13:47:58 Incident Number: 14001100 Zone: Central Fire Station**

Fire Rescue responded to a 911 call from citizens on Worth Avenue worried about a baby bird that had fallen from its nest and was on the sidewalk along the avenue. They found the baby bird and carefully put it into a box, using rubber gloves so as not to cause the mother to reject it. They then extended a ladder and put the baby bird back in its nest. The mother immediately flew back to the nest and her baby (with a lizard in her beak) and reunited with the baby. The watching crowd cheered and were exceptionally happy with our efforts.



**Incident Date: 05/07/2014 16:56:51 Incident Number: 14001062 Zone: South Fire Station**

Fire Rescue was contacted at the Station by two concerned residents regarding a small kitten that was stuck in a pipe on their property. Fire Rescue went to the property and found the kitten stuck about 8 feet inside, head first. The crew used a vacuum and ran the vacuum hose to the kitten's rear end and turned it on and sucked out the kitten. The kitten was sucked up to the hose and removed without incident. Everyone on the scene was happy.

## “LifeLink Encode”

By **BRIAN FULLER**

Division Chief

In coordination with Good Samaritan Medical Center, Palm Beach Fire Rescue paramedics will be using a live tele-medicine voice/video link that will allow our paramedics to directly communicate with the doctors in the emergency room at Good Samaritan Medical Center. Good Samaritan invested in their own equipment to help make this program possible. Using this advanced communication system; video and audio coverage from the inside of the ambulance will be directly transmitted to the awaiting physician in the emergency department.

Currently, when rescuers are transporting an ill or injured patient to the emergency room, they radio ahead with the patient’s status and notify the receiving facility what to expect. “They have to verbally paint the picture of what condition the patient is in and hope the emergency physician can imagine what that may look like,” said Palm Beach Fire Rescue Division Chief Brian Fuller. Palm Beach Fire Rescue Medical Director, Kenneth Scheppke, MD, added, “Using live audio and video communication, virtually brings the emergency physician right into the ambulance with the patient. With this technology, advanced evaluation can occur even before the patient arrives to the emergency department”.

Using live video communication, emergency physicians will actually see the patient while enroute to the hospital and can interact with them and even order the appropriate specialty care long before the patient arrives. In the case of trauma, the physician can see the extent of the injuries. In the case of a stroke, the physician will observe the facial droop, can hear the slurred speech, and can order lifesaving clot busting drugs before the patient arrives. If a patient is having a heart attack, the emergency cath lab can be activated much earlier than it is today.

With the closure of the Flagler Memorial Bridge on May 12, this new technology will be all that much more important. Many people have worked very hard to make it possible for us to get to the emergency room quickly; this technology will bring the emergency room to us. It will allow our patients to receive a higher quality of care much faster than ever before which could make the difference between life and death said Fuller.

“Utilizing advanced communications technology provides many different options to better help patients in an emergency situation,” says Dr. George Gurdock, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Good Samaritan Medical Center. “Our partnership with Palm Beach Fire Rescue allows earlier communication directly from the field into our emergency room.

“This is the latest innovation to come out of our partnership with Palm Beach Fire Rescue. The care team of paramedics and emergency medicine physicians can together now accelerate the assessment, diagnose and treat the patient wherever the patient is located regardless of traffic. They are using a common technology to provide advanced care”, said Mark Nosacka, CEO of Good Samaritan Medical Center.

Of course patient privacy is of utmost concern. Prior to the implementation, Palm Beach Fire Rescue ensured that technology used was compliant with all of the required privacy standards, using the proper 128-bit encryption such as WPA2 Enterprise security. Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Good Samaritan Medical Center utilizes this level of security. The transmission is neither recorded nor stored, and is disconnected after each use. \*

## Palm Beach Fire Rescue using iPads, FaceTime to save lives



BY: Chris Stewart

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## Photos and announcements



The crew at Station 1 on C-shift, led by Firefighter Alex Mahy, conducted a station tour for 30 kids from the Flagler Montessori School. The kids were all smiles and the station crew is to be commended for a job well done. The kids and the chaperones had a great day and were very grateful for the warm and enthusiastic greeting they received from C-shift. I have attached some pictures from the event in case you wanted to add this to an upcoming newsletter.



B shift working a vehicle accident. The vehicle struck several cars along South Ocean BLVD and this roadway. The driver was not seriously injured.



Photos above of April Live Fire Training at Palm Beach State College Fire Academy

## APRIL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

### Training Hours

A Shift	240
B Shift	271
C Shift	626
Total	1137

### Fire Prevention Inspections

168

### Ocean Rescue

Visitors	23,177
Town Ordinance Enforcements	209
Preventative Actions	199

### FIRE and EMS

FIRE Calls	63
EMS Calls	151
Transports to Hospital	97

## MAY BIRTHDAYS:

David Burke	5/26
Brodie Atwater	5/28
Craig Pollock	5/28

## MAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Michael Curcio	5/8	25 years
Daniel Kniseley	5/13	22 years
Christina Wieber	5/17	10 years
Jerry Castillo	5/17	10 years
James Weber	5/9	9 years

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH 2014:

January	Frank Mavigliano	July
February	Michael Marx	August
March	Joe Sekula	September
April	Mark Bradshaw	October
May		November

## Employee of the Month— Lt. Mark Bradshaw

The Palm Beach Fire Rescue Awards Committee has chosen Lieutenant Mark Bradshaw as Employee of the Month for April 2014. Lieutenant Bradshaw has served in the Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization for 17 years, promoting to Officer in 2004. He is currently assigned to the South Fire Rescue Station on "B" shift in Charge of Engine 3. Additionally Mark serves as the Public Education coordinator and Acting Battalion Chief. Mark is a past recipient of the Employee of the Month for June of 2012, recognizing his consistent above and beyond work performance with public education and the impact he has on the community on a daily basis.

Besides fulfilling his regular job duties and responsibilities as a Lieutenant, Mark consistently goes above and beyond what is required of him at work. Lieutenant Bradshaw is the back-bone to Palm Beach Fire Rescue's public education, serving as the leader in public education for several years. Mark has networked with several key members of the community and has built valuable long lasting relationships for the Fire Rescue Department.

Serving the community is the primary responsibility we have as Firefighters. Lt. Bradshaw exemplifies this and continuously goes above and beyond. Throughout the year Mark has been recognized on several occasions for his efforts in the community. The Fire/Police block party, being the largest events of the year for Fire Rescue, is one of the many examples of how Mark impacts the community. During this event as well as many others during the year, Mark touches the lives of the community through public education. He has taught hundreds of members of the community CPR including small classes in the homes from large demonstrations such as the countywide CPR day. During the recent annual Palm Beach Cats event, Mark delivered an animal CPR demonstration. Since that event, additional classes have been taught and requests have been made to repeat the program for other groups.

Lieutenant Bradshaw has done an exceptional job educating the community. His passion for public education has certainly touched the lives of many members of our community as well as surrounding communities. His efforts have gone a long way in creating a positive public image and impression of Palm Beach Fire Rescue. We highly commend Lieutenant Bradshaw for his service of dedication and devotion to the Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department, and the Town of Palm Beach. Mark demonstrates an attitude of excellent work ethic and dependability. His consistent job performance and positive attitude makes him a great asset to the Town of Palm Beach and the community, therefore, making Mark Bradshaw an outstanding recipient for the April 2014 Employee of the Month Award.

