

FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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FIRE RESCUE GETS AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR ITS HIGHER STANDARD OF CARE

Flagler County Fire Rescue has distinguished itself when it comes to treating heart attack patients and has been awarded the American Heart Association “Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver” for 2023.

“Your agency is a part of an elite group of pre-hospital providers recognized by the American Heart Association for your commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care, by ensuring that every STEMI patient receives treatment according to nationally accepted evidence-based guideline recommendations and standards,” the American Heart Association said in an email to Lt. Jon Moscovitz.

A heart attack with a completely blocked coronary artery is called a STEMI. The acronym stands for ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction.

“With heart tracing there is a particular area that is called the ST segment. When this segment is elevated, the person is said to have a STEMI,” said Fire Rescue Chief Michael Tucker. “This indicates the flow of oxygen-rich blood is being cut off to a section of the heart.”

Fire Rescue paramedics can begin patient treatment upon arrival, which is invaluable and potentially lifesaving time.

“Patients can receive medical care up to an hour sooner that someone who is driven to the hospital by a friend or relative,” Moscovitz said. “Paramedics are also trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped. Patients who arrive by ambulance may also receive faster treatment at the hospital, because of earlier notification to Emergency Room staff of suspected heart attack or stroke.”

Mission: Lifeline EMS is the American Heart Association’s national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with high-risk, time-sensitive disease states, such as severe heart attacks and strokes. The program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment – starting from when 9-1-1 is called, to EMS transport, and continuing through hospital treatment to discharge.

The Mission: Lifeline EMS achievement award focuses on agencies’ on-scene care, bringing to the forefront the collaboration and contributions to patient care for prehospital providers.

“Flagler County Fire Rescue is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to providing optimal care for heart attack and stroke patients, and our crews’ dedication to excellence deserves this recognition,” Tucker said. “The Mission: Lifeline program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, so patients have the best possible chance of survival.”

Mission: Lifeline STEMI Systems of Care

Conceptualization

- Identify all contributors to the system of care
- Propose an implementation plan

Organization

- Form a small executive task force
- Identify known gaps in STEMI care for the region
- Gain consensus for uniform data collection
- Plan implementation strategies and activities
- Set measurable goals

Implementation

- Announce implementation plans, strategies, activities and goals
- Each STEMI Receiving Center, EMS agency and STEMI Referring Hospital surveys for their baseline state
- Identify areas requiring process change at the individual facility/agency level
- Implement process changes
- Share strategies
- Perform continuous evaluation of process improvement activities

Regionalization

- Coordinate implementation strategies, activities and goals at a regional level
- Survey regional processes
- Convene stakeholders to adopt and implement like processes across the region
- Share data (anonymized or identified)

Optimization

- Perform continuous evaluation of regional process improvement activities
- Re-survey regional processes

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

AUGUST 7: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.
AUGUST 7: BOCC WORKSHOP AT 1 p.m.
AUGUST 21: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.
AUGUST 28: BOCC WORKSHOP AT 2:30 p.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



NIGHTTIME BEACHGOERS URGED TO USE MALA COMPRA ROAD ACCESS OR NORTH PARKING LOT

Flagler County officials are urging nighttime beachgoers in The Hammock to use either the MalaCompra Road access or the north parking lot during turtle-hatching season, May 1 through October 31, instead of the south parking lot leading to the Mountain Bike Trail.

The Volusia-Flagler Turtle Patrol reported that hatchlings from three different nests became disoriented because of light and crawled towards the dunes rather than the ocean.

"We are concerned about this and want to do what we can to educate our residents and visitors about how to help our beloved sea turtles," said County Administrator Heidi Petito.

Sea turtle nesting season is from May 1 through October 31.

The Volusia-Flagler Turtle Patrol website, www.turtlepatrol.com, provides information about how to protect both adult turtles and hatchlings. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of sea turtles and patrols 25 miles of beach in Volusia County, 18 miles in Flagler County, and 2.5 miles in St. Johns County.

'DO DATE' EVENTS

08/21/23

Music by "Sir" Dennis, a Knight to Remember
National Senior Citizens Day

The Flagler County Public Library
2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW, Palm Coast
This is a FREE public event! Held at 1 p.m.

BREAKERS

'VETERAN OF THE YEAR' NOMINEES ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Flagler County's Veterans Services Office is asking for nominations for its "Colonel Gary E. DeKay" Veteran of the Year Award, which will be presented on Veterans Day.

The award will be presented to a living Flagler County veteran who has not only served the United States with honor but has used the leadership skills and abilities learned in the military to improve the Flagler County community through selfless volunteer service.

The following criteria must be met for an individual to be considered for the Flagler County "Colonel Gary E. DeKay" Veteran of the Year:

- Must be a resident of Flagler County.
- Must be a living veteran of one of the six Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve or National Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine.
- Must have demonstrated outstanding patriotism, leadership, and selfless service as a veteran and as a volunteer in community or civic service.
- May be awarded for a single act or for continuous service.
- May not be a previous recipient of the Flagler County Veteran of the Year award.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than September 30 and may not exceed three typewritten pages and must include a resume of no more than two pages with a minimum font size of 11 points that includes:

- Period(s) of military service and branch of one of the six Armed Services or USMM
- Military Awards and Decorations
- Membership in nationally recognized veterans' organizations
- Community and/or civic organization memberships
- Community and/or civic organization awards or special recognition
- Nominees address, telephone number, and email if available.

For more information, call Veterans Services Officer David Lydon at 386-313-4042, 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Building 2, Bunnell 32110.