



OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

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Mission Statement

To preserve life, improve health, and promote safety through clinically superior and compassionate pre-hospital care and life safety education for citizens and visitors of Leon County.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Consolidated dispatch functions for Leon County EMS, the Leon County Sheriff, Tallahassee Fire, and Tallahassee Police, which provides a single point of contact for 9-1-1 answering and dispatch services, and reduces response times.
- Waived EMS fees for uninsured or underinsured veterans.
- The Leon County EMS Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education program was developed from a grant awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School program. The program encourages walking and bicycling as healthy and environmentally responsible transportation choices as well as promoting safety awareness and education for Leon County.
- Participated in National Bike Week at the Celebrate Cycling Bike Festival at Cascades Park by conducting an educational bicycle rodeo event.
- Partnered with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the Alpha Phi sorority targeting women's heart health. This included teaching over 200 women CPR and AED use.
- Conducted 140 public education events.
- Awarded a grant from the Florida Department of Health to implement a Community Paramedic Program.

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- After celebrating 10 years of dedicated service to the community and responding to over 321,500 calls for service, the nationally recognized, Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to lead the industry in setting the standard for emergency care.
- To ensure response times continue to be maintained and to address a steady increase in calls for service to 33,735 (an increase of 24% over the last 10 years) resulting in patient transports of 23,725, an additional ambulance and crew will be added effective October 1, 2014.
- With over 300,000 people dying from sudden cardiac arrest each year in the United States before they reach the hospital, Leon County strives to continuously improve the chances of survival by advocating for the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), and also Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training through its Heart Ready initiative. Through these efforts, over 1,400 citizens were trained in CPR and AED use. Also, there are 806 public access AEDs in the community registered with EMS.
 - » Press the Chest 2014: For the fourth year, EMS hosted "Press the Chest," a community-wide CPR and AED training event held at the FAMU Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center. EMS and community partners trained more than 500 citizens in CPR and AED as one class.
- Leon County is committed to educating the community on the importance of safety preparedness. EMS hosted several events during the year, including:
 - » Child Passenger Safety Seat Program: Leon County conducted a child passenger safety seat checkpoint at the new Public Safety Complex on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. EMS provided certified child passenger seat technicians at the event to provide parents and caregivers free hands-on education and to inspect car seats. EMS



EMS Ten-Year Celebration

also conducted a Child Passenger Safety Seat Checkpoint at the Safety Fair.

- » Leon Lifesaver: Leon Lifesaver is a community risk reduction program presented at over 25 events, which focuses on improving safety and preventing injuries in young school-aged children. Leon, an interactive robotic ambulance, goes into schools and community events teaching children about the proper use of



EMS Safety Fair



9-1-1, the importance of car safety restraints and bicycle helmet use, and stranger danger.

» Operation Prom Night: This cooperative anti-drunk driving and anti-distracted driving program is for high school-aged teenagers in which a mock accident scene is used to illustrate the dangers of drinking and driving, and distracted driving. This program is hosted by Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare through the cooperation of community partners including schools, EMS, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police Department, FSU Police Department and the Tallahassee Fire Department.

» Senior Citizens: EMS participated in various senior citizens events. These programs provided information on healthy living, fall prevention, CPR training and heart health education.



Press The Chest 2014



Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Leon County EMS received a full three-year CAAS reaccreditation.




Honor Fight Tallahassee

» Safety Fair: EMS conducted the fifth annual safety fair to highlight personal safety and injury prevention. This event was conducted at Governor's Square Mall. EMS hosted this event along with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Capital Regional Medical Center, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee Fire Department, Life Flight Air Methods, Florida Dept. of Health, American Red Cross, Guardian ad Litem, and the Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend.

Did You Know

When responding to a 9-1-1 call, Leon County paramedics can perform an EKG, provide critical treatment and alert the Cath lab team. This decreases the time factor needed to provide the best care possible.

