

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

**Fiscal Year
2018-2019
Annual Report**





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FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

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Directory of Officials

Board of Fire Commissioners

Randy Burr
Chairman

Kevin Kenney
Vice Chair

David Root
Treasurer

Jim Dalrymple
Secretary

Tom McQueen
Commissioner at Large

Administrative Staff

Tom Jamison
Fire Chief

Jason Gennaro
Deputy Chief

George Bessler
Assistant Chief

Greg Godwin
Division Chief

Mike Porch
Division Chief

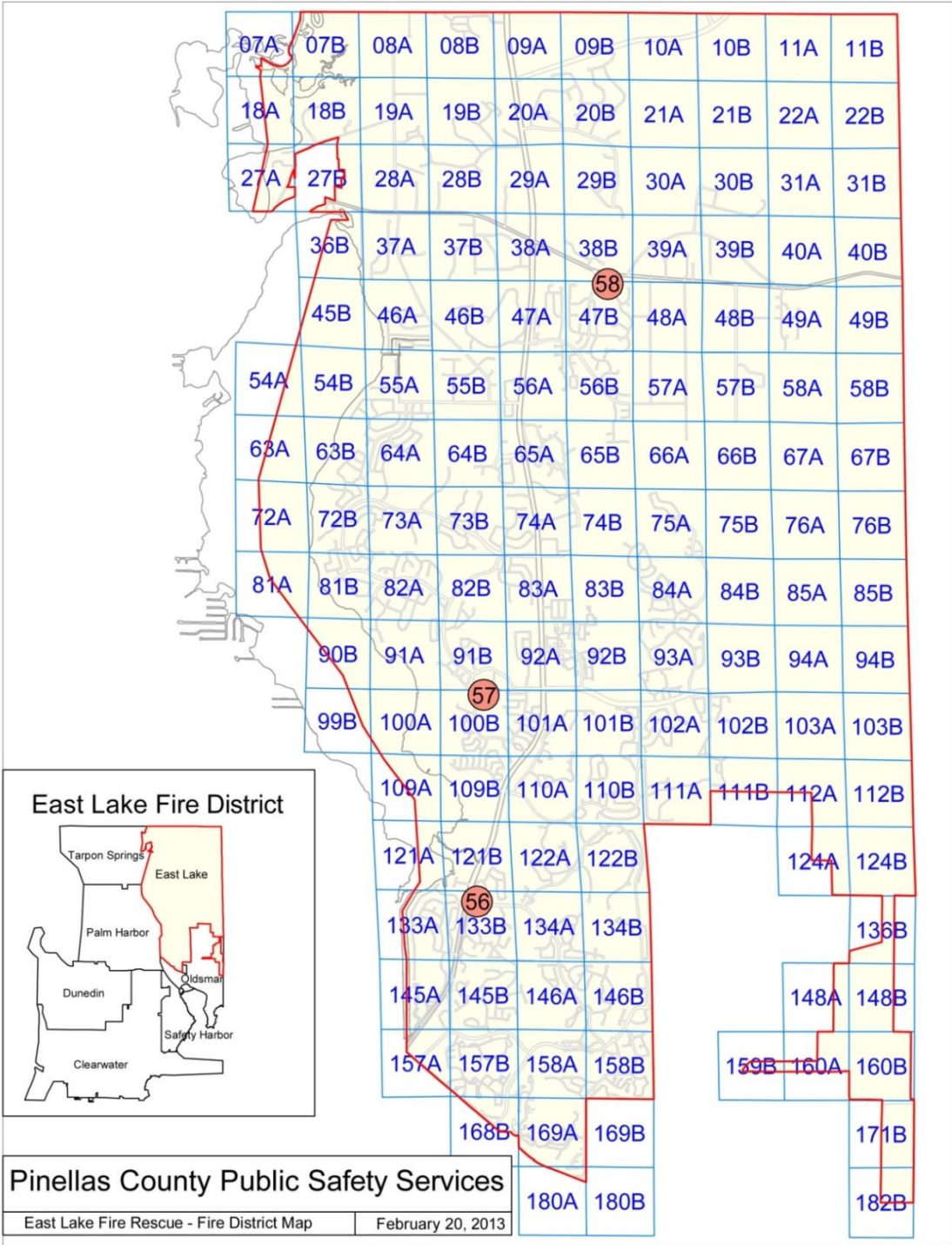
Doug Stryjewski
Division Chief

Katy Cunningham
Office Administrator

Jennifer Spicher
Financial Administrator

Claudia Faiola
Fire & Life Safety Educator

District Map and Grids



Fire Chief's Message



Tom Jamison, Fire Chief

I am honored to present on behalf of the elected officials and members of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (East Lake Fire Rescue, or the District), the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Annual Report. The fiscal year begins October 1st and runs through September 30th.

East Lake Fire Rescue personnel had a very productive year, providing excellent Fire and EMS emergency services, public education, training, fire prevention and community risk reduction programs to our community.

Our ISO rating of 2/2Y places us in the top 3 percent of the nearly 49,000 ISO rated communities nationwide in terms of fire suppression capabilities and training.

The District's excellence was recognized by the Florida Association of Special Districts,

who named East Lake Fire Rescue the 2019 District of the Year over 1,200 other districts in the state. Our Fire and Life Safety Educator (F&LSE), Claudia Faiola was recognized as Florida's 2019 F&LSE of the Year by Florida Association of Fire and Life Safety Educators.

East Lake Fire Rescue was awarded the 2019 Gold EMS Mission Lifeline award from the American Heart Association. Our paramedics received commendations from the county medical director on several occasions during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

We continue to exceed the performance benchmarks set forth by Pinellas County for response times, and far exceed compliance levels set forth by ISO (Insurance Services Organization), NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency), and the State of Florida for training.

Capital Improvements included the replacement of our aging incident command vehicle, the installation of security systems at Stations 56 and 58, and the replacement of structural firefighting gear for all combat personnel.

Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 saw a 4.46 percent increase in the District's taxable value, and the District maintained the millage rate of 1.965 for the fourth consecutive year. This millage rate was reduced in FY 2015-2016 from 1.98 mils.

The East Lake Fire District members continued their history of giving back to the community, raising over \$25 thousand in the 5th annual Run for Charity, and over one thousand dollars for the American Lung Association in their annual stair climb fundraiser.

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District



Jason Gennaro, Deputy Chief

The East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District is a Special District as defined by Florida Statutes 189 and 190.

The District's staff is committed to providing high quality emergency and life safety services to the community to protect life, property, and the environment.

The District's citizens elect a five-member Board of Fire Commissioners each serving a four-year term. The Board of Fire Commissioners hold regular meetings once a month at Station 57 and determine the overall policy of the District.

The Commissioners appoint a Fire Chief to oversee the leadership and direction of the District in accordance with the bylaws and standard operating procedures approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Tom Jamison has served as Fire Chief since 2011. The Fire Chief is supported by his Administrative Staff: A Deputy Chief, an Assistant Chief, three Division Chiefs, nine Lieutenants, an Office Administrator, a Financial Administrator, and a Public Education Officer.

Deputy Chief Jason Gennaro is responsible for operations, fire prevention and safety. This encompasses the delivery of emergency services to the citizens and public, quality assurance, personnel standards and procedures, code enforcement, risk management, and workers' compensation.

Assistant Chief George Bessler is responsible for Training and EMS. This includes compliance with ISO, NFPA, the State of Florida and Pinellas County for training, certification, and licensure.

There are three Division Chiefs:

Division Chief Greg Godwin manages Fleet Services and is responsible for the scheduling of maintenance and repairs for the District's 4 fire engines, Tanker Truck, Brush truck, Incident Command Vehicle, 4 staff vehicles, Utility vehicle, Marine unit, and Antique fire engine.

Division Chief Doug Stryjewski manages Communications and is responsible for all District communications systems including portable radios, mobile radios, pagers, mobile and station telephony, and 911 system communications equipment.

Division Chief Mike Porch manages Support Services and is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the District's fire stations.

Each Division Chief is also responsible for the daily management of the shift personnel at the three stations, from staffing to quality assurance oversight. The District's service area covers 33 square miles of unincorporated Pinellas County, with many communities including East Lake Woodlands, Crescent Oaks, Cypress Run, Lansbrook, Oak Hill Acres, Ridgemoor, Tarpon Woods, Wentworth, and Woodfield.

The District is primarily composed of neighborhood communities with a mix of single and multiple family dwellings. There are over 10 square miles of wildland areas, 4 public schools, a major county water pumping facility, numerous assisted living facilities, and several retail centers and public utility sites.

The total population served by the District exceeds 33,000. During work travel hours, that number grows by another 20,000 to include commuters traveling through the District.



The District's structure is one of rapid and effective deployment of the appropriate resources to mitigate any emergency. There are three advanced life support (ALS) fire rescue companies that can be deployed for an emergency within the District. The District employs 42 members, 39 of whom are professional firefighters and EMT / Paramedics.

Fire rescue service is delivered from three stations strategically placed throughout the District. Each station houses a Class A pumper with full ALS medical capabilities. In addition, the District operates a Brush truck, Marine Rescue airboat, Water tender, Heavy Rescue squad, and a Reserve apparatus (Class A pumper) for emergency incident mitigation.

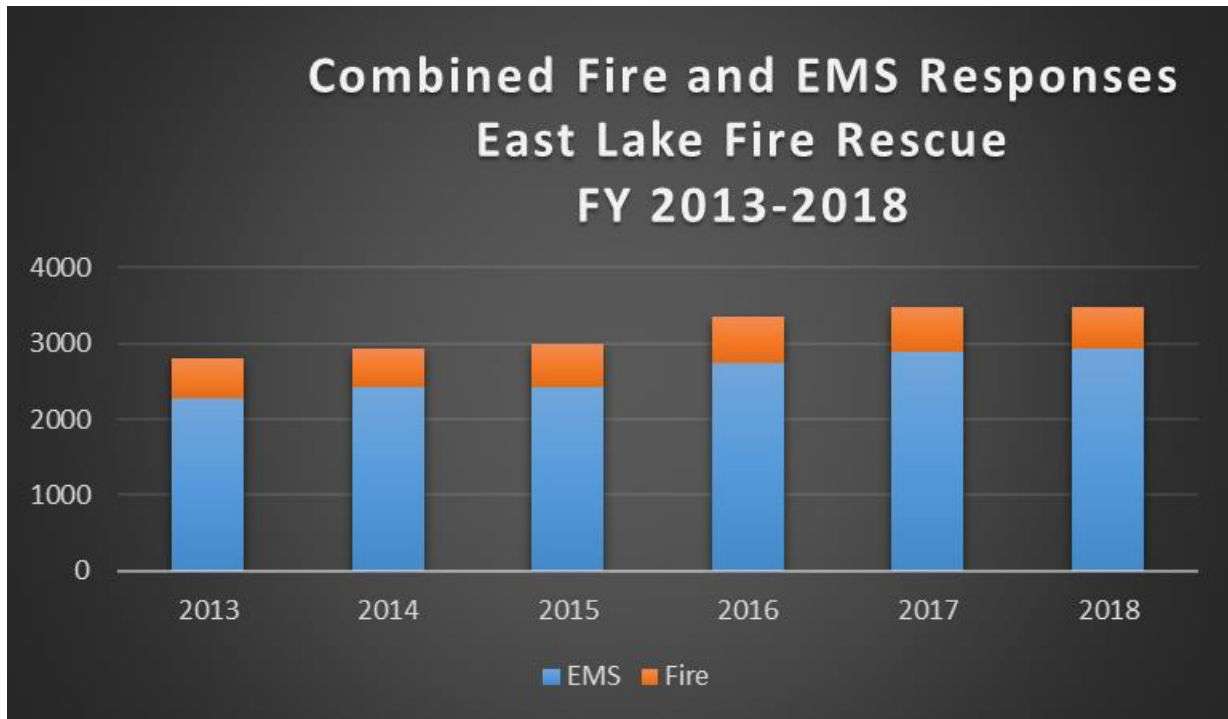
Each station is staffed around the clock with a minimum of three firefighters, who work 24 hours on and 48 hours off for an average 56-hour work week. The crew is composed of a Lieutenant, a Driver/Engineer, and a paramedic. All combat personnel are state certified Firefighters and Paramedics or EMT's.

The District has standing Automatic Aid agreements with the surrounding cities and fire districts.

Service Delivery

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, East Lake Fire Rescue responded to a total of 3,474 emergency incidents. The average turnout time (dispatched to responding) was 55 seconds. The average on scene time was five minutes and forty-nine seconds. The calls fell into one of the following categories:

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Medical	2,923
Motor Vehicle Collision	314
Fire Alarms	243
Structure Fires	95
Gas Leaks	13
Wildland/Outside Fire	38
Air Transport Upgrade	6
Electric Utility Hazard	32
Other Fire Rescue Incidents	124



Fire Prevention



Safety Surveys (fire inspections): East Lake Fire Rescue performed fire safety surveys on 291 area businesses, public buildings, and places of public assembly. Fire safety surveys are performed to assess and mitigate potential fire and life safety hazards in occupancies to create a safer working/living environment for our community members.



Fire Hydrant Flow Testing and Maintenance: East Lake Firefighters inspected and tested all 1,011 fire hydrants in the District.

Construction Plan Review: The fire prevention division reviews site plans, building plans, and fire protection plans associated with new construction and/or renovations. These reviews ensure fire safety features in the design of the building and design of the construction site. Features include fire access roads, fire hydrant placement, fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, fire alarm systems, fire pumps, smoke control and ventilation, egress systems, and other special extinguishing systems. Fire protection systems and equipment generally are required to comply with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association.

Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Training



George Bessler, Assistant Chief

Training is critical in emergency services. East Lake Fire and EMS personnel train diligently to remain proficient with nationally accepted fire, rescue and EMS best practices, county and department protocols to ensure our personnel are meeting the needs of the East Lake community.

Emphasis is placed on retaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to implement protocols and equipment use proficiently through proven training methods that include understanding what must be learned, putting together a structured instructional plan, spacing out repetitive learning scenarios and evaluating techniques to ensure all knowledge, skills, and abilities are maintained.

Because of the unique way that the 18 separate fire/EMS departments in Pinellas County work closely with each other through automatic and mutual aid and a common 911 center, many training topics are standardized throughout Pinellas County through coordination by the Pinellas County Training Chiefs and the Pinellas

County Medical Director. Fire and EMS training is broken into five major categories:

1. Individual: Each Firefighter must successfully complete specific assigned courses each year to exceed the minimum requirements set forth by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Insurance Services Organization (ISO), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State of Florida Bureau of Standards and Training, State of Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas County Office of the Medical Director, and certifying agencies such as the American Heart Association (AHA), National Association of Emergency Medical Services (NAEMT) American Academy of Pediatrics.

2. Company: Each crew (company) has required practical training “evolutions” they must perform on a frequent basis to demonstrate their proficiency in EMS, firefighting, vehicle extrication and specialized equipment skills.

3. Multi Company: This is quarterly practical training requiring companies to perform company evolutions with other crews to practice and demonstrate proficiency in different large-scale tactical fire scenarios.

4. Multi Agency: The Fire Districts of East Lake and Palm Harbor and the cities of Dunedin, Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Tarpon Springs have formed a north county training coalition to train together every month

5. Operational Readiness: A quality assurance tool performed biennially to help evaluate basic firefighter knowledge, skills, and abilities for everyone within a fire company.

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, East Lake Fire Rescue line personnel recorded in excess of a total of 10,763 validated hours of fire and rescue related training. This equates to an annual average of 307 hours of fire training per firefighter; far exceeding the 192 hours of annual training required by ISO.

An additional 590 hours of EMS training was validated. The combined average annual fire and EMS training per firefighter is 324 hours.

Major areas of firefighter knowledge, skills, and abilities training included:

Officer Specific:

- Information Management
- Labor Relations
- Leadership as a Group Influence
- Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities
- Pre-Incident Planning
- Professional Ethics

Driver Specific:

- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Impaired Driving for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Intersection Safety for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Legal Considerations for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Safe Backing for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Seat Belt and Air Bag Safety
- Capacity Hookup
- Pumping master streams
- Pumping supply lines
- Cone course
- Hydrant transfer
- Driver General Knowledge

Company Performance Standards:

- Vent Enter Search
- Ground Ladder Operations
- Forward Lay
- Reverse Lay/Capacity
- Relay Pumping

Company Specific:

- Water Supply
- Fire Hose
- Fire Streams
- Fire Control
- Fire detection alarm & suppression systems
- Loss Control
- Protecting fire scene evidence
- Fire department communications
- Fire prevention and public education
- Ventilation
- Forcible entry

Individual Performance Standards:

- Portable Extinguishers
- Protection of Evidence of Fire Origin and Cause
- Rescue and Extrication
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Vehicle Extrication
- Combustible and Flammable Liquids
- Ventilation
- Compressed Gas Safety
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Passport Accountability
- Mayday/Emergency Retreat

Truck Company Operations:

- Vertical Ventilation Aerial Ladder/Platform
- Elevated Master Stream Aerial Ladder/Platform
- Elevated Standpipe Aerial Ladder/Platform
- Short Jacking

East Lake Specific:

- Fire Prevention Month Programs
- Physical Fitness Training
- Fire Inspector In-Service
- Review of National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Life Safety Initiatives
- Apparatus Design and Safety
- Physical Fitness circuit workout training
- SCBA Air Consumption drill
- Hose and Nozzle training

- Annual Health and wellness physicals
- Safety Stand Down: Focusing on Occupational Cancer Prevention
- Active Assailant training
- 12 Lead Interpretation
- Fire Station Safety Inspection Orientation
- Safe Place Training
- Workplace Human Resource issues: Harassment, Discrimination and Hostile Work Environment
- Workplace Violence Prevention
- District Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Water Extrication Team Training

North County Training Group:

- Multi-unit pump operations
- Practical firefighter safety and survival skills
- Modified Denver Drill, 2nd story haul/lower system and rope bailout
- Practical firefighter safety and survival skills
- SCBA emergency procedures (in Maze)
- Practical Live Fire training practical skills: fire attack, flashover recognition, Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) use, Rapid intervention, bunker gear decon and vent enter isolate search (VEIS)
- SCBA emergency procedures
- Firefighter safety and survival skills: wall breaching, Mayday and Rapid Intervention rescue skills
- Firefighter safety and survival skills: open area rope searches, and emergency ladder rescue skills
- Light Marine Rescue
- Flood Water Rescue

Continuing Medical Education (provided by Pinellas County EMS):

- Emergency Pediatric Care
- Review of 2019 MOM Version I
- Skills review and assessment: Airway and CPR, Major Trauma (Tourniquet, wound packing, needle thoracotomy)

- Critical Thinking Stations: Cardiac, Respiratory, AMS, Fractures and Head Injuries
- Team Dynamics- Medical cardiac arrest pit-crew vs. Traumatic Cardiac Arrest pit-crew
- Trauma Assessment Review: Assessment Pathway, Major Trauma
- PCEMS Equipment Review
- Trauma Transport Protocols/Reversible Causes: Trauma Pearls-Dos and don'ts
- Medical Assessment Review: Cardiac, Respiratory and Advanced Medical Strategies
- Differential Diagnosis/Reversible Causes: Medical Pearls – Dos and Don'ts
- Pediatric Assessment Review- PAT
- Pediatric Pit-Crew Review
- Handtevy Review: Pediatric Pearls-Dos and Don'ts
- Pediatric Trauma Assessment
- Adult and Pediatric SMR Review
- Medication Administration Cross-Check (MACC)
- New Pediatric Rescue Airway Device
- Skills review and assessment- Airway (new device?), MACC, Handtevy
- Medication, SMR review
- Critical Thinking Stations: Respiratory, Fever, Dehydration, Pediatric
- Trauma Team Dynamics: Pediatric pit-crew
- Protocol updates
- Electronic Patient Care Report updates
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Pre-Test
- Protocol and equipment updates
- System Reminders
- Patient satisfaction discussion.
- New EMS Fellow Introduction.
- Upcoming Orientation Program updates
- Post Cessation Question and Answer.
- ACLS testing

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

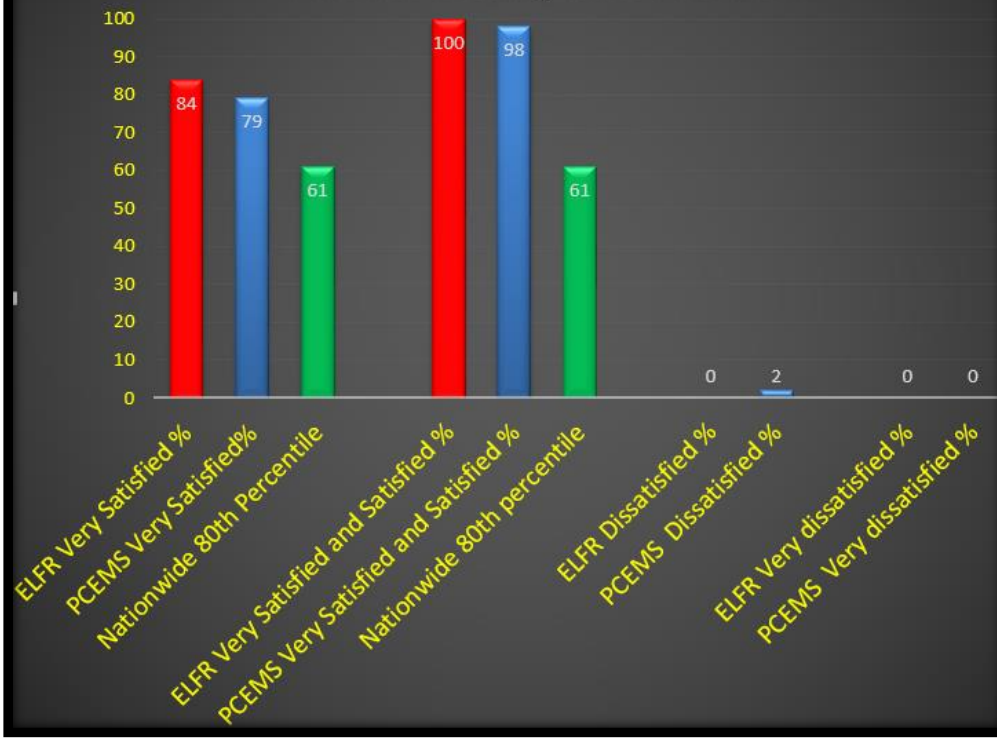
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District is part of the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (PCEMS) system. It is a sophisticated design that strives for clinical excellence with effective cost containment. It is a performance-based model that employs stringent performance requirements and response time accountability for all Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder agencies including East Lake Fire Rescue and the ambulance contractor. A core component of the PCEMS system is closest unit ALS response no matter which fire department jurisdiction the medical emergency occurs in. It is not unusual to see a unit from East Lake Fire Rescue in another jurisdiction when it is the closest ALS unit.

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019 2,923 or 86.99% of all the requests for emergency response services in East Lake were for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). This shows an increase of 4.7%, a continuing trend our EMS System is monitoring carefully to determine how to address the challenges that present with increasing utilization of our limited resources. To meet the emergency medical needs of more than thirty-three thousand East Lake residents and visitors, the district utilizes fire engines fully staffed with firefighters who are cross trained as either EMT or Paramedics. The fire engines are equipped with comprehensive basic life support and advanced life support equipment provided by Pinellas County. East Lake Fire Rescue generally arrives first on the scene and initiates the level of patient care required to stabilize the patient and provide pain relief. East Lake Fire Rescue's average response time for both emergency and non-emergency EMS responses was an impressive 5:26 minutes. Once the Sunstar ambulance arrives on scene (simultaneously dispatched), patient care is transferred, and the patient is transported to an appropriate hospital. In critical patients, our paramedics ride in the ambulance with the patient. This system provides exceptionally rapid response times and on scene patient care by the district's personnel with continued patient care provided by ambulance personnel. First Responder fire engines return to service much quicker and are then available for the next emergency.

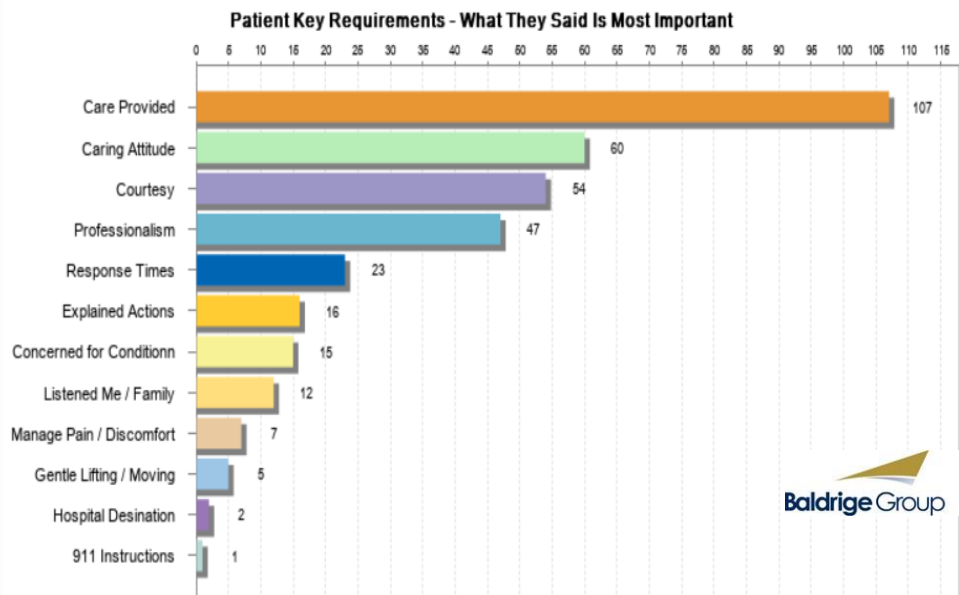
Very Satisfied	84%
Very Satisfied and Satisfied	100%
Dissatisfied	0%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
(80 th % percentile - nationwide)	61%

East Lake Fire Rescue has a comprehensive EMS quality assurance program designed to help ensure processes which benefit from improvement interactions and identify EMS best practices. The EMS Quality Management Program consists of patient care report review, skills evaluation, patient outcome and customer satisfaction reviews. The District contracts with a third-party company, the Baldrige Group, which specializes in providing customized quality assurance phone surveys to a random sampling of our EMS emergency services customers every month. The anonymous surveys provide a rating of "Very Satisfied", "Satisfied", "Dissatisfied" or "Very Dissatisfied" for service expectations in the categories of "Fire Department Response", "Listening and Explaining", "Caring and Concerned", "Manage Discomfort" and "Courtesy and Professionalism". There is also opportunity for customer comments. The top box of Very Satisfied represents patient engagement while very satisfied and satisfied combined represents patient satisfaction. The survey results provide a mechanism for the District to carefully evaluate patient satisfaction based on a number of different demographic factors including "Incident location by zip code", "Paramedic Impression", "Gender", "Age Group", and "Patient Key Requirements" (What patients said was most important to them). This allows the District to look for opportunities to improve our service delivery. In the category of "Satisfied" the district increased from 74% in FY 17/18 to 84% this fiscal year and outperformed the Pinellas County average every month. In addition, ELFR is in the top 16% of the country. A brief summary of the survey results for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 are below:

Quality Assurance for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Comparing East Lake Fire Rescue to all other Pinellas County EMS Providers



What Surveyed Patients said was Most Important



Community Risk Reduction



Claudia Faiola, Fire & Life Safety Educator (F&LSE)

East Lake Fire Rescue reached over 20,000 residents to provide seasonal community risk reduction information and training on subjects such as wildfire prevention, bicycle and pedestrian safety, natural disaster preparedness, hands-only CPR, water safety, Halloween safety, holiday safety, and poison prevention.

The following is a list of the various events our department coordinated and/or attended in Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

- International Bike to School Day: Cypress Woods Elementary
 - Fire Prevention Month at Young Days (x2)
 - Monthly CPR Class
 - Fire Prevention at Cypress Woods Elementary
 - Brooker Creek Publix 5K Advertising
 - Fire Prevention Month at Leap Forward Academy
 - Fire Prevention Month Brooker Creek Elementary
 - Fall Festival at Brooker Creek Elementary Fire Prevention
 - 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Charity
 - Fire Prevention Month Oak Crest Preschool
 - Calvary Church: Trunk or Treat
 - Social Media: Halloween Safety
 - Social Media: National Bullying Prevention Month
 - Social Media: Fire Prevention Week
 - Thanksgiving Safety: Social Media Campaign
 - Holiday Travel Safety
 - Toymakers Open House: Thanksgiving Safety
 - Bike to School Day East Lake Middle School
- Bike to School Safety Calvary Church & EL Middle School (Monthly)
 - Fire Prevention Month at Brooker Creek Elementary
 - Countryside Mall Life & Safety Event
 - First Annual Canine Estates Howl-O-Ween
 - Fire Prevention Month at Excel Learning Center



- Daisy Girl Scout Troop Station Tour
- CPR Training Allegro
- Toymakers Open House: Thanksgiving Safety Handout
- Great American Teach-in at East Lake Middle School

- Cypress Woods Elementary Fire Prevention Presentation
- Holiday Safety: Social Media Campaign
- Firework Safety: Social Media Campaign
- Bike to School East Lake Library
- Reindeer Run YMCA Annual 5K: Holiday Safety
- Woodlands Estates Holiday Block Party
- Lansbrook Waterfront Park Christmas Social
- National Blood Donor Month
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast
- East Lake Library “Booked for the Evening” event, Scalding Prevention
- YMCA Open House: Blood Drive Advertising
- Blood Drive at North Pinellas YMCA
- Cypress Woods Elementary Firefighters Are Your Friends & Escape Planning
- CPR Class at Allegro
- Car Seat Safety Ferman Chevy
- Alan Everton Scholarship Event: Water Wafety at the Varsity Club
- CPR Class at Plato Academy
- Child Abuse Prevention Campaign Sta. 56



- Calvary Church & ELMS Bike to School
- Water Safety at YMCA (x4)
- Poison Prevention Week
- CPR Class Harbor Side Church
- Prom Safety East Lake High School
- Fight for Air Stair Climb
- East Lake Fire Rescue Open House
- EL Community Egg Drop: Water Safety
- Cub Scout Pack 413 Station Tour & Hands Only CPR/First Aid
- Ignite Academy Fire Safety & Station Tour
- Bike to School Cypress Elementary
- Alcohol Awareness Month: Social Media Campaign
- Plato Academy: Water Safety/Fire Safety
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
- Calvary Church & ELMS Bike to School
- Plato Academy: Water Safety/Firefighters are your Friends
- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Advertising
- Share the road: Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month

- American Heart Month: Hands Only CPR YMCA (x3)
- American Heart Month: Hands Only CPR East Lake Library
- Scout Station Tour & Hands only CPR
- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- Walker Boot Drive at Varsity
- BSA Cub Scout Pack 475 Station tour & Escape Planning

- Fire Safety Story Time at EL Library



- National Water Safety Month: Social Media Campaign
- BBQ Safety Awareness Social Media Campaign
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month



- Back to School Safety Awareness Display (1-week program all stations)
- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Last Day Advertising
- Menchie's Car Seat Safety
- Tai Chi Fall Prevention Class (Every Wednesday EL Library)
- Water Safety & Hose down East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- Hurricane Safety: Social Media Campaign
- Click it or Ticket: Social Media Campaign
- Lightning Safety: Social Media Campaign
- Water Safety & Hose down at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- YMCA MASH Group Hug Our Heroes Event: Fire Safety
- Fire Prevention at Brooker Creek Elementary YMCA Summer Camp

- Water Safety & Hose down East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- YMCA Summer Camp Fire Safety & Firefighters Are Your Friends
- Outdoor Safety Tips: Social Media Campaign
- Hurricane Preparedness: Social Media Campaign
- Wrong Way Driving Awareness Month: Social Media Campaign
- Firework Safety: Social Media Campaign
- Texting and driving: Social Media Campaign
- East Lake Library Hose Down and water safety
- Water Safety & Hose Down at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- Back to School Bash Plato Academy: Bike/Walk Safety
- YMCA Pool Party Hands-Only CPR class
- Back to School Safety: Publix Brooker Creek
- Back to School Safety: Publix Boot Ranch
- Wildfire Home Hazard Assessment
- International Cultural Exchange Services Station 57 Tour
- East Lake Library CPR First Aid class



- Charity Car Show and YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Hands Only CPR
- Matter of Balance Fall Prevention Class (4-week program)
 - Fall Prevention Awareness Week
 - National Responsible Dog Ownership Month
 - Brooker Creek Publix 5K advertising

Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installations



East Lake Fire Rescue offered Child Safety Seat Inspections and Installations by Officer Faiola, a National Child Passenger Safety Certified Technician. Over 100 seats were inspected and installed. As the Safe Kids Car Safety Committee Chair, F&LSE Faiola also coordinated and attended various car seat install events at schools, Countryside Mall, and the North Pinellas YMCA where all parents were invited to have their car seats checked and adjusted.

Fall Prevention Programs

East Lake Fire Rescue kicked off their first Annual “Matter of Balance” Program in 2019, which provided community members with a free evidence-based fall prevention program designed to reduce falls and increase activity levels. The Program consisted of eight, 2-hour classes, twice a week for 4 weeks. F&LSE coordinated a Tai Chi instructor class and was able to begin a weekly Evidence Based Fall Prevention Tai Chi course at the East Lake Library free of cost to all community members.



CPR Training



East Lake Fire Rescue Training Site Instructors certified 454 students. Classes were offered on a monthly basis at station 57 at a cost to those who wanted to receive an American Heart Association certification and at no cost to those who did not need certification. Hands-Only CPR classes were also offered to community members throughout the district and during our Open House and Annual 5K Run/Walk.

National Fire Prevention Month



In October, East Lake Fire Rescue crews delivered public education presentations to over 800 children. The children were educated on the unified National Fire Protection Association and U.S. Fire Administration 2019 Fire Prevention message “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape”. The schools visited included Brooker Creek Elementary, Cypress Woods Elementary, Excel Learning Center, Leap Forward Academy, Oak Crest Preschool, Young Days, Solid Rock Community, and East Lake Middle School. Fire Safety Messaging was also shared through Social Media and on our sign at station 56.

Santa Truck Program



The 2018 Annual Santa Truck Program provided 79 visits from Santa to over 1,500 children and families over an 11-night period. Volunteers provided Holiday Safety handouts to the adults at each stop as well as information on our Fill the Sled toy collection project.

Capital Outlay for Stations, Vehicles, and Equipment



Security Systems: Stations 56 and 58: Security systems were installed, requiring a fob to enter the administrative and crew quarters. All stations are now secure for the safety of the crews. This was the culmination of a 2-year station hardening program in accordance with national safety recommendations.



Vehicle Replacement: The Ford F250 used as the District's Incident Command vehicle was replaced with a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe. The command platform was designed based on current best practices. The build out was done by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Fleet operations, saving the district thousands of dollars on the project.



Bunker Gear Replacement:

The structural firefighting gear of all combat personnel was replaced. Bunker gear has a 10-year shelf life. The district policy is to replace the primary set of gear every 5 years, allowing the firefighter to have a second set of gear when their primary set becomes contaminated or damaged.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Financial Position Highlights

The financial position of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District is sound. Each year the financial position is audited (currently by Saltmarsh, Cleaveland and Gund.) A current copy of the audited 2017-2018 financial statements are on file in the District office and on our website. The District is pleased to report highlights of its financial position in this Annual Report. The stated financial position in this report is unaudited. The audited financial report will be available in early 2020.

Government entities are typically measured by their net assets, or net position. The net position is impacted by many things, including the change in cash, which reflects revenue received and expenditures made; depreciation of assets, changes in debt balances, pension liabilities and capital acquisitions or divestments.

The net position for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018 was \$3,228,802, an increase of \$432,179*. The District's net position for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will not be available until the annual audit is completed.

The October 1, 2018 beginning balance of the District's general fund was \$2,867,310*. The budget from Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was approved with the objective of covering operational costs and approved capital expenditures. The District realized an increase in our general fund balance, primarily due to lower than expected salary and benefit costs, the resolution of the litigation over Station 57 remediation, and a larger investment in a local government investment pool. The unaudited year end general fund balance was \$3,820,281.

*East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, Saltmarsh, Cleaveland and Gund, Certified Public Accountants.

The graph below shows the District's governmental fund activity for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

Fund Balance September 30, 2018	\$2,867,310
Total Revenues:	7,747,631
Total Expenditures:	(6,558,874)
Total debt service	(273,174)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$915,583



Summary

The East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District's leadership and its staff bring an effective combination of skills, experience, and dedication to carry out the District's Mission:

“To serve our community with the highest level of care, protection, and education.”

We will continue to pursue our vision:

“To be a leading emergency service provider through innovation and dedication.”

Our Core Values:

E- Excellence

L- Leadership

F- Family

R-Respect

The East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District provided its citizens and visitors with exceptional fire protection, EMS, fire prevention, and community risk reduction services in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The service was provided at an excellent value to the citizens, with one of the lowest ad valorem tax rates for fire service in Pinellas County.



Tom Jamison,
Fire Chief