

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

**Fiscal Year
2017-2018
Annual Report**





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Directory of Officials

Board of Fire Commissioners

**Randy Burr
Chairman**

**Tom McQueen
Vice Chairman**

**David Root
Treasurer**

**Jim Dalrymple
Secretary**

**Kevin Kenney
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**

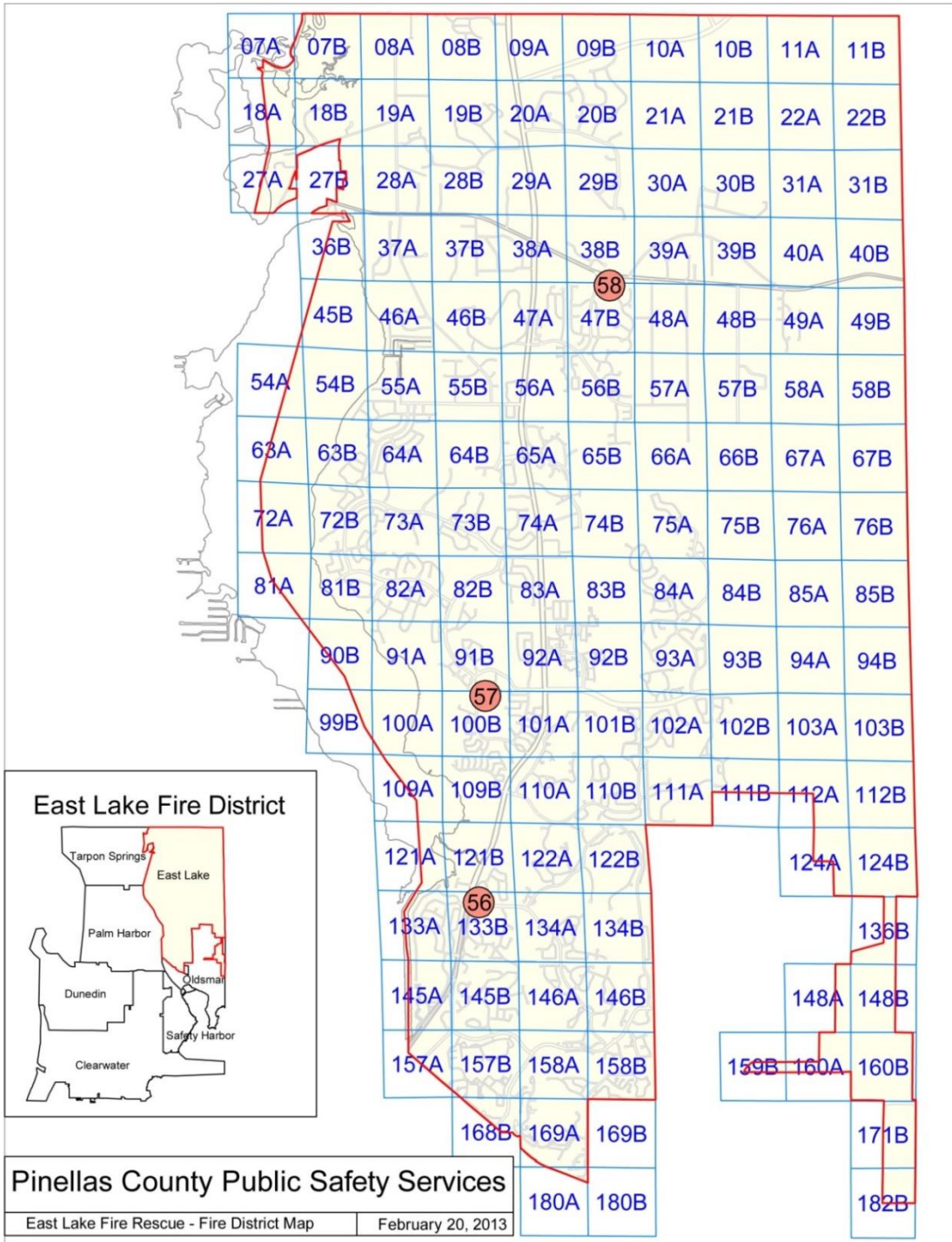
**Doug Stryjewski
Division Chief**

**Claudia Faiola
Public Education**

**Katy Cunningham
Office Administrator**

**Jennifer Spicher
Financial Administrator**

District Map and Grids



Fire Chief's Message



Tom Jamison, Fire Chief

It is my pleasure to present on behalf of the members of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (East Lake Fire Rescue, or the District), the fiscal year 2017 - 2018 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 to our community, as well as public education, training, fire prevention and community risk reduction programs. Response requests increased 4 percent over the previous fiscal year.

The ISO (Insurance Services Organization), is an independent company that provides insurance companies information about risk as it relates to structure fire suppression capabilities. Our last ISO rating in 2014 improved to a 2/2Y from a 4/8B. This places us in the top 3 percent of the nearly 49,000 communities ranked by ISO nationwide. Our next ISO evaluation will be in 2019.

The District's history of high-quality service is supported by our Quality Assurance surveys, which are given to a random sampling of the recipients of our services. A sampling of those survey results can be found in the 'Quality Assurance' section of the report.

East Lake Fire was awarded the 2017 Gold EMS Mission Lifeline award from the American Heart Association. Our paramedics have received commendations from the county medical director on several occasions during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

We continue to exceed the minimum 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 installation of a security system at Station 57, Replacement of the Mobile Data Terminals in the fire engines and District Chief vehicles, and enhancements to the Audio / Video system in the training room.

Fiscal year 2017 - 2018 saw a 4.83 percent increase in the District's taxable value, and the District maintained the millage rate of 1.965 for the third 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 \$22 thousand in the 4th annual Run for Charity, and over \$6 thousand 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 Statute Section 189.403(1).

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 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, 3 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 activities 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.

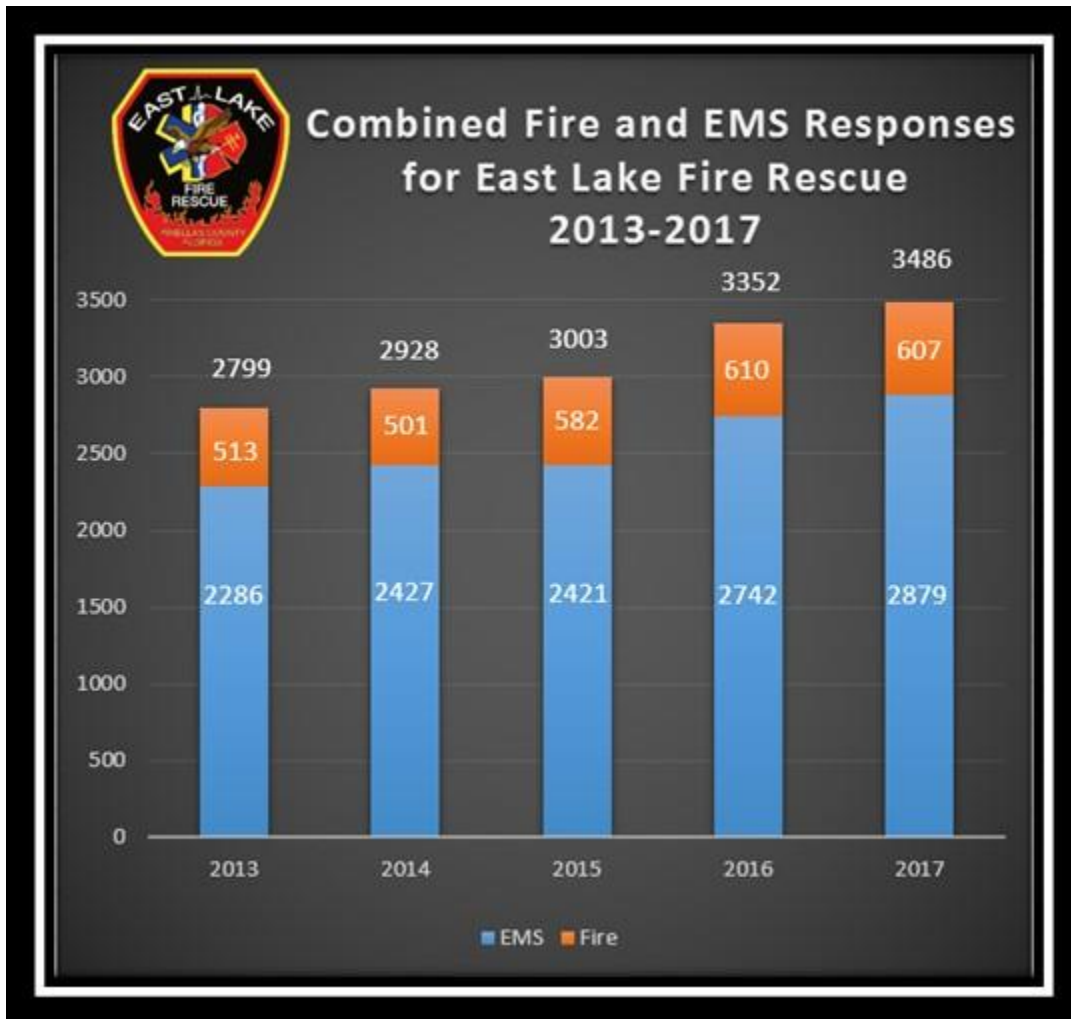
Each station is staffed around the clock with a minimum of three firefighters, who work a 24 hour on, 48 hours off schedule for an average 56-hour work week. The crew is composed of a Lieutenant, a Driver/Engineer, and a paramedic. All combat personnel are state certified Firefighters and Paramedics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

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

Service Delivery

In fiscal year 2017-2018, East Lake Fire Rescue responded to a total of 3,260 emergency incidents. The average turnout time (dispatched to responding) was 56 seconds. The average on scene time was five minutes and twenty-three seconds. The calls fell into one of the following categories:

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Medical	2,791
Motor Vehicle Collision	307
Fire Alarms	251
Structure Fires	123
Gas Leaks	26
Wildland/Outside Fire	41
Air Transport Upgrade	7
Electric Utility Hazard	18
Other Fire Rescue Incidents	103



Fire Prevention



Safety Surveys (fire inspections): East Lake Fire Rescue performed fire safety surveys on 253 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 1,007 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.

Firefighter and 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 and the use of a wide variety of specialized equipment.

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 the 18 separate departments in Pinellas County work closely with each other through automatic aid, many training topics are standardized throughout the county through coordination by the Pinellas County Training Chiefs and the

Pinellas County Office of the Medical Director. Fire training is broken into five major categories:

1. **Individual:** Each Firefighter must successfully complete specific assigned courses each year to meet the minimum requirements set forth by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Insurance Services Organization (ISO), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State of Florida, Pinellas County, and certifying agencies such as the American Heart Association (Advanced Cardiac Life Support and CPR), and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support.
2. **Company:** Each crew (company) has required practical training “evolutions” they must perform on a frequent basis to demonstrate their proficiency in EMS, firefighting, and vehicle extrication 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 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 2017-2018, East Lake Fire Rescue line personnel logged a total of 10,683 validated hours of fire and rescue related training.

This equates to an annual average of 305 hours of training per firefighter; far exceeding the 192 hours of annual training required by ISO. An additional 524 hours of EMS training was validated. The combined average annual fire and EMS training per firefighter is 320 hours.

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

Officer Specific:

- Fire Department Communications
- Fire Department Structure
- Fire Investigation
- Firefighter Health and Safety
- Government Structure
- Incident Scene Communications
- Information Management

Driver Specific:

- Fleet Program Dangers of Speeding for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Officer Pre-trip Inspection
- Fleet Program Defensive Driving for the Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Fleet Program Driver Safety Orientation for Emergency Vehicle Operators
- Fleet Program Emergency Vehicle Characteristics
- Hydraulics review
- Pressure control and pumping hose lines
- General knowledge

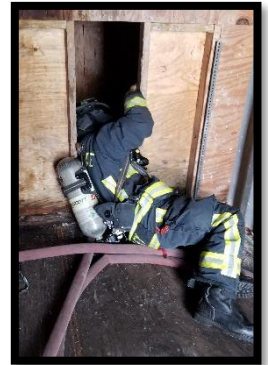
Company Performance Standards:

- Standpipe fire attack
- Blitz fire attack
- Portable monitor fire attack

- Ground monitor fire attack
- Flammable liquid fire attack
- Overhead door forcible entry
- Conventional forcible entry
- Through the lock forcible entry

Company Specific:

- Fire Prevention and Public Education
- Fire Streams
- Firefighter Orientation and Safety
- Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
- Firefighting Foams
- Forcible Entry into a Structure
- Ground Ladders
- Loss Control
- Protecting Fire Scene Evidence
- Fire Department Communications
- Fire Prevention and Public Educations
- Prehospital Emergency Medical Care for Firefighters
- Firefighter Orientation
- Firefighter Health and Safety
- Fire Behavior
- Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
- Portable Fire extinguishers
- Ropes and Knots
- Rescue and Extrication
- Building Construction



Individual Performance Standards:

- Radio use
- Mobile Data Computer (MDC)
- Mayday/emergency retreat
- Air management (ROAM)

Truck Company Operations:

- Elevated master stream-Aerial ladder
- Elevated standpipe-Aerial ladder
- Window rescue-Aerial ladder
- Short jacking

East Lake Specific:

- 2017 Fire Prevention Month: “Every Second Counts-Plan 2 Ways Out”
- LifeScan Physicals
- Fast Rescue Craft Operations
- Gasoline Tanker
- Annual swimming proficiency
- Marine 57 Deck Hand training
- SCBA mask fit testing and regulation review
- Review of 16



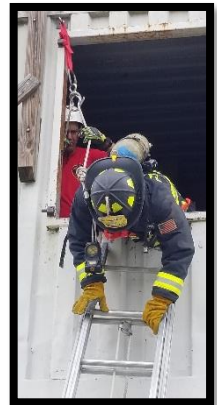
Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives:

1. Cultural Change
 2. Accountability
 3. Risk Management
 4. Empowerment
 5. Training & Certification
 6. Medical & Physical Fitness
 7. Research Agenda
 8. Technology
 9. Fatality, Near-Miss Investigation
 10. Grant Support
 11. Response Policies
 12. Violent Incident Response
 13. Psychological Support
 14. Public Education
 15. Code Enforcement & Sprinklers
 16. Apparatus Design & Safety
- Review 360 Evaluations with Company Officers
 - Review Drug Free Workplace
 - Review of Harassment policy
 - Individualized fitness instruction
 - Florida Boating Safety Course

- Brush 58 and Brooker Creek area familiarization
- DISC Training
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Personnel Coaching

North County Training Group:

- Firefighter basic skills challenge
 - Knot tying
 - Tool hoisting
 - Safety and Survival drags
 - SCBA survival techniques
 - Ladder carries and raises
- Firefighter basic skills:
 - Vent Enter Isolate Search (VEIS)
 - Safety and survival SCBA drill in the maze
- SCBA Air Consumption Drill
- Live Fire Flashover training:
 - Fire behavior
 - PPE inspections
 - Rehab functions
 - Thermal imager use
 - Hose stream applications
- Basic Vehicle Extrication:
 - Extrication Command Structure
 - Interior Rescuer Responsibilities
 - Block Cribbing
 - Strut Stabilization
- Safety and Survival:
 - Emergency SCBA procedures
 - Window Bailout
 - Search and Rescue Procedures
- Practical Emergency Vehicle Operators Course



Continuing Medical Education (provided by PCEMS):

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support course (make-up)
- Advanced Life Support for EMTs
- Protocol Updates for 2018 MOMs
- Geriatric AMS/Non-verbal
- At Risk/vulnerable/trafficking/abuse
- Power of Attorney/Advanced Directives/Health Care Surrogate.
- Objective vs. Subjective
- Secure transportation/Scene
- Assessment/Direct On Scene Education (DOSE)
- Violent Patients/Excited Delerium
- Prisoners/Minors
- Baker Act vs. Marchman Act vs. 401
- Pertinent positives and negatives
- Environmental/Dive Injuries/Obstetrics
- Patients under the influence
- Interventions/First Pass review
- Verbal de-escalation (2.0) - Verbal Jujitsu/Defusing/Self Preservation/Self Defense
- Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals Course
- Protocol updates
- Electronic Patient care Reports update
- Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) course



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (ELFR) is part of the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (PCEMS) system. This system 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 ELFR 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 ELFR in another jurisdiction when it is the closest ALS unit.

In fiscal year 2017-2018 of all the requests for emergency responses services, 2,791 (83.06%) were for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). To meet the emergency medical needs of more than thirty-three thousand East Lake residents and visitors, ELFR utilizes fire engines fully staffed with firefighters who are cross trained as either Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics. The fire engines are equipped with comprehensive basic life support and advanced life support equipment provided by Pinellas County. ELFR generally arrives first on the scene and initiates the level of patient care required to stabilize the patient and provide pain relief. Once the Sunstar ambulance (simultaneously dispatched) arrives on scene, patient care is transferred, and the patient is transported to an appropriate hospital. In critical patients, our paramedics ride in with the patient. This system provides exceptional rapid response times and on scene patient care by ELFR 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.

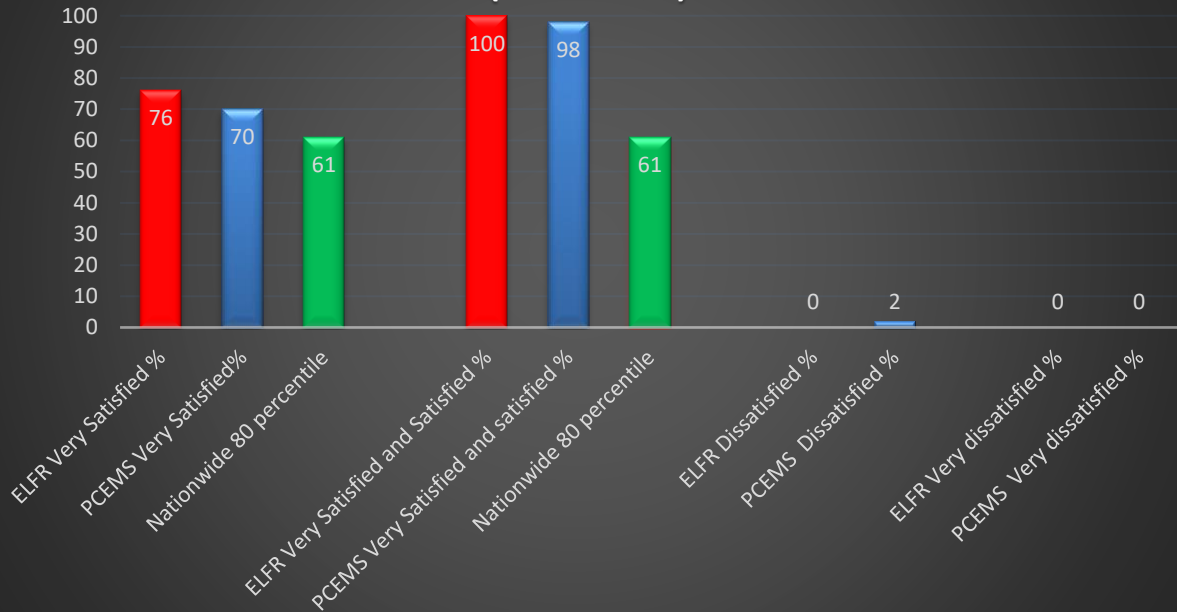
ELFR has a comprehensive EMS quality assurance program designed to help ensure processes which benefit from improvement interactions and identify EMS best practices. The EMS Quality Management Program consists of patient care report review, skills evaluation, patient outcome and customer satisfaction reviews. A change from the FY16/17 Annual Report is the method our district utilizes for customer satisfaction reviews. The District now contracts with a third-party company, the Baldrige Group, which specializes in providing customized quality assurance phone surveys to a random sampling of our emergency services customers every month. The anonymous surveys provide

Very Satisfied	74%
Very Satisfied and Satisfied	100%
Dissatisfied	0%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
(80% percentile - nationwide)	61%

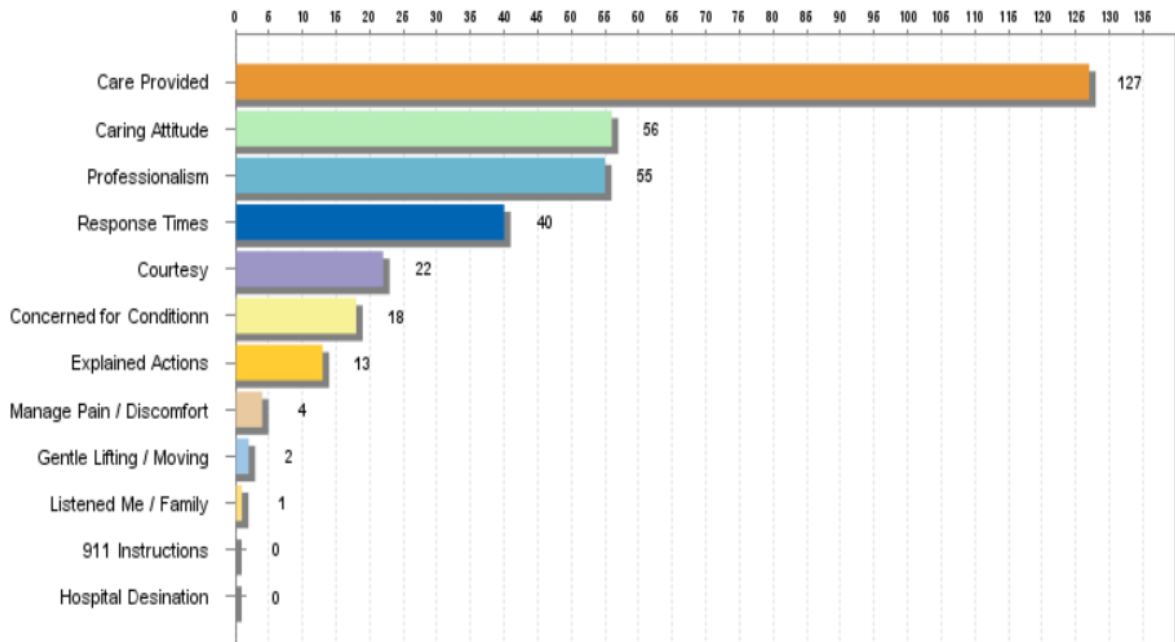
a rating of “Very Satisfied”, “Satisfied”, “Dissatisfied” or “Very Dissatisfied” for service expectations in the categories of “Fire Department Response”, “Listening and Explaining”, “Caring and Concerned”, “Manage Discomfort”, and “Courtesy and Professionalism”. There is also opportunity for customer 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. With the exception of two months, ELFR outperformed Pinellas County combined, and outperformed 80 percent of the country. A brief summary of the survey results for fiscal year 2017-2018 are below:

Quality Assurance for 2017 Comparing East Lake Fire Rescue to Pinellas County (combined)



Patient Key Requirements - What They Said Is Most Important



Community Risk Reduction



Claudia Faiola, Public Education Officer

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 events from fiscal year 2017-2018:

- Heart Health Awareness: Hands-Only CPR YMCA
- Water Safety at Chick-fil-A
- Water Safety at Pinch-A-Penny
- Poison Prevention: Social Media
- Water Safety at Publix
- Car Seat Checks at Korkis Grand Opening
- Hose Down Water Safety Event for East Lake Library
- Hose Down Water Safety at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- Hose Down Fire Safety at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp
- Station 58 tour, Solid Rock Community School
- Prom Safety at East Lake High School
- Oakridge Block Party: Fire Escape Planning
- International Bike to School Day ELMS
- Calvary Church Egg Drop Event
- Fire Safety Event at Countryside Mall
- Back to School Safety Facebook
- Mental Health Awareness Facebook
- Wildfire Safety at Brooker Creek Preserve



- 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Charity
- Girl Scout Tour & First Badge Lesson
- Hands-Only CPR safety event Publix (4x)
- Hands-Only CPR safety event Walmart
- Hands-Only CPR safety event at Park
- Mash Group Station Tour
- Girl Scout Tour: First aid
- Cruisin' the Park Event

- Wildfire Community Preparedness at Walmart
- Trunk or Treat: Halloween Safety at Calvary Church
- BBQ Safety Awareness Facebook
- National Stroke Awareness Facebook



- Hurricane Preparedness at Publix
- School is Back in Session Display (4x)
- Great American Teach-In (2x)
- Publix Back to School at Publix; Walk/Bike/Ride to School Safety
- Water Safety at Excel Learning Center
- 5K Touch-a-Truck at Publix (2x)
- 5k Touch-a-Truck at Walmart
- Toymakers Open House Touch-a-Truck
- Safe Kids Car Seat Technician Event
- Water Safety/Station Tour: The Chapel CC
- Denying Gravity Fall Prevention Play

- International Bike to School Day ELMS
- Bike to School Cypress Woods Elementary
- CPR Hands Only at YMCA
- CPR Hands Only at Walmart Neigh. Market
- Lightning Safety on Social Media
- Water Safety at Pinch-a-Penny
- Brooker Creek Fall Festival Fire Escape
- Baking Memories 4 Kids Event
- YMCA Reindeer Run: Holiday Safety
- Hurricane Preparedness Social Media
- Jan Stephenson Foundation Ribbon Cutting
- Grilling Safety Social Media



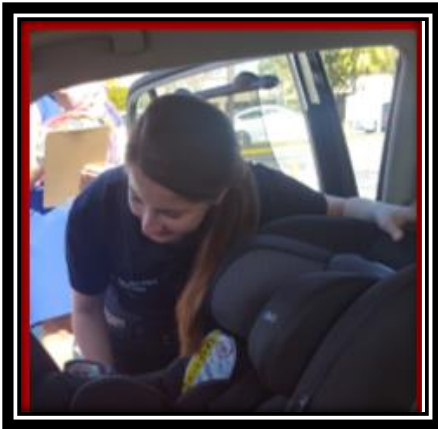
- Fall Prevention at Allegro
- CPR Hands Only at East Lake Library
- CPR Hands Only at Publix Brooker Creek
- CPR Hands Only at Publix Palm Harbor



- Cyrus's Birthday Party
- Adam's Birthday Party
- First Annual Canine Estates Howl-O-Ween
- Wrong Way Driving on Social Media



- National Responsible Dog Ownership Month Tips Social Media
- Share the Road Motorcycle/Bicycle Safety
- Car Seat Check at North Pinellas YMCA
- Bike to School Day Calvary Church
- East Lake Fire Rescue Open House
- Allegro Station Tour and Fire Safety
- Woodlands Estates Holiday Safety
- Holiday Safety Lansbrook Waterfront
- Daisy Girl Scout Troop Tour/First Aid
- Woodlands Estates Holiday Block Party: Holiday Safety



Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installations

The East Lake Fire District offered Child Safety Seat Inspections and Installations by Officer Faiola, a National Child Passenger Safety Certified Technician. A total of 98 seats were inspected and installed. Officer Faiola also 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 if necessary.



Touch-a-Truck Program

East Lake Fire Rescue completed 53 Touch-a-Truck events at various locations within the district including: Publix, Neighborhood Walmart Market, Toymakers Open House, YMCA, and John Chestnut Park. East Lake Fire Rescue crew connected with over 3,000 residents during these Touch-a-Truck events.



CPR Classes

East Lake Fire Rescue Training Site Instructors provided 44 classes and certified 371 students. Hands-Only CPR classes were also offered to community members at various locations including Publix, YMCA and at our station during our 5K and Open House event.



National Fire Prevention Month

In October, East Lake crews delivered public education presentations to over 800 children. The children were educated on the unified NFPA and USFA 2018 Fire Prevention message “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere”. 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.



Santa Truck Program

The 2017 Annual Santa Truck Program provided 76 visits from Santa to over 1,348 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 Toys Collection for the Haven of RCS of Clearwater.

Capital Outlay for Stations, Vehicles, and Equipment



Fire Stations:

Security System: Station 57: A security system was installed, requiring a fob to enter the administrative or crew quarters. Plans are underway to install similar systems at Stations 56 and 58. The station was built in 2007.

Vehicle Replacement: No vehicles were replaced within the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The next vehicle replacement will be the 2008 Ford F250 used as the District's Incident Command vehicle, scheduled for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Mobile Data Terminals (MDT): The existing MDT's were replaced with Panasonic Toughbooks. The existing MDT's, also a Toughbook platform, were over 8 years old.

Training Room: The Training / Public Assembly room at Station 57 received upgrades to the audio / visual equipment, replacing analog components with digital, and adding a smart board and a touch screen control system. The existing equipment was over 10 years old.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Financial Position Highlights

The financial position of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District is sound. Each year the financial position is audited by Davidson, Jamieson and Cristini, P.L. A current copy of the audited 2016-2017 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 of this annual report is unaudited. The audit of fiscal year 2017-2018 will take place in early 2019.

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 and capital acquisitions or divestments. Effective for this fiscal year, pension liabilities are also reflected in the net position. The audited net position for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 was \$2,961,444, an increase of \$135,549. The District's net position for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 will not be available until the annual audit is performed in early 2019.

The October 1, 2017 beginning balance of the District's government fund was \$2,479,755*. Our net result from operations was an increase in the governmental fund balance of \$182,106, to \$2,658,808. The budget from fiscal year 2016-2017 was approved with the objective of covering operational costs inclusive of the Station 57 remediation. Due to the expenses associated with the Station 57 remediation, no additional funds were available to reserve for future capital needs. With an approved budget of \$6,921,585 the District ended the fiscal year \$66,056 under budget; however, a portion of the total remediation costs were not paid until after the fiscal year ended.

*East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017, Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accountants.

In summary, the District's government fund activity in FY 2017/2018 as follows:

Fund Balance September 30, 2017	\$2,479,755
Total Revenues:	7,002,991
Total Expenditures:	(6,370,329)
Total debt service	(273,599)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	359,062



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 2017-2018. 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