

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Report





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FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

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Directory of Officials

Board of Fire Commissioners



Kevin Kenney
Chairman



James Dalrymple
Vice Chair



Randy Burr
Treasurer



Tom McQueen
Secretary



Maryellen Crowder
Commissioner at Large

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Jason Gennaro
Fire Chief

Greg Godwin
Deputy Chief

Mike Porch
Deputy Chief

Jason Letzring
Division Chief

Scott McLain
Division Chief

Doug Stryjewski
Division Chief

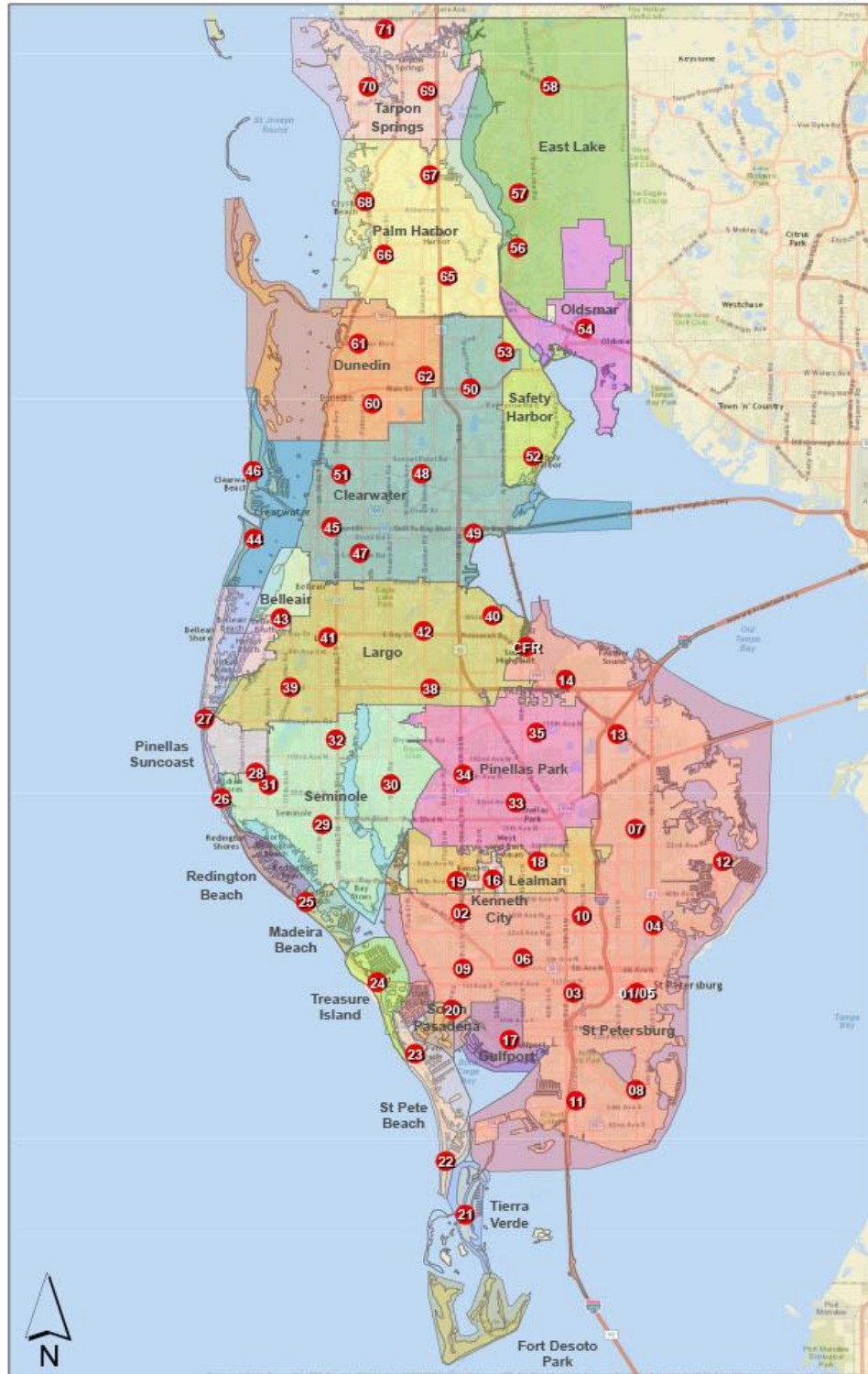
Katy Cunningham
Office Administrator

Jennifer Spicher
Financial Administrator

Claudia Hernandez
Fire & Life Safety Educator

Our Service Area Stations 56, 57, and 58

Pinellas County Fire Stations and Districts



Fire Chief's Message



Jason Gennaro, Fire Chief

It is my continuing privilege to serve as Fire Chief for the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (East Lake Fire Rescue) and work with the dedicated men and women of the district. I work alongside 41 well-trained and highly skilled professional firefighters, driver engineers, fire officers, chief officers, and administrative staff.

Together, we provide incredible emergency services to over 32,000 residents with 32 square miles in our first due response area. On behalf of all the members of the East Lake Fire Rescue we are honored to present our 2021-2022 Annual Report.

This annual report reflects the many accomplishments, incidents, and programs our fire district and its team members have initiated, responded to, or been actively involved with in 2021-2022. This annual report documents not only our achievements and successes but also showcases the challenges we have overcome and continue to work through.

We have many great accomplishments to report and one of the primary reasons for such success is teamwork. Teamwork between the firefighters, staff, our fire commissioners, and most importantly, our community members is what makes us a highly successful fire district.

I am exceptionally proud of the men and women that serve in all areas of the East Lake Fire Rescue. I hope their commitment to our mission and values provide you with the same pride and satisfaction I enjoy each day as their fire chief.

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District



Greg Godwin, Deputy Chief

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. Jason Gennaro has served as Fire Chief since 2021. The Fire Chief is supported by his Administrative Staff: Two Deputy Chiefs, three Division Chiefs, nine

Lieutenants, an Office Administrator, a Financial Administrator, and a Fire and Life Safety Educator.

Deputy Chief Greg Godwin is responsible for Operations, Professional Standards, Fleet Maintenance, Security and Technology. This encompasses the delivery of emergency services to the citizens and public, quality assurance, station and personnel safety, risk management, and workers' compensation.

Deputy Chief Michael Porch is responsible for Training and EMS. This includes emergency management, compliance with ISO, NFPA, the State of Florida and Pinellas County for training, certification, and licensure.

There are three Division Chiefs:

Division Chief Scott McLain is the department's Logistic Officer, who is responsible for purchasing new fire equipment and station supplies. Chief McLain also serves as the Assistant EMS Coordinator.

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. Chief Stryjewski also manages facilities maintenance.

Division Chief Jason Letzring is the Department's Fire Marshal and handles additional duties for the Operations Division.

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, several retail centers and public utility sites.

The total population served by the District exceeds 32,000. 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 41 members, 38 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 Wildland firefighting apparatus, Water tender, Rescue squad, and a Reserve apparatus (Class A pumper) for emergency incident mitigation.

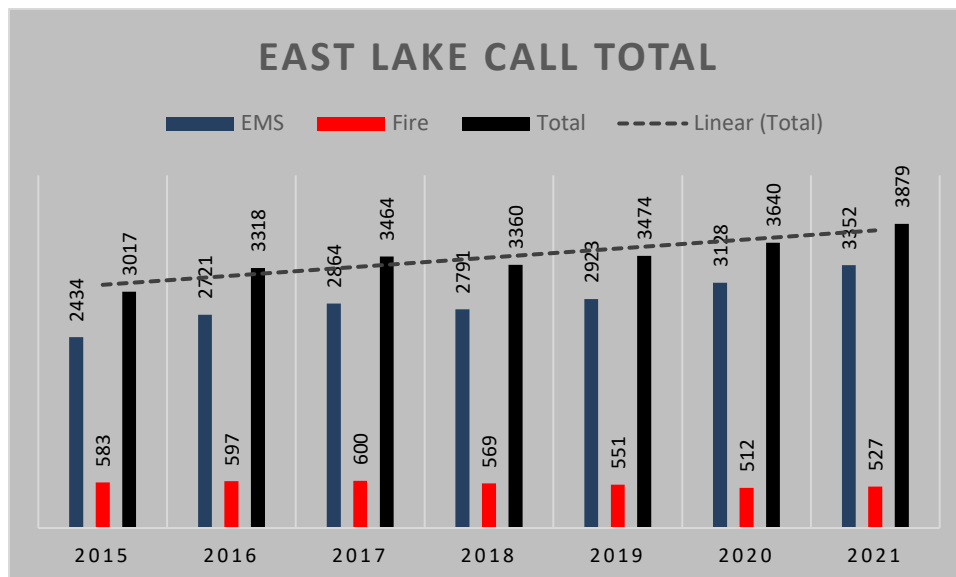
Each station is staffed around the clock with a minimum of three firefighters, who work 24 hours on and 48 hours off for an average 56-hour work week. The crew is composed of a Lieutenant, a Driver/Engineer, and a Firefighter/Paramedic. All combat personnel are Florida State certified Firefighters and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

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

Service Delivery

In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, East Lake Fire Rescue responded to a total of 3,410 emergency incidents in the fire district. The average turnout time (dispatched to responding) was 49 seconds. The average on scene time was five minutes and fifty-five seconds. The calls fell into one of the following categories:

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Medical	2733
Motor Vehicle Collision	250
Fire Alarms	205
Structure Fires	37
Gas Leaks	13
Wildland/Outside Fire	27
Air Transport Upgrade	5
Electric Utility Hazard	13
Other Fire Rescue Incidents	127



Fire Prevention

The fire prevention division is tasked with providing the highest level of fire prevention through public education, inspection, code enforcement, and detailed plan review. Under the direction of the Fire Marshal, the fire prevention division personnel strive to provide members of the fire district with the most updated information available to safely protect their home or place of business from fire and hazards. Fire prevention has proven to be the most effective way to reduce loss of life and property.

Safety Surveys (fire inspections): East Lake Fire Rescue performs fire safety surveys annually for all businesses located in the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District. East Lake Fire Rescue performed fire safety surveys on 293 area businesses, public buildings, and places of public assembly. These 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. Safety surveys also allow the crews to preplan for a potential fire or other hazardous condition by gathering vital information that will help them mitigate an emergency.



Fire Hydrant Flow Testing and Maintenance: East Lake Fire rescue tests and inspects all fire hydrants located in the district on an annual basis. East Lake Firefighters tested and inspected all 1,008 fire hydrants in the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District.

Construction Plan Review: The Fire Marshal and fire prevention division review construction plans as they are received. Plans are reviewed and then approved or disapproved and given back to the Pinellas County Building Department. We review 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 the 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.

More information on Fire Prevention can be found on our website WWW.ELFR.ORG, such as public education, fire prevention tips, and Florida fire prevention code.

Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Training



**Michael Porch, Deputy Chief
Fire/EMS, and Emergency
Management**

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. 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) is required to perform practical training evolutions 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 2021-2022, East Lake Fire Rescue line personnel recorded more than a total of 9,000 validated hours of fire and rescue related training. This equates to an annual average of +/- 280 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 298 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 2020 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, 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.

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.

Community Risk Reduction



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

East Lake Fire Rescue reached over 30,000 residents to provide seasonal community risk reduction information and training on subjects such as fire and 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 2021-2022:

- Fire and Life Safety Expo at Countryside Mall JCPenney
- Fire Prevention Week
- International Walk to School Day-Calvary ELMS
- Walk to School Cypress Woods Elementary

- Fire Prevention Presentation at Excel Learning Center
- Fire Prevention Table at Publix
- Fire Prevention Presentation Leap Forward Academy
- 5K Packet Pick-up at Station 57
- 8th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Charity
- East Lake Library Fest Fire Safety Table
- Fire Prevention Month Young Days (2X)
- Brooker Creek Fire Prevention Month Presentation
- Trunk or Treat Event YMCA
- Fire Prevention Presentation at Solid Rock Community
- Oak Crest Fire Prevention Month
- Plato Academy Fire Prevention Month
- ELMS Bike to School at Calvary
- East Lake Library Ribbon-Cutting
- Food Drive Benefitting Oldsmar Cares
- Cypress Woods Elementary Fire Prevention Month Presentation
- Plato Academy Fire and Bike Safety
- CERT CPR Class at 57
- Hometown Heroes Event
- Plato Academy Fire and Bike Safety
- Great American Teach In ELHS
- Great American Teach In ELMS
- Plato Academy Fire and Bike Safety
- Holiday Extravaganza YMCA
- Lansbrook Lake Party: Holiday Safety





- Toy Drive Benefitting Kids Wish Foundation
- Troop 720 First Aid Class at 57: First Aid
- Windmill Pointe Toy Drive Event
- 3- night Santa Takes Over 57: Fire Safety
- Scotty's 4th Birthday Party: Water Safety
- Tunnels to Towers Tennis Tournament
- Hero to Hero Awards Ceremony at East Lake Woodlands
- Jordan's 3rd Birthday Party- Water Safety
- For Pet's Sake! Pet First-Aid & CPR at ELCL: Pet Fire Safety
- Hands Only CPR at the YMCA: Entire Month of February
- ELMS Walk to School at Calvary
- Plato Academy Fire and Pedestrian Safety
- Hands-Only CPR at Publix Brooker Creek
- Hands-only CPR at Publix Boot Ranch
- Be Red Cross Ready Virtual Event



- Hands-only CPR East Lake Library
- Hands-only CPR PH Library
- LEO Appreciation Breakfast Station 57
- Hands-only CPR YMCA

- Youth Leadership Pinellas Station 57
- ELMS Walk to School at Calvary
- Hands Only CPR YMCA
- Westlake Christian School Volunteer
- Safety Around Water YMCA
- Safe Kids NFPA Presentation: NFPA Safety Tip Sheets
- National Heatstroke Prevention Day
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
- Car Seat Technician Training Class
- Bike to School/Water Safety Cypress Woods Elementary at Clear Sky
- National Mental Health Month Green Lights 56, 57 and 58



- Station Tour/Fire Safety Jackson & Ethan
- Hurricane Season Begins: Dropped off Pinellas County Hurricane Guides at the ELC Library, Brooker Creek and Boot Ranch Publix, Target, and Walgreens
- Hurricane Preparedness at all Publix stores
- North County Hurricane Expo
- 2-Day Safe Sitter Class East Lake
- 2- Day Safe Sitter Class Palm Harbor
- YMCA Hose Down & Fire Safety
- ELCL Story Time/WET Presentation
- YMCA Hose Down/Water Safety
- Back to School Week Safety 56, 57 & 58
- YMCA MASH Group Heroes Event
- Matter of Balance Program 8-Week Class
- Ten Ready-made Tips You Can Use in a Disaster FEMA Webinar
- PHFR Car Seat Technician Training

Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installations

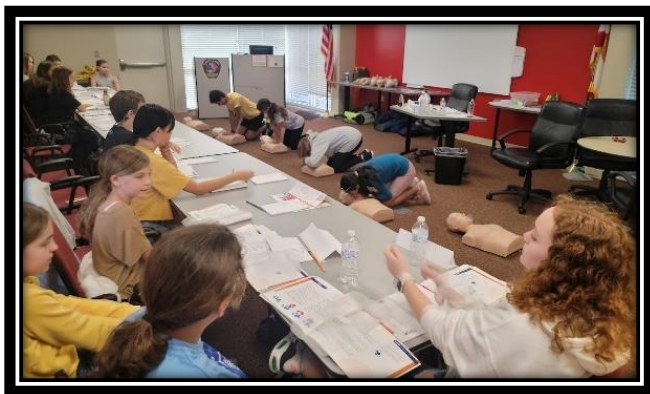
Throughout COVID, East Lake Fire Rescue offered Virtual Child Safety Seat Inspections completed by F&LSE Hernandez, a National Child Passenger Safety Certified Technician. If parents were unable to correctly install seats using virtual assistance, an in-person visit was scheduled using COVID precautions to assist. As COVID restrictions were removed in 2022, regular in-person checks restarted, and a total of 37 car seats were checked. As the Safe Kids Car Safety



Committee Chair, F&LSE Hernandez also coordinated and attended bi-monthly virtual meetings and coordinated a variety of virtual car seat safety messaging including #TechTipThursday, a hashtag that was used every Thursday of the month in which a certified car seat technician would share a car seat tip through the Safe Kids Coalition social media pages.

Safe Sitter Course

Mrs. Hernandez became a Certified Safe Sitter Instructor allowing our district to now provide Safe Sitter Courses for students in 6th to 8th grade. During this class, students learn the skills they need to care for themselves and younger children including safety skills, childcare skills, first aid and CPR. They also learned valuable business and life skills that they will be able to utilize when taking on odd jobs for family, friends, or neighbors. Students also received a fire station tour, played a variety of games, and received other safety information such as bicycle, pedestrian and fire safety.



CPR Training

East Lake Fire Rescue Training Site Instructors certified over 200 students in CPR through the American Heart Association offering classes monthly 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 and just wanted to learn the skills. Hands-Only CPR classes were also offered to community members throughout the district. COVID restrictions were in place between October 2021 and February 2022, and during that time, East Lake Fire Rescue went virtual and shared a variety of Hands-Only CPR instructional videos. Hands-Only CPR kiosks were also available at the East Lake Community Library and the YMCA, provided students with a mannequin they could use to practice compressions, hand-sanitizer, and gloves to wear as they followed step-by-step directions provided by an East Lake Firefighter via a video they could play off a tablet.

National Fire Prevention Month



During Fire Prevention Month, East Lake Fire Rescue provided a lesson plan to over 800 students from various schools within our fire district including Cypress Woods Elementary, Brooker Creek Elementary, Excel Learning Center, Young Days, Solid Rock Community School, Oak Crest and Leap Forward Academy. The department also shared virtual public education presentations to every elementary school in the fire district through a video

that was created by all the Fire and Life Safety Educators of Pinellas County Fire Departments.

A total of 93 elementary schools received our video and 40,103 students enrolled in K-5th grade were able to watch our fire prevention month video. All teachers in our county also received NFPA fire safety curriculum which included a variety of fire safety worksheets and games. F&LSE Hernandez also created a virtual classroom for our district schools which included a complete fire safety lesson, a fire safety book library, and a variety of fire safety video links.



Santa Truck Program

The 2021 Annual Santa Truck Program provided visits from Santa to over 81 neighborhoods in our fire district. The fire truck drove by each neighborhood entrance spreading holiday cheer with classic Christmas music and Santa on the truck waving to all the children who stopped by. Community members were able to track where the Santa Truck was through an app to make sure they wouldn't miss their stop.



Blood Drive



East Lake Fire Rescue began hosting Blood Drives at station 57 on a bi-monthly basis on January 29th, 2020. Since then, a grand total of 173 units of blood have been collected at our location helping save or sustain up to a total of 519 lives. During this event, the One Blood truck parks in the parking lot of station 57 and community members are able to stop by and donate blood. All donors receive gifts from One Blood as well as a wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and a cholesterol screening.

Social Media Videos and Campaigns

Sharing content on social media provides East Lake Fire Rescue with an opportunity to reach over 20,000 residents. A minimum of 3 posts per week are shared on the following platforms: Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Safety messages are also shared on Next Door. The following is a list of social media campaigns and safety messages our department shared in Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

- Halloween Safety
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- Fire Prevention Week
- Wildfire Prevention
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety
- Thanksgiving Safety
- Grilling Safety
- Holiday Travel Safety
- Holiday Safety
- Firework Safety
- National Blood Donor Month
- Hands-Only CPR
- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
- Change Your Clock Change Your Battery
- Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety
- National Water Safety Month
- BBQ Safety Awareness
- Candle Safety Awareness
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- Hurricane Safety
- Click it or Ticket
- Lightning Safety
- Valentine's Day Sparky Activities
- Outdoor Safety Tips
- Hurricane Preparedness
- No Shave November
- National Seat Belt Day
- National Bath Safety
- Campaign (Fall Prevention)
- Movember: Men's Health Awareness
- National Hot Tea Moth Scalding Prevention
- National Slow Cooker Month
- National Eye Care Month (Fall Prevention)
- Move Over Month
- Infant Safe Sleep Week
- Christmas Tree Safety
- Wrong Way Driving Awareness Month
- Texting and Driving Prevention
- National Mental Health Month Green Light Campaign
- Boating Safety
- Fentanyl Danger Awareness
- Distracted Driving Prevention
- Cooking Safety
- Back to School: Bus Safety/Sharing the Rd
- Back to School: Walk/Bike Safety
- Child Passenger Safety Week
- Campus Fire Safety
- Playground Safety
- Heat Exhaustion Prevention
- Plato Academy Back to School Bash: Fire Safety
- Mental Health/Suicide Prevention
- Pinellas County Tornado Drill
- Firearm Safety Month
- Drowning Prevention Week
- National Nutrition Month
- National Burn Awareness Week
- Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness
- Elf on a Shelf Holiday Fire Safety
- New Year's Safety/Drinking
- New Year's Pet Safety
- National Electrical Safety Month

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Position Highlights

We remain committed to the efficient and effective use of the tax dollars we receive. The District receives the majority of its revenue through property taxes. The property tax is based on a property's value. In 2021, the tax rate that citizens paid to the District for fire and emergency medical services was \$1.965 per thousand of their property's assessed value.

The financial position of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District is sound. Each year the financial position is audited (currently by Saltmarsh, Cleveland and Gund.) A current copy of the audited 2020-2021 financial statements is 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 2023.

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, 2021, was \$6,012,885, an increase of \$1,420,591*. The District's net position for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 will not be available until the annual audit is completed.

On October 1, 2021, the beginning balance of the District's general fund was \$5,810,055*. The budget from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was approved with the objective of covering operational costs, purchasing approved capital expenditures, and eliminating the District's debt. The District realized a decrease in its general fund balance. This decrease is the result of the decision to pay off the mortgage note on Station 57 and in doing so remove the District's only source of debt. The unaudited year end general fund balance was \$5,282,156.

*East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021, Saltmarsh, Cleaveland, and Gund, Certified Public Accountants.

The graph below shows the District's unaudited governmental fund activity for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Fund Balance September 30, 2021	\$5,810,055
Total Revenues:	8,257,190
Total Expenditures:	(7,466,469)
Total debt service	(1,318,699)
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues (Reduction in Fund Balance)	\$ 527,977

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 2021-2022. 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.



Jason Gennaro, Fire Chief