

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Report





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Directory of Officials

Board of Fire Commissioners

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Vice Chairman

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Jason Gennaro
Deputy Chief

George Bessler
Assistant Chief

Greg Godwin
Division Chief

Mike Porch
Division Chief

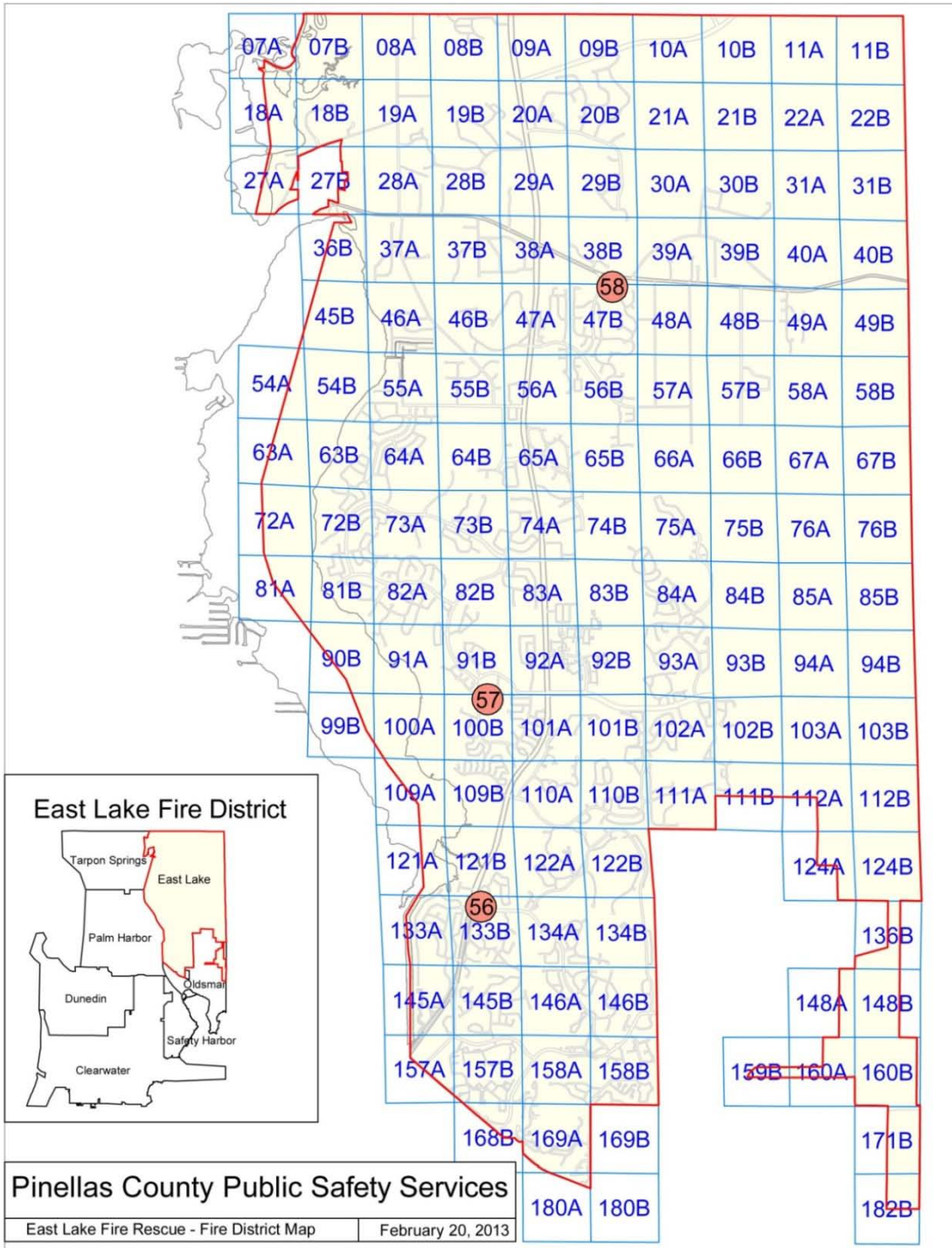
Doug Stryjewski
Division Chief

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 2016 - 2017 Annual Report.

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 4.4 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 2018.

The District's history of high quality service is supported by our Quality Assurance surveys, which are distributed 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 2016 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 2016-2017 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.

In addition to expanding our Water Extrication Dive Team, The District acquired a search and rescue boat, designated as Marine 57. Funding for the boat came from Pinellas County with funds they received in a settlement with BP from the 2010 oil spill.

Signage was improved at stations 56 and 58, including a digital information board at 56.

Fiscal year 2016 - 2017 saw a 4.38 percent increase in the District's taxable value, and the District maintained the millage rate of 1.965 from the previous fiscal year.

East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District

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 Manager, 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.



Jason Gennaro, Deputy Chief

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 has a brush truck, tanker truck, heavy rescue squad and a reserve apparatus (Class A pumper).

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 2016-2017, East Lake Fire Rescue responded to a total of 3,465 calls, which is a 4.4 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. The average turnout time (dispatched to responding) was 1 minute and 18 seconds. The average on scene time was five minutes and twenty-six seconds. The calls fell into one of the following categories:

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Medical	2,677
Motor Vehicle Collision	314
Fire Alarms	227
Structure Fires	105
Gas Leaks	26
Wildland Fire	17
Air Transport Upgrade	11
Water Rescues	6
Other Fire Rescue Incidents	82

Fire Prevention



Safety Surveys (fire inspections): East Lake Fire Rescue performed fire safety surveys on all 279 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.



Hydrant Inspections: East Lake Firefighters inspected and tested all 1,044 fire hydrants in the District.

Plans 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 (NFPA).

Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services Training

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.



**George Bessler,
Assistant Chief**

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 2016-2017, East Lake Fire Rescue line personnel logged a total of 8,801 validated hours of fire and rescue related training.

This equates to an annual average of 267 hours of training per firefighter; well in excess of the 192 hours of annual training required by ISO. An additional 656 hours of EMS training was validated. The combined average annual fire and EMS training per firefighter is 286 hours.

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

Officer Specific:

- Public Education Programs
- Action Plan Implementation
- Assuming the Role of the Company Officers
- Community Awareness
- Company-Level Training
- Elements of Supervision and Management
- Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Driver Specific:

- Fleet Program Securing Materials for Transportation
- Fleet Program Accidents & Emergencies for EVO's
- Fleet Program Adjusting to Changing Conditions for EVO's
- Driver Operator Basics
- Pre-trip friction loss
- Fire Department Connections (FDC)
- Hydraulics review

Company Performance Standards:

- Offensive Fire Attack
- Primary Search
- Secondary Search
- Large Area Search

- Positive Pressure Attack
- Positive Pressure Ventilation
- Vertical Ventilation
- Courtyard fire attack

Company Specific:

- Water Supply
- Hazardous materials handling, storage, use and distribution
- Building construction
- Fire behavior
- Fire control
- Fire department communications
- Elements of supervision and management
- Fire hose
- Fire detection systems
- Portable fire extinguishers
- Ropes and knots
- Rescue and extrication
- Forcible entry
- Ground ladders
- Ventilation
- Water supply
- Fire Hose
- Fire Streams
- Fire Control
- Fire Detection, Alarm, and Suppression Systems
- Loss Control
- Forward lay using one engine and one supply line
- Forward lay using one engine and one hand line
- Reverse lay from first engine to second engine
- Reverse lay with one Engine using a wye



Individual Performance Standards:

- Portable radio use
- Personal protective equipment
- Self-contained breathing apparatus
- Passport accountability

Truck Company Operations:

- Vertical ventilation with 35 ft. ladder
- Vertical ventilation with aerial device

East Lake Specific:

- Acting Lieutenant Academy (3 day)
- Operational Readiness Inspection
- Ballistic PPE Training
- Water Extrication Training
- Active Shooter Awareness.
- Retirement planning
- Review of the Public Education programs
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Refresher driver training
- Skin cancer education and screening
- Functional fitness training
- Back Injury Prevention
- Preventing Discrimination in the Workplace
- 457 Deferred Compensation planning
- Disaster response review
- LifeScan Physicals:
 - Physical fitness assessment
 - Wellness, health and nutrition assessment and review
- Midwest Rescue Airboat HDX



Train the Trainer

- Fast Rescue Craft Operations training
- Hazardous Materials: Response to Gasoline Tanker Emergency Incidents

North County Training Group:

- SCBA Air consumption drill
- Active shooter skill stations and drill
- Live fire training–Transitional Attack
- High Rise practical drill:
 - Lobby control functions
 - Incident Command
 - Fire Attack
 - Standpipe supply
 - Hose advancement
 - Search and rescue
 - Rapid intervention
- Firefighter Safety and Survival:
 - Review of 600-28 Mayday SOP
 - Practical Hose and rope slide
 - SCBA emergency procedures drill
 - FF rescue from a hole (Nance) drill
 - Hot bottle/mask change out
- Engine pumping scenarios:
 - Hydraulic calculations
 - Pump operations
 - Water supply
 - Hose management
 - Problem solving
- Hazardous Materials Responses:
 - Use of 2016 DOT ERG
 - Use of Level C hazmat suits

Continuing Medical Education (provided by PCEMS):

- EMT Assessment
- Medical Control Directive 2016-09
- MOM revision updates

- Updated EMS Rules and Regulations
- Clinical Decision making:
 - Assessment.
 - Bias
 - Differential Diagnosis
- High Risk Chief Complaints – Chest Pain/SOB
- Stress First Aid / Provider Wellness
- High Risk Chief Complaints:
 - Neurological Issues
 - Fever/Electrolytes/Toxicology
 - Abdominal Pain
- Scene Choreography – Pit Crew/ACLS
- Electrotherapy
- Medication Administration:
 - Dopamine
 - Levophed
- ACLS Pre-Test for Paramedics
- ePCR Updates
- Franciscan Center Information
- ACLS Renewal



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.



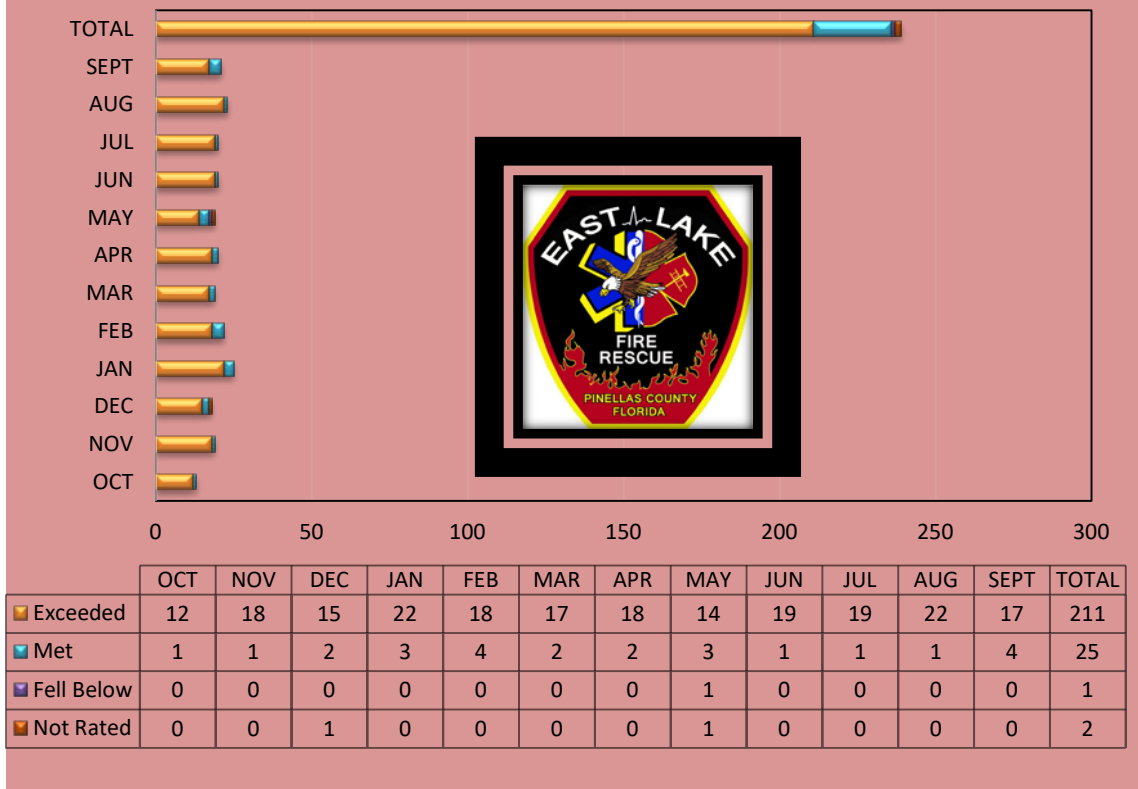
In fiscal year 2016-2017 of all the requests for emergency responses services, 82.6% were for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). To meet the emergency medical needs of more than thirty-three thousand East Lake residents and visitors, ELFR utilizes fire engines fully staffed with firefighters who are cross 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. 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 medical 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. Department staff mail out quality assurance surveys to a random sampling of our emergency services customers every month. The surveys provide a rating on “exceeds”, “meets”, “fell below” or “not rated” service expectations. There is also opportunity for comments. The results of the surveys for fiscal year 2016-2017 were:

Exceeds Expectations	88.3%
Meets Expectations	10.5%
Fell Below Expectations	0.4%
Not Rated Expectations	0.8%

FY 2016 - 2017 EMS Quality Assurance Results



Community Risk Reduction

East Lake Fire Rescue reached over 14,900 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 2016-2017:

- 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Charity: 475 attendees
- Webelo Scout Presentation: 15 attendees
- April Pools water safety event at Publix: 55 attendees
- Ryder's Birthday Party: 25 attendees
- Distracted Driving Prevention at Publix: 40 attendees
- YMCA Summer Camp Station Tour: 100 children
- Cruisin' the Park Event: 4,000 attendees
- Summer of Success event at SPC: 40 attendees



**Claudia Faiola,
Public Education Officer**

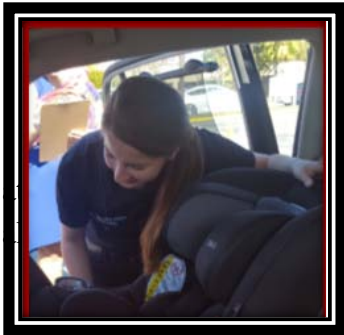
- Poison Prevention: Social Media 1,385 followers
- Girl Scout Troop Station Tour: 15 attendees
- Hose Down Water Safety Event for East Lake Library: 100 attendees
- Hose Down Water Safety at East Lake United Methodist Church: 100 children
- Hose Down Water Safety at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp: 30 children
- Hose Down Fire Safety at East Lake Woodlands Summer Camp: 30 children
- Water Safety Bag Project: Distributed 3,000 water bags to community organizations/businesses.
- International Bike to School Day ELMS: 50 children
- Calvary Church Egg Drop Event: 1,500 attendees
- Fire Safety Event at Countryside Mall: 800 attendees
- Back to School Safety Facebook Live: 1,385 followers
- Trunk or Treat: Halloween Safety at Calvary Church: 500
- Deklan's Birthday Party: 30 attendees
- "School is Back in Session" Safety Message Display N. Bound Forelock: 200 cars greeted
- "School is Back in Session" Safety Message Display East Lake Library: 200 cars greeted
- "School is Back in Session" Safety Message Display East Lake Road: 200 cars greeted
- Spring Break Drinking and Driving Prevention Social Media Campaign
- Stress Awareness Month: Social Media Campaign
- Great American Teach-in: 20 children
- Great American Teach-in: 30 children
- Great American Teach-in: 20 children



- Great American Teach-in: Brooker Creek: 40 children
- Hurricane Safety at Walmart: 50 attendees
- Hurricane Safety at Publix: 60 attendees
- Hurricane Safety at Publix: 50 attendees
- Publix Back to School at Publix; Walk/bike/ride to school safety: 50 attendees
- 5K Touch a Truck at Publix: 100 attendees
- 5K Touch a Truck at Publix: 100 attendees
- 5k Touch a Truck at Walmart: 90 attendees
- Toymakers Open House Touch a Truck: 300 attendees
- Safe Kids Car Seat Technician Event: 20 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at East Lake Library: 30 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at Publix Brooker Creek: 50 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at Publix Palm Harbor: 40 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at St. Petersburg College: 90 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at YMCA: 40 attendees
- CPR Hands Only at Walmart Neighborhood Market: 60 attendees
- East Lake High School 5K Run: Safe texting campaign: 30 attendees
- Water Safety at John Chestnut Park: 20 attendees
- Water Safety at Wall Springs Park: 50 attendees
- Water Safety at Pinch-a-Penny Brooker Creek: 30 attendees
- Water Safety at Pinch-a-Penny Palm Harbor: 25 attendees
- Brooker Creek Fall Festival: Poison Prevention: 300 attendees
- Brooker Creek Elementary Booster Seat Check: 50 attendees
- Kindercare Station Tour and Back to School Safety: 15 attendees
- Car Seat Check at North Pinellas YMCA: 20 attendees
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day: 20 attendees
- Water Canvass Event in Lynnwood: distributed 200 water safety bags
- Wrong Way Driving Awareness: Social Media Campaign
- North Pinellas YMCA Reindeer Run: Holiday Safety: 400 attendees
- Woodlands Estates Holiday Block Party: Holiday Safety: 50 attendees
- Egg Protectors Drop Event for Homeschooled Children at Calvary: 40 attendees



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 58 seats were inspected and installed. Officer Faiola also attended various car seat install events at schools, Fitzgerald Auto Mall, and the North Pinellas YMCA where parents were invited to have their car seats checked and adjusted if necessary.

Touch-a-Truck Program



East Lake Fire Rescue completed 34 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 51 classes and certified 1,259 students. CPR classes were also offered at various locations including Nielsen Media Research where over 100 employees were instructed on the AHA Hands-only technique. Hands-only students do not obtain a certification.

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 2017 Fire Prevention message “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” by the on-duty crews. 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 handout 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:

Station 56 received a monument-type sign with a digital information board. The station was built in 1999.

Station 57: A mold and moisture remediation and repair project closed station 57 from February through late May. Project costs exceeded \$430 thousand. Upgrades were made to the training room with the addition of a smart board obtained through grant monies. The station was built in 2007.

Station 58 received a monument-type sign. The station was built in 1992.

Vehicle Replacement: No vehicles were replaced within the 2016-2017 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.

Extrication Equipment: Squad 57 received an upgraded ram type extrication tool.

Portable Radios: 20 older model portable radios were replaced with a ruggedized platform with better sound quality and battery life. The entire inventory of portable radios has now been converted to this improved platform (Motorola APX6000 and APX700).

Water Extrication Team: Additional equipment was purchased to expand the dive team capabilities.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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 2015-2016 financial statements are on file in the District office. 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 2016-2017 will take place in early 2018.

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, 2016 was \$2,825,895. The District's net position for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 will not be available until the annual audit is performed in the spring of 2018; however, a decrease in net position is expected due to the use of reserve funds used to balance the budget due to the Station 57 remediation project.

The October 1, 2016 beginning balance of the District's government fund was \$2,476,308*. 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 \$6,666,100, 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, 2016, Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accountants.

In summary, the District's government fund activity in FY 2016/2017 as follows:

Fund Balance September 30, 2016	\$2,476,308
Total Revenues:	6,782,151
Total Expenditures:	(6,348,780)
Total debt service	(251,265)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	182,106



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 provide the community with the highest level of protection for life, property, and the environment. We will engage our community through progressive education and outreach programs.”

We will continue to pursue our vision:

“To be the premiere emergency services provider respected by our community and peers. Our aim is to provide these services through fiscal responsibility, training, education, technological innovation and a dedication to our core values.”

Our Core Values:

Community

Leadership

Integrity

Pride

Empathy

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 2016-2017. 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