

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME WATCH DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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The president of Nature Coast EMS gave an overview of the service. This is a private service that contracts to the county. 86% of the operating budget is offset with user fees. Since 92% of the users are covered by medical insurance, the balance of the budget (14%) is covered by a county subsidy.

I asked about the fund raising calls we residents get from EMA. He stated emphatically that no Nature Coast EMS revenue comes from fund raising. He further stated that the calls we get are from the state-wide EMS employees union and do not go to the operating budget. A small fraction goes to Citrus County.

Sgt Evan, Crime Watch Director, stated that the calls we get from state police are similar. They are from the state-wide employees union and only a small fraction goes to Citrus County.

Of the calls EMS responds to, only 33% are transported to hospitals. There is no charge to the patient unless they are transported to the hospital.

There are 7 EMS mobile stations located strategically throughout the county. Each station has a paramedic (capable of giving injections, dispensing medications, etc.) and an EMT. 5-6 stations are active at a time with the remainder used for backup, breakdowns or catastrophic response.

There are also 4 supervisors, two on-call at a time, who are first responders. Calls are categorized as alpha through echo with echo being the most severe. An echo level call may be responded to by either the supervisors or the fire department in addition to the closest station.

I asked about **REGISTERING EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION** and was given the following information:

-Place appropriate phone numbers in the **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) speed dial buttons on your cell phone. EMS will check these in event of an emergency if the phone is on you.

-Register your emergency contacts with the **Department of Motor Vehicle** either by either going to a DMV office or visiting the website <http://www.flhsmv.gov/> in the 'On-Line Services Menu' scroll down to the 'Emergency Contact Information' box.

You can register two names. If you do not have a Florida license, you can get a Florida-only license or a Florida ID card. Police will check this database in an emergency.

-You may also consider **carrying your license or wearing a joggers ID wristband** whenever you leave the house. Get information regarding the ID bracelets at [www.roadid.com](http://www.roadid.com). Scroll down to Fixx ID for the dog tag type of identification.

Respectfully submitted,

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