

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

July 4, 2010

Dear Residents,

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association will be holding a Community Outreach Program meeting later this month to share information about Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services (EMS); its operations and relationship to Citrus County emergency operations, funding, location of stations, and proposed changes and improvements planned over the next few years.

We are honored to have **Nature Coast EMS CEO & President Michael Hall** as our guest speaker.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 21, 2010 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM** at the **Sugarmill Woods Country Club.**

Nature Coast EMS is Citrus County's exclusive, not-for-profit, Advanced Life Support 9-1-1 emergency responder and medical transportation provider. The organization was established on October 1st, 2000. Nature Coast EMS fully engages in EMS leadership through local participation and collaboration with all Citrus County EMS stakeholders and through regional and national EMS association leadership positions.

In addition to following all the Citrus County and State of Florida regulations and clinical protocols, Nature Coast EMS became the first ambulance service in Florida to offer Induced Hypothermia otherwise known as Induced Cooling (ICE), a treatment used for the management of post cardiac arrest patients.

Nature Coast EMS has 42 Paramedics and EMTs which partner with area hospital's emergency department personnel, to provide a lifesaving continuity of care, whereby cardiac arrest victims who have been revived to the point of showing a visible heart rhythm immediately receive rapid cooling measures along with protocol driven Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) treatments. These rapid cooling measures have increased the possibility that patients can be fully resuscitated and return home with without any neurological impairment by 6 times over the national average.

In 2007, Nature Coast EMS trained all the organization's Emergency Medical Technicians to skill proficiency in intravenous catheterization. By so doing, the EMTs offer invaluable assistance for their paramedic partners during a response requiring advanced life support services.

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) granted Nature Coast EMS, national accreditation on September 30, 2009.

Nature Coast EMS has been serving Citrus County for more than 9 years with high quality advanced life support ambulance service is now officially one of four ambulance providers in the state of Florida and one of less than 130 ambulance services nationwide to achieve this "gold standard" industry status.

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors in Sugarmill Woods to come with you to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA