

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

February 20, 2012

Dear Residents,

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association will be holding a Community Outreach Program meeting next week to share information about Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services (EMS); its operations and relationship to Citrus County emergency operations; funding; location of stations; response times; etc.

We are honored to have **Nature Coast EMS CEO & President Michael Hall** as our guest speaker on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM** at the **Sugarmill Woods Country Club**.

Michael Hall was recently re-elected to the Board of Directors of the AAA, (American Ambulance Association), in Region II, covering Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Michael has been active in the Association for the past 16 years holding leadership positions as Chair of Membership Committee, Chair of the Recruitment & Retention Task Force, and Stars of Life Committee. Michael is a Nationally Registered EMT-P and has been in EMS for 34 years. He has served as President/CEO of Nature Coast EMS Since 2007.

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's EMS paramedic crews 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.

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 10 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