

FIRST THERE FIRST CARE CONFERENCE



COMMITTEE MEMBERS MANUAL 2021

The First There First Care EMS Conference with the Chief Mike Haygood ALS Competition and Nursing Competition are sponsored and sanctioned through the Fire Chief's Association of Broward County, which is a 501-(3C) charitable organization. The Mission of the Chief's Association is to support and provide training and cohesion of all of EMS and Fire Rescue organizations throughout Broward County Florida.

The Fire Chiefs are in control of the oversight and budgetary issues for the Event. The Fire Chief's association Executive Board appoints a Chief Officer to Chair the Conference Committee and the Chief's Treasurer is responsible for the fiscal management.

The Broward County Emergency Medical Services Council is a secondary sponsor of this annual Event.

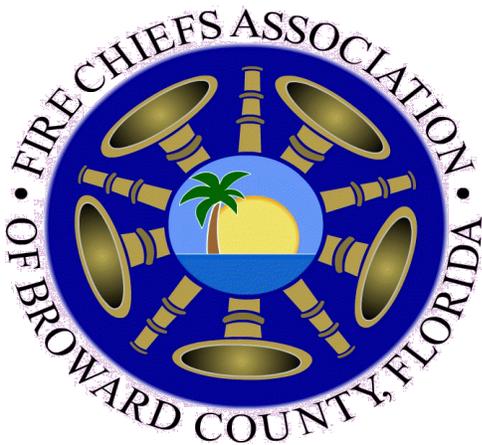


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Acknowledgement

The Fire Chief's Association of Broward County recognizes the commitment and enormous amount of work each year that the FTFC Committee puts forward to have an EMS training Event of this magnitude. World Class training brought to our EMT'S, Paramedics Nurses and Doctors who serve on the front line of care that's afforded to them on an annual basis.

The Chief's Association and EMS Council salute you and are here to support your efforts in order to for fill our mission and maintain this event on a yearly basis.

Julie Downey, President - Fire Chief's Association of Broward County

Ralph Marrinson, Chair- Broward County Regional EMS Council

History of Event

The First There First Care EMS Conference was started by Dr. Wayne Lee, Tom Sheridan, Chief Frank Porcella, and Chief Dave Foster. The goal was to have a county wide EMS conference to provide training to the Fire Rescue and EMS Agencies and to bring departments together to network and have an official EMS Conference held locally. The first Conference was held at the Carolina Club in Margate in **1996** and stayed there for the first few years.

The University Hospital EMS Competition was made to train Clincon teams from North Lauderdale, Margate, Tamarac, Sunrise and Broward County. ER and Medical Director Dr. Tony Gandia and Chief's Rodney Turpel, Mike Hohl, Dave Foster, Jim Terry, Norm Rynning, Julie Downey and Ginny Haygood where all original founders of this event. The first competition was held in 1997 and ran to 1999 at University Hospital.

Because of growing demand and participation in the Conference and Competition a decision was made to merge the events in 2000 and became the First There First Care EMS Conference and Competitions. Original Committee members where Dr. Wayne Lee, Dr. Tony Gandia, Cheryl Rashkin, Debbie Standfield, Chiefs Charlie Wholitka, Bruce Caruso, Joel Gordon, Rodney Turpel, Mike Hohl, Steve Eggatz, Julie Downey and Jim Terry. Many Fire Rescue and EMS members including hospital personal have joined the committee that makes up this world class event today.

The Broward County Extrication competition became part of this event in 2003 and lasted on and off until 2012. This event had its own committee Chaired by Chief Dave Sweet.

The only Nurses competition of its kind began in 2016 by Nurses Kelly Keys and Kristin Schmaltz and is now in its fourth year.

Our entire 3 day Event plays in front of 1200 plus attendees over a 3 day period.

Committee Positions

Chair – Committee Chair is chosen by the Fire Chiefs Executive Board. The Chair may be nominated by past Chair's to the Board. The Chair must be a Chief Officer of a Fire Rescue Department in Broward County (Division Chief or above). The Chair is the Committees ICO or Chief Officer empowered to organize and oversee sub committees, generate agendas and minutes, negotiate venues, oversee grants and represent the Conference at the Fire Chief's meetings, EMS Council Meetings, and any other significant meetings to promote the annual event. The Chair needs to appoint an assistant Chair.

Assistant Chair – The Assistant Chair must also be a Chief Officer from a Fire Rescue Department in Broward County (Division Chief or above). **Assistant Chair** able to assume command or role if Chair is unavailable for any duties during the Conference planning year.

Fire Chief's Executive Board Treasurer – This person will be a secondary assistant to the Chair, the Chair may have another primary assistant but do to the nature of the funding mechanisms of the Chief's Association the Treasurer needs to be actively involved with the Conference and Committee. The Treasurer must assist the Chair with any or all grants.

Medical Director – The Conference maintains a medical director for both the conference and the competitions. This may be, but does not have to be one individual. The CEU'S may be brokered but the Conference Medical Director needs to sign off on its content.

Event Coordinator – The Event Coordinator is responsible for assisting the Chair and the Chief’s Association in negotiating the venue for the conference. The Coordinator is in charge of all venue oversight, Conference Rooms, Vendor show rooms, and Hotel rooms. The meals, breaks and their logistics will be planned by the coordinator. The Coordinator may solicit help from any committee members but is responsible to report back to the committee Chair directly. The Event Coordinator may be a committee member but could also be a private entity. The Event Coordinator shall receive a monetary stipend for their work performed agreed upon by Conference Chair and approved by the Fire Chief’s Executive Board.

Public Information Officer – The PIO is directly involved with coordination of the events advertising, dissemination of information and event material not limited to brochures, post cards, etc. The PIO must be ready to MC Event if necessary and will lead (speak) at the Awards presentation.

Health and Safety Officer – Advises the committee on current health and safety issues that will or could impact the health and wellbeing of the conference participants.

****Conference Committee meetings are governed by the Chair with Roberts Rule of Order***

****Committee meets once a month starting in September. There may need to meet twice in May prior to the June Conference***

Sub Committees

1. Speakers and Topics
2. Competition Committees
 - a. ALS
 - b. Nurses
3. Registration
4. CEUS and CMES
5. Vendors and Sponsors
6. Fire Chief's Meeting (SE Florida)
7. EMS Gala
8. IT, Web site, AV for Event
9. Awards and Shirts
10. Conference materials
 - a. Banners, Posters, Step and Repeats
 - b. Give away gift
 - c. Speakers gifts

****Subcommittee Chairs give reports during conference meetings***

****Subcommittee meetings must advertise under the Sunshine Law in advance – exception being the competition committee***

EMS Awards and Criteria

EMS Yearly Awards are nominated and voted for by the members of the **Fire Chief's Association EMS Subcommittee**. This must be accomplished with a vote at their **March Meeting** so that the Award recipients will be forwarded to the Fire Chief's Executive Committee for final approval at their **April Meeting**. Applications must be processed.

Dave Foster Paramedic of the Year – Individuals who have acted in a situation or in a manner that was above or beyond the call of duty or an individual who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the professional practice/role of a Paramedic. Excellence in professional practice may be demonstrated by a significant rescue call or a series of activities or performances that promote the good of the EMS agency or contribute to the improvement or well-being of the community.

EMT of the Year – Individuals who have acted in a situation or in a manner that was above or beyond the call of duty or an individual who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the professional practice/role of an EMT. Excellence in professional practice may be demonstrated by a significant rescue call or a series of activities or performances that promote the good of the EMS agency or contribute to the improvement or well-being of the community.

Elizabeth Jordan Educator of the Year – An individual, who in the role of educator or training officer has created, improved, expanded or consistently worked to bring quality educational programs to EMS personnel.

Ed Murray Public Educator of the Year – An individual who has distinguished him/herself by contributing to the public understanding of EMS or who has created, improved, expanded or consistently worked to bring quality educational programs to an EMS community of interest.

Mike Murphy Innovator of the Year – A person who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the EMS field or has accomplished projects that improve or expanded the quality of EMS practice or influence in the community.

Nurses Awards

A subcommittee shall be formed by the Chair of the Event Committee of **no less than 3 and no more than 5** to nominate and or except nominations from the Broward County Hospitals. The Chair will approve of an active Nurse on the Committee to Chair this subcommittee.

This subcommittee must vote on an award winner by the **March committee meeting** so that a recipient may be given to the Fire Chief's Executive Board at their **April meeting** for final approval.

The subcommittee must have 50% + 1 Nurses to participate on the sub Committee.

Nursing Excellence Award –

Contributions made to the EMS community as a FL Registered Professional Nurse in Broward County. This nurse should show these qualities;

- **Exemplifies outstanding contributions to the EMS system in Broward County**
- **Goes above and beyond to assist the EMS system**
- **Participates with programs that help to further and enhance EMS and patient care**
- **Practices high standards of cooperation and leadership with EMS personnel and agencies**

Nurse Recognition Award -

Contributions made to the Nursing community as a FL. Registered Professional Nurse. The nominated nurse must be someone who has made significant contributions in the area of professional practice, education, research or service.

- **Exemplifies outstanding service**
- **Goes above and beyond their scope of practice**
- **Participates in programs to further enhance nursing and patient care**
- **Shows cooperation in leadership with nursing personnel and agencies**

Broward County EMS Award For Physician With Outstanding

Contribution To EMS - An EMS physician who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication in the exercise of prehospital care in Broward County.

Private Ambulance Provider of the Year

Private Provider – A Provider who has acted in a situation or in a manner that was above or beyond the call of duty or an individual who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the professional practice/role. Excellence in professional practice may be demonstrated by a significant rescue call or a series of activities or performances that promote the good of the EMS agency or contribute to the improvement or well-being of the community.

A subcommittee shall be formed by the Chair of the Event Committee of **no less than 3 and no more than 5** to nominate and or except nominations from the Broward County Private Providers. The Chair will approve of an active Committee member to Chair this subcommittee.

This subcommittee must vote on award nominees by the **March committee meeting** so that recipient may be given to the Fire Chief's Executive Board at their **April meeting** for final approval.

Note: All accomplishments used to meet the above criteria for all of the awards must have occurred within the last 24 months.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

****Only FTFC Committee, Fire Chiefs or EMS Council can nominate***

(An individual can receive lifetime awards only once.)

The Ralph A. Marrinson EMS Lifetime Achievement Award

Candidates must have **no less than 10 years of service** in South Florida, specifically Broward County. This award signifies excellence and commitment to EMS in Broward County by a Civilian, Physician, Educator or Vendor. Must be someone not serving a Fire Rescue or EMS System as a Paramedic. Application must be processed.

(Only one winner is allowed per year)

The Fire Chief Donald DiPetrillo Paramedic Lifetime Achievement Award

Candidates must have **no less than 20 years of service** as a Paramedic, Paramedic Educator, Supervisor, Chief Officer and has shown excellence in performance and Commitment to service to Broward County. Application must be processed.

(Up to 5 winners may be allowed if committee approves)

****Service in both categories may be accumulative or consecutive.***

****Award Winners voting required is by a majority decision.***

The FTFC EMS Conference Committee will be in charge of nominations for the lifetime awards. Committee members will make nominations at the February meeting and vote at the March meeting, then the recipients will be forwarded to the Fire Chief's Executive Board for final approval on their April meeting

Generic Schedule of Conference

Day 1 –

1. Chief Mike Haygood ALS Competition Preliminary's
2. Nurses Competition

Day 2 –

1. Mini Conferences
2. Chief Mike Haygood ALS Finals Scenario
3. Vendor Set-up
4. Medical Directors Meeting (AM)
5. Luncheon
6. SE Florida Fire Chief's Meeting (PM)
7. Vendors Exhibit (PM)
8. Awards Ceremony for Competitions (PM)
9. EMS Gala (Night)

Day 3 –

1. Opening Ceremony (Honor Guard)
2. Main Conference
3. Luncheon and Awards
4. Vendor Exhibit

****Schedule content and agenda may vary upon need and venue restrictions, committee will set final schedule by April meeting.***

Competitions

1. Sub Committees may meet without Sunshine Law
2. Rules and Procedures manuals need updating by Jan. 1
(On Web site)
3. ALS are capped at 24 Teams, Nurses at 10 Teams
4. Deadline for team Registration is the **second Friday of May**
5. Sub Committee Chairs organize, assemble scenarios, judges, actors, equipment and props
6. Sub Committee Chairs will report back to the committee any need for help (financial, logistics, etc.)

Annual Award Recipients

Dave Foster Paramedic of the Year

- 2020** – Paul Phillips (Margate CC)
- 2019** – Lazaro Ojeda (Coral Springs)
- 2018** – Robert Ricci (Fort Lauderdale)
- 2017** – Dustin Rousseau (Fort Lauderdale)
- 2016** – Esnell Morales (North Lauderdale)
- 2015** – Evan Weiner (Seminole Tribe)
- 2014** – David Bassion (Fort Lauderdale)
- 2013** – Zach Bogenschutz (Coral Springs)
- 2012** – John Frasher (Tamarac)
- 2011** – Kevin Finch (Fort Lauderdale)
- 2010** – Fire Station 80 (Coral Springs)
- 2009** – Matthew Whiteshield (Margate CC)
- 2008** – Stephanie Palmer (Coral Springs)
- 2007** – Gene Oppy (Fort Lauderdale)

EMT of the Year

2020 – Daniel Mollinedo (Ft Lauderdale)

2019 – Alexandre O'Connor (Ft Lauderdale)

2018 – George Carbonell (Seminole)

2017 – Walter King (Fort Lauderdale)

2016 – Crystal Haire (Fort Lauderdale)

2015 – Scott Nebrasky (Coral Springs)

2014 – None

2013 – Jo Wagenhals, Piotr Zatorski, Jose “Tony” Landrua, Christopher Nowviskie, Jose Rosete (Pompano Beach)

2012 – None

2011 – Greg Grosheim (Pompano Beach)

2010 – James McCrady (Fort Lauderdale)

2009 – John Galameau (Fort Lauderdale)

2008 – Troy Lanier (Fort Lauderdale)

2007 – Steve Adams (Dania Beach)

Elizabeth Jordan Educator of the Year

2020 – Carlos Pumariega (Margate CC)

2019 - Dave Adams & Christopher Davis (Ft Lauderdale)

2018 – Daniel Moran (Davie)

2017 – Jamie Torres (Miramar)

2016 – Mark Rossi (Fort Lauderdale)

2015 – Garrett Pingol (Fort Lauderdale)

2014 – Colleen McMahon (BSOFR)

2013 – Gregory May (Fort Lauderdale)

2012 – Zachary Ninger (Lauderhill)

2011 – Ezra Lubow (Plantation)

2010 – John Heiser (Fort Lauderdale)

2009 – John Heiser (Fort Lauderdale)

2008 – Karen Niosi (Fort Lauderdale)

2007 – Tim Roche (Miramar)

Ed Murray Public Educator of the Year

2020 – Sheniqua Johnson & Laura Lillie (Lauderhill)

2019 - Heath Meyer (Davie)

2018 – Yvonne Feijoo (Hallandale Beach) & Beth Martins (Plantation)

2017 – Van Schoen (Tamarac)

2016 – Beth Martins (Plantation)

2015 – Robert Bertone (Coral Springs)

2014 – James Carroll (Fort Lauderdale)

2013 – Freddy Zelaya (Fort Lauderdale)

2012 – Bruce Britton (Seminole Tribe)

2011 – Chad Brocato (Deerfield Beach)

2010 – Jeff Andrews (BSOFR)

2009 – Van Schoen (Tamarac)

2008 – Gregory Blue (BSOFR)

2007 – Shelley Lozier (Fort Lauderdale)

Mike Murphy Innovator of the Year

2020- Ryan Gentilcore (Ft Lauderdale)

2019 – Jorge Gonzalez (Davie)

2018 – Paul Schweinler (North Lauderdale and Margate CC)

2017 – Florida Safety and Health Care Collaborative

2016 – Susan Toolan (Coral Springs)

2015 – Daniel McNeil (Sunrise)

2014 – Tim Roche (Miramar)

2013 – James Carroll (Fort Lauderdale)

2012 – None

2011 – David Erdman (BSOFR)

2010 – Gabriel Zahora (Fort Lauderdale)

2009 – Tom DiBernardo (Sunrise)

2008 – David DiPetrillo (Fort Lauderdale)

2007 – Chantal Botting (Fort Lauderdale)

Nurse Excellence Award

2020 - None

2019 – Yana Gladyuk

2018 - None

2017 – Jessica Fischer

2016 – Kelly Keys-Torres

2015 – Maria Cabral

Nursing Recognition Award

2020 - None

2019 – Merri Goodman

Private EMS Provider Service Award

2020 – Pedro Escobar & Willie Rodriguez

2019 – Christian Martinez & Erik Paz

2018 – Maria Ramirez

2017 – Merlin Underwood

2016 – Angel Liggins

2015 – James Cecil

Physician Excellence Award

2020 – Jim Roach D.O.

2019 - Ken Greenberg M.D.

2018 – Randy Katz M.D.

Lifetime Achievement

The Ralph A. Marrinson EMS Lifetime Achievement Award

2020 – Mike Farrell MD
Joe Jones

2004 – George Danz

2019 – Peter Antevy M.D.

2003 – Ralph A. Marrinson

2018 – Brijesh Mehta M. D.

2017 – Nabil El Sanadi M.D.

2016 – Jaime Greene

2015 – Joe Nelson, DO

2014 – Paul Schweinler

2013 – Wayne Lee, MD

2012 – Melinda Stibal

2011 – Antonio Gandia, MD

2010 – Deborah Ann Mulligan, MD

2009 – Robert Self, MD

2008 – Cheryl Rashkin

2007 – Barbara Pomeranz

2006 – Debbi Stanfield

2005 – Elizabeth Jordan

The Chief Don DiPetrillo Paramedic Lifetime Achievement Award

2020 – Jorge Gonzalez, John Jurgle, Greg Holness, Ken Kromhein,
Tory Fatjo

2019 – Julie Downey, Bruce Caruso, Joel Gordon, Andy Popick,
Tammy Nugent

2018 – Donald DiPetrillo, David Donzella, Thomas DiBernardo,
Michael Hohl

2017 – Joe Peterkin, Jeff Sandy

2016 – Frank Porcella, Jose Cabrera

2015 – David DiPetrillo, Cindy Kelley

2014 – Virginia Haygood, James Terry, Thomas Sheridan

2013 – Harry Small

2012 – Norman Rynning, Stephen Krivjanik, Sharon Snyder- Coloson

2011 – Robert Bauman

2010 – Charles Wholitka, James Mathie

2009 – Lamar Davis

2008 – John Deegan

2007 – Rodney Turpel

2006 – Artie De La Riva

See attached for Awards Application