



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **MARGATE TAKES FIRST PLACE IN ALS COMPETITION**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 8/26/10) – The Margate Fire Department took first place in Wednesday’s *Advanced Life Support Competition* in Temple Terrace, fire officials said.

Fifteen fire departments from throughout Florida participated in the event. Firefighters and paramedics competed in various fire-rescue scenarios involving multiple “patients.” They were graded on how well they responded and performed in each mock scenario.

For the finals on Wednesday afternoon, firefighters and paramedics were faced with a noisy political rally featuring lookalike performer Tim Watters as former president Bill Clinton. Medical incidents at the rally included a heart attack, electrocution and severed arm during a chainsaw accident. For the participants, the emergency medical demands were intense.

“Our competition in Temple Terrace is becoming one of the favorites in the state,” said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. “The teams all said how challenging the scenarios were, and how realistic they were. It went really well.”

Judges said Margate’s fire personnel responded best in the finals, and they were awarded first place, Chapman said. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue took second, Delray Beach Fire Rescue was third, and Boca Raton Fire Rescue was fourth.

The finals were held at the Omar K. Lightfoot Recreation Center, 10901 N. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Temple Terrace.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department was not eligible to participate in the competition because it was involved in hosting the activities, Chapman said.

The competition was sponsored by Temple Terrace Professional Firefighters (Local 3582) and Temple Terrace Fire Department. Other sponsors included Chick-fil-A, 3M, StatPaks and the Hilton Garden Inn.

The fire department also thanks the GFWC Temple Terrace Woman’s Club, the Temple Terrace Police Department and Temple Terrace Leisure Services Department for their assistance.

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