



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT PLACES THIRD IN 24-HOUR COMPETITION**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 10/26/10) – The Temple Terrace Fire Department placed third out of 12 teams from around the country in Florida’s first 24-hour *Advanced Life Support (ALS)* competition, it was announced Tuesday.

The event was held over a continuous 24-hour period Oct. 23-24, 2010 in Flagler County. It was sponsored by the Flagler County Professional Firefighters (Local 4337), in cooperation with the Flagler County Commission and Flagler County Fire Rescue.

Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman said the competition was arduous and demanding. Most teams had never faced a 24-hour competition before.

“We had no idea what to expect,” Chapman said. “It was challenging ... and tiring.”

Teams were dispatched to various mock emergency incidents overnight and were scored on their ability to manage the situations and treat the sick and injured “patients.” The competition involved a variety of complex scenarios and skill evaluations, Chapman said. Among them:

- \* Confined space rescue: The team had to rescue a diabetic patient from drainage pipes.
- \* High-angle operations: The team had to repel down the side of a building.
- \* Active shooter scenario: The firefighters acted as a tactical medical team with SWAT personnel to treat and remove injured police officers from a building.
- \* Scuba divers: The team had to treat a diver that was accidentally shot in the neck with a fishing spear, and another who surfaced too quickly.

Members of Temple Terrace’s ALS team for this event included Fire Chief Keith Chapman, Capt. Carl Sullivan, Engineer Mike Brown and Firefighter Chris Ashley.

The weekend event was the first ALS competition hosted by Flagler County and the state’s first 24-hour competition, officials said. Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Team A) took first place, while Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Team B) placed second.

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