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BOCA RATON WINS ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT COMPETITION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 9/1/11) – Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Team A) took first place in this week's *Advanced Life Support Competition* in Temple Terrace, fire officials said Thursday.

Fifteen fire departments from throughout Florida participated in the event (Aug. 30-31). 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.

The teams faced off in seven different mock scenarios during the competition, including lightning strikes, hunting accidents, an airplane crash, a drowning and carbon monoxide poisoning.

"This was one of most challenging competitions our department has hosted," said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. "On the second day, we had six scenarios going on simultaneously. Each location had judges, actors and various props to make the scenes as realistic as possible."

Judges said Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Team A) responded best overall and were awarded first place. Margate Fire Department took second place, while Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Team B) came in third. The Temple Terrace Fire Department was not eligible to participate in the competition because it was involved in hosting the activities.

"Our competition has become well known throughout the state of Florida," Chapman noted. "This year we had teams on a waiting list to participate. I believe this is a direct result of the commitment to excellence our department showed in the planning and execution of this competition. Because of the combined effort of our personnel, we provided an extraordinary educational opportunity."

The event was hosted by Temple Terrace Professional Firefighters (Local 3582) in cooperation with the City. The fire department thanks the Temple Terrace Leisure Services Department and Tampa Executive Airport for their support, along with the event's many sponsors.

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