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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST STATEWIDE COMPETITION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 8/26/11) – Temple Terrace Professional Firefighters (Local 3582) have partnered with the City to host an *Advanced Life Support Competition* on Aug. 30-31, 2011, drawing firefighters and paramedics from throughout Florida.

Firefighters and paramedics will compete in various fire-rescue scenarios involving multiple “patients.” They’ll be graded on how well they respond and perform in seven mock scenarios at various locations.

Fifteen fire departments from throughout the state, representing more than 60 fire professionals, will be competing. Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman said the competition is “very intense, with life-threatening scenarios” designed to be as realistic as possible.

Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony Wednesday evening, Aug. 31, at the Omar K. Lightfoot Recreation Center. Winners will receive trophies – and statewide bragging rights.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department has performed well in ALS competitions, but will not be eligible to participate in this event because it is involved in hosting the activities, Chapman said.

Sponsors of this event include Chick-fil-A, StatPacks, PlanoAmerica, Smith & Warren, Magnum Boots, Pepin Distributing Co., SureFire Flashlights, and Hilton Garden Inn. We also thank the Temple Terrace Leisure Services Department and Tampa Executive Airport for their support.

Members of the news media who would like to attend on Wednesday, Aug. 31 should contact PIO Michael Dunn at (813) 506-6406 to make arrangements. Some very imaginative scenarios have been created, which will have excellent visual opportunities.

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