



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLACES THIRD IN NATIONAL ALS COMPETITION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 1/29/07) – The Temple Terrace Fire Department’s Advanced Life Support Competition Team took third place in the 2007 Fire Rescue East National Invitational Competition, held Jan. 26-27 in Jacksonville, Fla.

It is the third year in a row the Temple Terrace Fire Department has ranked in the top three among award-winners. More than a dozen departments participated in this year’s ALS competition.

Temple Terrace’s team was comprised of Training Officer Phil Borum, Firefighter Paramedic Mike Schaer, Engineer Paramedic Carl Sullivan and Engineer Paramedic David Samon.

The ALS teams were presented with various scenarios in which they were required to assess and provide treatment to numerous patients, utilizing Advanced Life Support procedures such as IVs, intubation, chest decompression and medical administration. A panel of judges awarded points based on each team’s ability to triage and treat patients. Volunteer actors were used as patients.

It wasn’t an easy competition, said team captain Phil Borum.

“It was very intense,” he said. “It was very involved this time, especially in the finals. So you really have to be at the top of your game.”

The competition was sponsored by the Florida Fire and Emergency Services Foundation, the official foundation for the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association.

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