



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPETITION TEAM WINS ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT NATIONAL TITLE

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL - 02/07/06)— Temple Terrace Fire Department's Advanced Life Support Competition Team took third place at the 2006 National Invitational ALS Competition, held during the Fire-Rescue East Conference in Jacksonville, Florida on January 27, 2006.

ALS team members included Division Chief Keith Chapman, Senior Paramedic Carl Sullivan, Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Schaer, and Firefighter/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 medication administration. Each team was observed and awarded points by a panel of judges on their ability to triage and treat the patients. Volunteer actors were used as patients in the scenarios, which included explosion injuries, child birth, and multiple traumatic injuries.

“This is the second year we’ve participated in the competition, and we’ve placed in the top three on both occasions,” explained Fire Chief Ernie Hiers. “The ALS competition provides a great opportunity for our personnel to demonstrate their skills, and the real-life scenarios used in the competition provide a unique training ground for our paramedics to draw upon when they are out in the field saving lives.”

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(NOTE: PHOTO ATTACHMENT)

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CAPTION: 2006 ALS Competition, Temple Terrace Fire Department Team Members (L-R)
Senior Paramedic, Carl Sullivan; Division Chief, Keith Chapman;
Florida Fire Chiefs' Association President, Mark L. Souders; Firefighter/Paramedic, Mike Schaer;
Firefighter/Paramedic, David Samon