



# FLORIDA ONE DMAT NEWSLETTER

**WELCOME**

January 2014



**COMMANDER'S CORNER: By Gary Kruschke**

*Happy New Year! And what a busy year we have coming up!*

*Wow, what an excellent Christmas meeting/training! Big time kudo's to Ann for being the planner for this event.*

*With the new year, there is not enough time to even look back on the busy year we had. Ok, busy in the preparedness sense, for, our deployment book didn't get checked off, but history has shown, when its quiet like it has been, is the time to prepare the most. Last year was busy with preparedness, and all predictions are this next year is going to be even more active in the preparedness arena. It only makes sense to utilize our non-deployment time kicking the tires so that we are all much more prepared to respond. There is already many things on the books for this next year. A number of different committee's are up and running and working.*

*One of the big ones will be the Emerald Coast Health Care Coalition. We will have a seat at the table of this organization, and it will bring us closer to all of our other health care related partners.*

*An other area of focus will be to continue to build our financial self reliance. This will be a heavy focus this next year with the non-profit side of the house. The planning committee has a number of working projects and can always use more help. Contact Ann or Doc. Clinchy if your interested in assisting on that committee.*

*Be on the lookout for good things to come. There will be a push this next year to fill the seats at the meeting/training every 2nd sat. of every month at 10am. Put it on your calendars now to attend.*

*Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe and prosperous and Happy new year.*

*Thanks for being a member of FI-1 DMAT, Region 1 SMRT, or a friend of Floridaone DMAT, Inc. We look forward to your continued participation and support.*

*Best to you and your family,*

*Gary*

The Planning/Training committee has been diligently working to prepare training events, plan fundraising events, and also provide items for sale to our team members.

The items currently available for sale are

License plate... - \$5.00



Reflective FL1 and SMRT-1 vehicle stickers - \$5.00 each



Magnetic vehicle signs - \$50.00 for set of 2 measuring 12" X 18" each



Also available are FloridaOne brochures. There is a supply at the office that are free for distribution to local companies, organizations, and any place that you frequent.

As stated at the training meeting in October, Doc Clinchy has prepared presentation binders with a narrated video of FloridaOne. If you need to borrow one of these binders, please contact the office for more information.

Team Ball caps – coming soon!!!!

## UPCOMING TEAM FUNDRAISERS:

March 1, 2014—All Car, Truck and motorcycle Show to be held at the First Baptist Church of Mary Esther on Hwy 98—more details to come

August, 2014—Golf Tournament

Boston Butt Sale

Spring yard sale

Evening social hour at the warehouse

Chamber after hours event

5K/10K run

Event with Martial Arts group in Destin with proceeds coming to the team

There are many more items being discussed for fundraisers but as with any organization

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

We have brochures on the Team for distribution in the community. We are showing the area who we are, what we are and what we do. Many people, and organizations are not aware of FloridaOne and how we serve them. Through the brochures, and all fundraisers, large or small, we hope to expand the public's knowledge of FloridaOne. We need you to share our information, share our brochures, support our fundraisers and more.

We are coordinating a Fundraising committee. If you are interested in being a part of that committee, please contact either Ann Hill at [annfl1dmat@gmail.com](mailto:annfl1dmat@gmail.com) or Marie Gray at [graydawn@centurylink.net](mailto:graydawn@centurylink.net).

WHO SAID BOYS DON'T GO TO THE BATHROOM TOGETHER!!!!

Here is a snapshot of the boys working on the urinal  
December 12 at the office.



Upcoming key dates—more info to come on several

January 7—meeting Northwest Florida ENA Chapter—Pat Hogan being named President of Chapter—Carmel Heights Building, at the Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola campus. Agenda topics included: 2014-2015 goals, educational funding and offerings, fund raisers, election of new officers, and financial banking changes. Dinner will be catered, please RSVP to assure enough food is provided. This meeting should last approximately one hour.

January 11— Workshop on logistics—what is in the Federal and State Cache—warehouse—10 AM

January 18—Best Clinical Practice Symposium Sacred Heart Conference Center, Dudley Greenhut auditorium, 5151 North Ninth Avenue, Pensacola, Florida

January 31-February 1—TCCC Course at Ocean City/Wright Fire Dept 8:00 am to 5 pm

February 7 or 8—Pediatric Practice & Playtime—Hands On Seminar Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast, Suite 3, 7800 U.S. Hwy. 98 W Miramar Beach, FL 32550—9:30—3:30

February 8—Haz Mat Concerns

March 1—team fundraiser—all car show, Mary Esther, FL

March 8—Planning the BOO—warehouse—10 am

March 14—Seminar presented by Frank Goldstein on Psychological Issues—more details to come

April 6—Training Day at the Ramada—more details to come

April 12—How ICS really works on deployment—warehouse—10 AM

May 2014—State Exercise in Tallahassee

May 2014—Moos Brothers performance to benefit FloridaOne—more details to come

June thru December—many training opportunities—so stay tuned

During our Christmas Party—December meeting, the following members received awards presented during the party

**The DR. David McCann memorial award:** The Dr. David McCann annual memorial award is given to an individual who represents the team dedication and commitment exemplified by Dr. David McCann. Dr. David McCann deployed with the teams at sometimes great personal cost. Dr. David McCann exhibited the qualities and dedication of a true team member who felt a responsibility to everyone on the team, and, to those we served, weather the very old, or the very young. Dr. David McCann was a friend to all and a part of the family. Dr. David McCann felt that deploying to assist those in disasters renewed his commitment in purpose to the medical profession. This years award will be given to a member of the State Medical Response Team, and to a member of the Florida One DMAT. This years Dr David McCann memorial awards have been financed by Doc. Clinchy.



Carla Corona This individual dedicates herself to both teams, going above and beyond when it comes to loose ends. Her logistics work at her first deployment (Super Storm Sandy) can be compared to Doc. McCann's untiring medical delivery and dedication to a successful mission. She has demonstrated that her passion and give back is in her dedication to others, and that the nursing profession will truly be complimented with her participation. The Howl at the moon fund raiser will not be the same without Carla Corona's involvement. It is with honor and appreciation that I award the Dr. David McCann memorial award to Carla Corona for her dedicated service. We support your training to become a Nurse, and hope that you are able to find your way back to the Florida One teams when complete. Where ever you end up, know that FI-1 is family, and you can always return or reach out to us at any time.



Matt Constable -This member has shown his true giving nature also in his first deployment, Super storm Sandy. This member was always in his area of responsibility, watching over all in his care. There was never a complaint about what was needed to be done, he worked outside of his box and comfort level, and earned the right to deploy again. This individual is a teaching paramedic who is well respected in the community and in EMS, and who gives 110% on anything he does. This individual worked outside his comfort level deploying to New Mexico to attend additional training, and by assisting the team to learn as much as possible about team operations. This individual is competent and dedicated when it comes to patient care. Dr. David McCann would truly embrace the qualities that are exhibited by Matt Constable. It is with honor that I present the 2013 Dr. David McCann Memorial award to Matt Constable for his professionalism and dedication to the teams.

### **NDMS Distinguished Member award:**

The NDMS Distinguished member award is given to an individual on the federal team who is chosen by the team, who has stood out on a deployment, or, in preparedness operations. This person could be described as a most valuable player on the team, who brings members together weather setting up a tent, or doing a pole dance. This member of the team goes above and beyond in the successful completion of the mission, and, who always has a great attitude and example for other to follow.



This years selection for the 2013 NDMS Distinguished member award goes to Dana Schack!

### **OTHER AWARDS:**



David Dodson—David is our tech guru – our go to guy – for our video capability at the monthly team meetings – he has gone above and beyond in the past year with bringing our equipment and capabilities into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, enabling all to hear and see the training presentations. David is always available when called on for technical support and we are thankful for his endurance, time, dedication and assistance to raising the bar when it comes to our training presentations and meetings. David is always behind the scenes taking care of business quietly. David is currently on the State team, and has hopes that a I.T. position will open up on the Federal teams. It is with great pleasure that I recognize David Dodson for his help and assistance in the team meeting productions.

### **Outgoing board chairman award:**



This award recognizes the commitment of time and energy given to managing and leading the FloridaOne DMAT, Inc. board. Hank Christen not only is the founder of the Federal team, but has successfully negotiated through the growth of the teams with his expertise in balancing, working with board members and operations to guide both to the next level. Most of all, while some of us would lose sleep at night with some of the contract requests, Hank has gladly signed them relieving the rest of us of the stress and pressure of having to do it.

We appreciate Hank Christen's dedication to moving the teams forward, and we also want him to know that he is not off the hook, is still a board member, and a teams member. Hank has always been there to assist with tough decisions, has maintained a "what's best for the team" attitude, and has been supportive through the ups and downs associated with our growing pains. We are truly blessed to have Hank Christen in our corner, and want to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication and service to assisting us in moving forward. Thanks for your years of of service as the FloridaOne DMAT, Inc. board of directors chairman.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD WINNERS !!!**

Additionally at the party, a new award was instituted and presented to its first recipients:

**Martin "Marty" Thorn award**


In special recognition for the selflessness of service to others, the Martin "Marty" Thorn award is given to members of FloridaOne DMAT for outstanding performance during a deployment.

During the FloridaOne DMAT deployment to Superstorm Sandy in the New York/ New Jersey area, Marty, Team bus driver, exemplified selflessness in putting the mission first, before self. FloridaOne DMAT honors Marty and memorializes the loss of life during his service to our team.

Those members honored with being named the first recipients of this award were the following:

Nancy Derby 

Lynn Garrett Jr. 

David Messerschmidt 

Christopher Missler 

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OUTSTANDING TEAM MEMBERS!**

(The perpetual award for Marti will be in the office on display)



# FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014



To benefit FloridaOne DMAT, Inc.

At First Baptist Church of Mary Esther, Hwy 98, Mary Esther, FL

Pre-Registration fee \$25.00 – Day of Show \$30.00

Registration open 9:00 – 12:00

Awards at 3:00

People's Choice awards to top 25 and two Special Awards

Dash plaques, 50/50, Door Prizes, and four \$50 bills awarded during show

Separate drawing \$100.00 cash for pre-registered entrants only

To all our team members,

We need your support, and some of your time at the first annual car show—we need volunteers to park the participating cars, to work registration table, to give out door prizes during the day, and to cook hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill at the event. The set up will start that morning at 7:30 a.m. and we will be done with the entire day by 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Ann Hill at the office if you are able to donate some volunteer hours at our car show—even if you can only participate a few hours—if will be very beneficial and appreciated. THANK YOU!!!!

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**BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER OCCASIONS!**

Thought I would start a column for birthdays—by month— not by year— and any special occasions—if there is something you wish to share, please email me at annfl1dmat@gmail.com

**January birthdays:**

Charlie Barber—January 2

Steve Strait—January 6

Kristopher Knight— January 10

Jarrold Wester— January 11

Pat Hogan—January 12

Linda Heller—January 26

Matt Constable—January 27

Cassie Newsome—January 31

**February birthdays:**

Dr. Timothy Walker—February 9

Otis Gatewood—February 11

Coleman Sachs – February 11

Mike Hogan—February 25

If I have missed your birthday, please accept my apologies— I had to re-search many of the dates—and as well if you do not want your birthday date listed in subsequent newsletters, please contact me to advise of the same.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!**