



The Leon County

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EMS Chief Quillin Receives Executive of the Year Award



The National EMS Management Association recently selected Leon County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS) Chief Tom Quillin as EMS Executive of the Year. He will be honored for his outstanding performance as an EMS manager Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the EMS World Expo in Las Vegas.

The National EMS Management Association is an association of EMS leaders dedicated to the discovery, development and promotion of excellence in leadership and management in EMS systems. Each year they present an EMS Executive of the Year to an EMS manager whose performance matches the values and qualities deemed exceptional by the association.

Last year, Chief Quillin earned the Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer award. The award is given to one individual statewide who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and innovation and promotes best practices to build internal and external partnerships.

These awards are just a few of the many accolades recently given to the only 7-year-old EMS team. Last year, LCEMS was named the EMS Provider of the Year by the State of Florida.

LCEMS staff have also been recognized for their accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) for compliance with national standards of excellence, becoming the only municipal ambulance service to be accredited in the state and only the eighth municipal service accredited in the country.

For more information, contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300 or Leon County Emergency Medical Services at (850) 606-2100.

Workshop Scheduled for New Public Safety Complex

Leon County and the City of Tallahassee will hold a workshop for any subcontractors who are interested in bidding on the new Leon County / City of Tallahassee Public Safety Complex. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the County Commission Chambers on the 5th floor of the Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street. This event is free and no registration is required, but all subcontractors are required to complete the bidder pre-qualification questionnaire, which can be found online at www.ajaxbuilding.com/subcontractors_vendors.html.

Parking spaces are available in the paved parking lot located on the corner of Gadsden and Pensacola Streets, and street meter spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional parking is available in the Republic Parking Garage located on the corner of Calhoun Street and College Avenue. But please be advised that the garage closes at 7 p.m., and a parking fee will be required to exit.

The Public Safety Complex is a multi-purpose facility being developed in partnership between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County. When complete, the facility will house the City of Tallahassee Regional Transportation Management Center, the Leon County Regional Emergency Operations Center, the joint dispatch center for Leon County and the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Emergency Medical Services, among others.

For information on the workshop, email Ted Parker with Ajax Building Corporation at ted@ajaxbuilding.com, and for more information regarding the Leon County Division of Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise, call (850) 606-1650.



Leon County Reminds Residents About Free Prescription Drug Discount Card

With many residents looking for ways to save money on their prescription drug costs, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is urging people to take advantage of its free prescription drug discount card program. The program, which is sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), offers average savings of up to 24 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards can be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. Many pharmacies will accept the NACo card, and a national network of more than 60,000 national participating retail pharmacies will also honor it. Best of all, there is no cost to County taxpayers for NACo and Leon County to make these money-saving cards available to Leon County residents.

In addition to these benefits for County residents, pet owners may also reap the benefits of the cards. If a pet has been prescribed a medication, owners may receive a discount on the medication by taking the prescription to a participating retail pharmacy.

Cards are available online at www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHS/PrescriptionDiscount/ and are also available at the Leon County Courthouse, at all of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System branches, at the Leon County Department of Health & Human Services, Bond Community Health Center, Neighborhood Health Services, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Capital Regional Medical Center and at all Leon County Community Centers.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Lovett at (850) 606-1900 or LovettT@leoncountyfl.gov.

SAVE THE DATE!



Leon County Parks & Recreation

Greenway Tour
2011



Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011

J.R. Alford Greenway
2500 S. Pedrick Road
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call:
Parks & Recreation at (850) 606-1470
Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300
www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Parks/Greenways.asp

County Wins Digital Counties Survey Award

The National Association of Counties (NACo), in partnership with e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and Digital Communities program, recently announced that Leon County landed in the Top 10 counties worldwide in the Digital Counties Survey Awards for effectively economizing and innovatively using technology.



The annual Digital Counties Survey Awards recognize counties for their innovation and success in technology policies and practices. Recipients of the awards are divided into four categories, based on population, which ranked the Top 10 winners.

The awards were handed out July 16 in Portland, Ore., in conjunction with the NACo's annual conference.

For more information, please visit www.digitalcommunities.com/survey/counties/ or contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

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August 2011 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 23 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the County Administrator's Proposed Strategic Implementation of Leon County Commission's Vision, Goals, and Objectives** 12 noon - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing** 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers