



# St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue

## **RAPID RESPONSE**

### **NEWSFLASH**



105 Years of Service

March 2012

#### **BY STANDER CPR SAVES LIVES!**

On March 10, 2012 at 0923 in the morning, SPFR responded to a report of a man in cardiac arrest at Demens Landing, located at Corner of 1st Ave. N. and Bayshore Blvd. SE. First on scene was Acting Lt. John Fair. Fair stated that he found a 69 year old man on the ground in cardiac arrest with a female performing CPR on him. Fair immediately took action, placing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on the patient. The AED advised "no shock advised" so Fair continued with CPR until St. Petersburg Fire Rescue paramedics arrived. After arriving on scene, paramedics took another look at the patient's heart by way of monitor. At this time they determined it was necessary to defibrillate the patient. Soon after the defibrillation, the patient's pulse and breathing returned. Paramedics transported the patient to the hospital in serious condition. Later that day, Lt. Fair went to the hospital to follow up with the patient. Fair stated that the woman he had found performing CPR on the man, was his wife. Her husband was now up, alert and talking about the event. After I spoke with his wife today, it was made known that this is the second cardiac arrest event for her husband. Seven years ago, her husband went into cardiac arrest and she, then a nurse, did the initial CPR. SPFR responded to the patients home, defibrillated the patient, saving his life at that time as well.



**IZOD Honda Grand Prix**  
The 2012 IZOD Honda Grand Prix roared into St. Petersburg on March 23rd thru March 25th. St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue once again provided both fire protection and EMS services for this big event. Pictured are Lts Sanford & Santana, charged with the fire protection on pit row.



#### **Garage Fire**

St. Petersburg Fire Rescue responded to a garage fire on March 28th, 2012 at 1535 pm. Once on scene, firefighter's found a single story detached garage fully engulfed in flames. Multiple explosions from stored gasoline cans as well kerosene and paint cans concerned District Chief Dean Adamides. Adamides ordered firefighters to go into defensive attack mode to fight the fire. A defensive attack mode is when water is directed from the exterior, while firefighters maintain a position of safety. There were no injuries at the fire. Fire Investigator Mike Medley was on scene to determine the cause of the fire.

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Fire/EMS Responses 3696  
Avg. Response Time 4.21 min.

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