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FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS STATEWIDE COMPETITION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 11/7/14) - Temple Terrace Professional Firefighters (Local 3582) have partnered with the City to host an *Advanced Life Support Competition* on Nov. 12-13, 2014, drawing firefighters and paramedics from throughout Florida.

Firefighters and paramedics will compete in various fire-rescue scenarios starting Wednesday morning at Adventure Island and continuing Thursday at various locations in and around Temple Terrace. A dozen fire departments from throughout the state, representing more than 50 fire professionals, will be competing.

Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman said this year's competition will focus on intense medical scenarios designed to be as realistic as possible. Fire-rescue personnel will be graded on how well they respond and perform under pressure.

Teams will complete a total of six scenarios throughout the two-day competition. Winners will be announced immediately following the finals. The winning team will receive trophies, prizes – and statewide bragging rights.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department has performed well in ALS competitions, but will not be eligible to participate in this event because it is involved in hosting the activities, Chapman said.

Sponsors of this event include Busch Gardens/Adventure Island, StatPacks, Pepin Distributing Co., Marco's Pizza, Pearson Publishing, Plano Metals, Medtronics, and Star & Shield Insurance.

Reporters interested in covering the event should RSVP to Travis Claytor, Busch Gardens Public Relations, at Travis.Claytor@buschgardens.com or 813-987-5401.

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