FLORIDA FIREFIGHTERS
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COLLABORATIVE

The Collaborative Connection – August 2022

CONGRATS to all the WINNERS at our Collab SlamFishing Tournament at Hula Bay Club in Tampa, Florida on Saturday July 30th.
Thank you to all the firefighters, police, ems, military who came out in support of the FFSHC mission and our non-profit organization at this event.
Grateful to all those who donated to the cause and special thanks to our sponsors for your support.

Good afternoon,

My name is Joe LaCognata. I have the privilege of serving as the Chaplain with Marion County Fire Rescue, Ocala Fire Rescue, and The Villages Fire Rescue all in Central Florida. I also serve as the Statewide Chaplaincy Coordinator with the Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative.

After the tragedy in Surfside last summer, it was clear that there needed to be better coordination among Florida Fire Chaplains. Beyond that tragedy, it is clear that fire chaplains have an important role to play in the fire service day-to-day.

To this end, the Collaborative has set out to accomplish two main goals.

- First, we want to identify existing Florida Fire Chaplains. We want to create a master database to connect chaplains for training and support.
- Second, we want to identify agencies that are interested in developing chaplaincy programs. The Collaborative is committed to assist with recruiting and training fire chaplains for your agency.

Here is where I need your help. Please reply to this email letting me know if you have a fire chaplain. If you do, please send me their contact information. If you do not have a chaplain but are interested, please let me know that as well.

I believe we should use all available resources when it comes to supporting Florida firefighters. I believe fire chaplains can be one of those resources.

Joe LaCognata
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FFSHC would like to congratulate and welcome Rob Neuberger as the new Clinician Awareness Program Coordinator. Rob began his career in Fire/EMS in 2000. Rob has always been an advocate for behavioral health and mental wellness and was instrumental in developing the behavioral health program as well as the Peer Support Team in St. Petersburg and even extending to other nearby agencies and so was the perfect fit for the collaborative.

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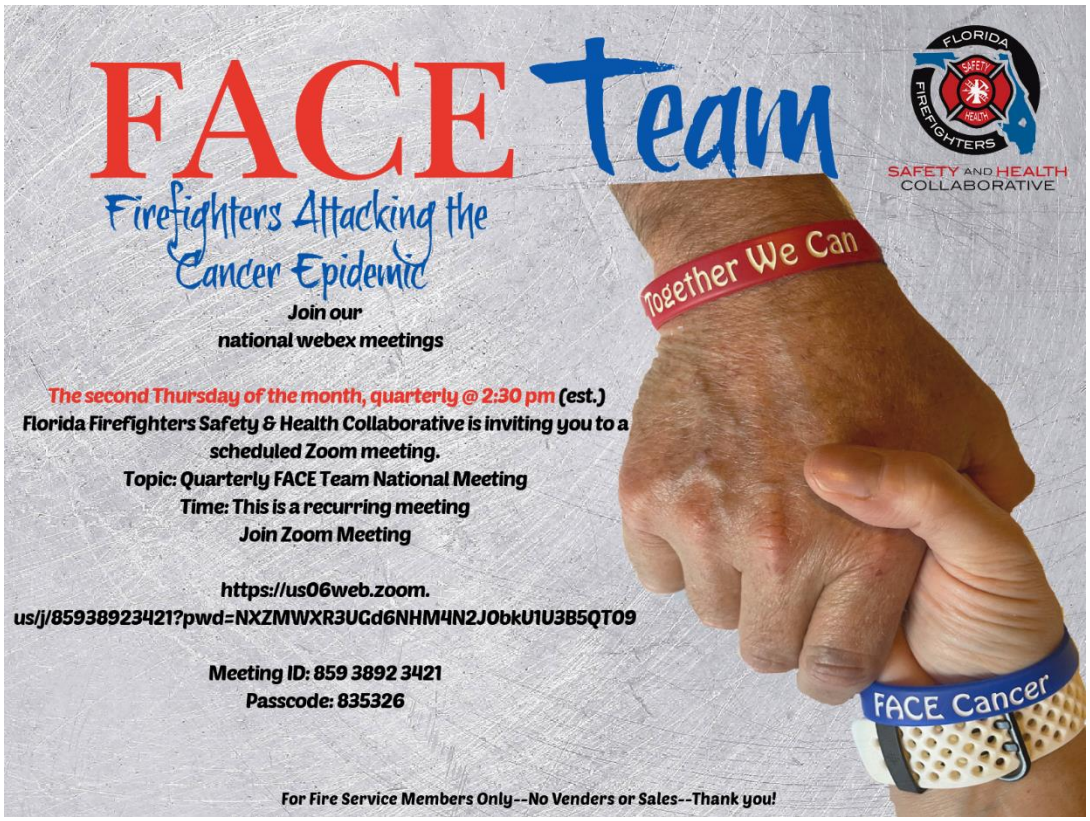

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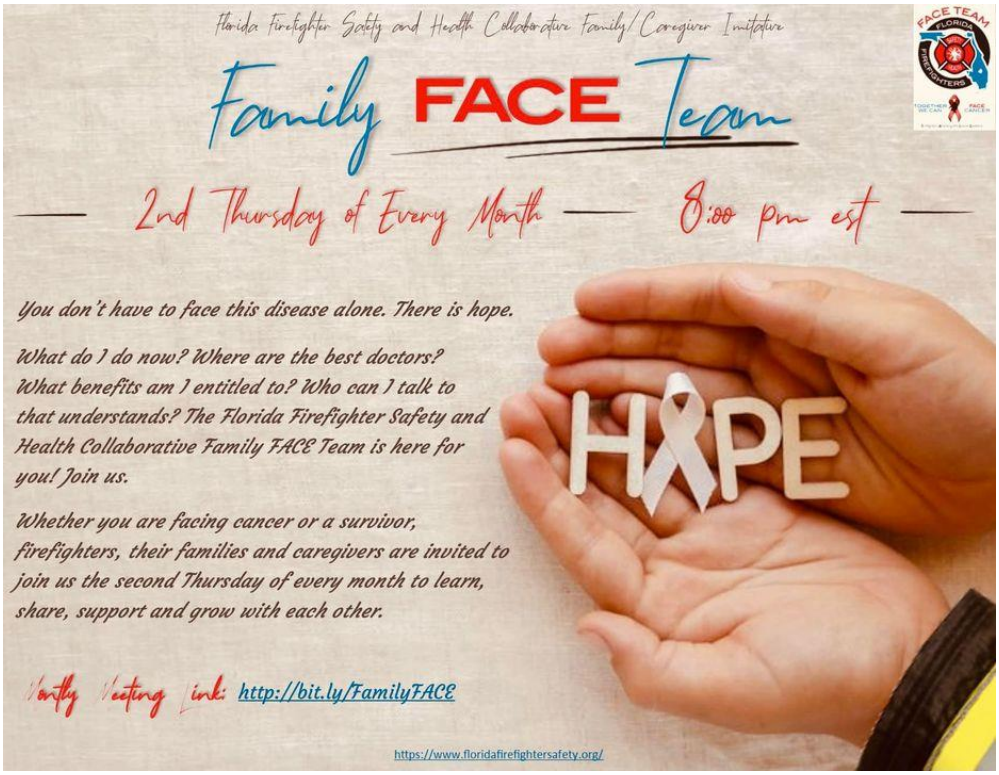

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FFSHC LOGO APPAREL ONLINE

New FFSHC logo apparel is available on our website – everything from T shirts, women's tanks, hats, polos and oxford shirts. Check us out and help support our mission.

www.floridafirefightersafety.org

As you establish your annual contributions to the United Way for 2021– why not select the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative to be the recipient of your United Way contributions?

Contact Gina Hudson if you have any questions or need assistance.

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The Redline Rescue movement – led by first responders, for first responders – is dedicated to serving first responders and their families in their times of need.

Our network is a highly connected community of first responders and culturally trained clinicians, working hand-in-hand, devoted to the needs of those serving behind the badge. And our community is here to help – at no cost and with complete confidentiality.

Right now, you can log on to RedlineRescue.org from your phone or laptop and connect immediately with an army of trained first responder peer support team members and a host of professional mental health clinicians trained in first responder culture.

We know what you've gone through and what you've seen.
We are here and ready to help.

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