



LAKE-SUMTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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NEWS RELEASE

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Lake-Sumter EMS Alerts Public to Calls for Personal Information

It has been brought to Lake-Sumter EMS' attention that citizens in the community have been receiving phone calls from solicitors representing themselves as the "local EMTs." These callers have requested personal and private information. This is suspected to be a scam and is not affiliated with Lake-Sumter EMS in any way. While Lake-Sumter EMS is a not-for-profit organization, it does not solicit donations from the public by mail, e-mail, or over the telephone. No one is licensed to solicit donations on its behalf.

On occasion and only as necessary, staff from Lake-Sumter EMS may contact the public to clarify certain information that pertains to an individual's ambulance transport. For example, staff may call to obtain or verify insurance coverage, or request supplemental medical documentation to dispute an insurance claim, etc. However, Lake-Sumter EMS staff will always clearly identify themselves and explain the purpose for the call as it pertains to the transport.

If you suspect that you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Lake-Sumter Emergency Medical Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization formed in 2000 by Lake and Sumter Counties to provide quality, community-based EMS services. The agency operates 27 Advanced Life Support units from stations located throughout both Lake and Sumter counties and was honored as EMS Provider of the Year for 2008 by the State of Florida's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and received the National EMS Service of the Year Award for 2008 also. The company is governed by a Board of Directors headed by Chairman Welton G. Cadwell. Jim Judge serves as Executive Director of Lake-Sumter EMS with administrative offices located at 2761 W. Old Highway 441 in Mount Dora, Florida.