

FACTS

- **1600 Square Miles**

Marion County is larger than the state of R.I.

- **498 field personnel state certified EMT/Paramedics**

27 Fire Stations; 7 volunteer Fire Stations;

250,000 Residence; 90+ logged emergencies a day

- **Heart Attack**

Interrupted blood supply to the “still” beating heart causing the heart to fail which could result in permanent damage to the heart muscle.

- **Cardiac Arrest**

An abnormal heart rhythm which causes the heart to stop beating.

No heart beat = no blood flow or oxygen to vital organs = death

- **SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest)**

SCA is unexpected Cardiac Arrest.

AHA (American Heart Association) states that 325,000

SCA/year or 900/day

- **CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)**

30 to 2 (30 compressions to 2 breaths)

An emergency medical procedure for the victim of a Cardiac Arrest that keeps blood and oxygen flowing to the heart and brain until defibrillation can be administered, **and** trained professional help arrives.

- **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)**

A portable electrical device that evaluates the heart for a shockable abnormal heart rhythm, administers an electrical shock to defibrillate the heart, and monitors the patient and heart rhythm until trained professional help arrives.

- **ERTS, Inc. (Emergency Response Team of Stonecrest, Incorporated)**

A volunteer “*neighbor helping neighbor*” program established to help any individual experiencing a Cardiac Arrest by providing CPR and the use of an AED until trained professional help arrives.

- **EMS (Emergency Medical Service)**

CPR buys TIME.....AED saves LIFE



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
of
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“seconds count”

ERTS Vision Statement
“Helping Hands – Helping Neighbors”

Armstrong Homes

MISSION STATEMENT

“To help provide and improve initial emergency response to the residents of Stonecrest Retirement Community in a medical emergency, relating to a cardiac arrest event, until emergency medical units arrive.”

History

The concept of **ERTS** began in 2007. Neighbors in Links III, our pilot neighborhood, had concerns regarding response times from Marion County Fire Rescue and other emergency agencies to Stonecrest. As a result of concerns presented to MCFR, a process with procedures to help provide and improve initial neighborhood response times was created to provide emergency help to cardiac arrest victims in the precious minutes before the arrival of MCFR firefighters and paramedics.

ERTS consists of a **Core Committee** which includes our medical director, Dr. Frank Fraunfelder, who also serves as a medical director of MCFR, Martha Mitchell, our president and founder, and Hank Linnenkohl, retired firefighter and Stonecrest resident who serves as our Heartsaver CRP/AED chairman. The **Core Committee** oversees local **ERTS** teams consisting of resident responders within neighborhoods that support **ERTS** teams through fundraising that provides funds for AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) and other emergency supplies. Individual teams have a chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Responders

ERTS volunteer responders are residents specially trained in the latest CPR and AED protocols, along with other aspects of emergency response to victims of cardiac arrest and choking. Volunteer neighborhood responders only respond to emergencies within their own neighborhoods that support an **ERTS** team. There are currently more than 100 volunteer neighborhood responders (identified by orange safety vests). Volunteer community responders are our “mutual aid” members. They respond across the entire Stonecrest community to back up neighborhood responders. There are approximately 16 volunteer community responders (identified by lime-green safety vests).

Process

When Marion County 911 receives a cardiac or choking emergency call within Stonecrest, the dispatcher automatically alerts Marion County Fire Rescue and Stonecrest ERTS volunteer responders in the neighborhood involved, as well as the volunteer community responders (via the independent ready alert notification system).

ERTS also offers Stonecrest residents CPR classes, emergency flasher switches to help responders find addresses faster, and files of Life Alert. **ERTS** has been instrumental in implementing a “siren activated” system at the back maintenance gate off CR 42 at SE 115th Ave. To provide emergency access for Marion County firefighters and paramedics. We continue to work with MCFR to enhance our unique partnership with the county and in further improving response time to cardiac emergencies here in Stonecrest. Your continued financial support will enable individual **ERTS** neighborhood teams, your neighbors, to provide potentially life-saving assistance in cardiac emergencies.