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Ft. Myers, Fla.-Lee County Emergency Medical Services announced that Paramedics Jason Ausman, Rex Friedline, Adam Thompson, and Vince Macias placed third in the Temple Terrace Professional Firefighter's First Annual Advanced Life Support Competition.

The Lee County team was one of only 12 teams invited to compete. All 12 teams were top finishers in this year's Bill Shearer Advanced Life Support International Competition held in July. The goal of the competition is to simulate real life as closely as possible. Procedures will be carried out in as realistic manner as possible. Procedures and medication administration will take place in real time. IV infusion rates will be monitored. Most procedures, including spinal immobilization/patient packaging, will actually be carried out; however, some procedures will require only explanations of such components as equipment required, indications, contradictions, complications, and the actual procedure technique. Participants are asked to be prepared to perform any procedure contained in a list provided pre-competition.

Team coach Lt. Tom Pillsy along with the Lee County EMS training department have developed scenarios and prepared the team for more than three months. The team scored 191.5 of a possible 289 points, and finished only 22 points out of first place. Earlier in the year, the Lee County team placed fifth at the Bill Schearer competition.



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