



# EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE

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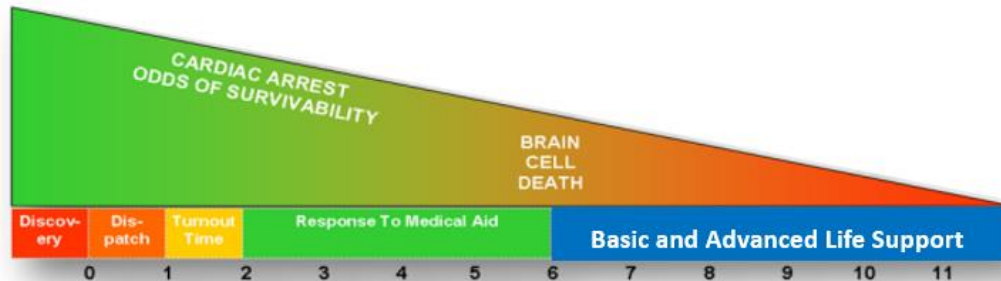
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## Marrowstone EMS Response Pilot



East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) is conducting an experimental pilot program, demonstrating the impact of a volunteer BLS ambulance on Marrowstone Island during periods of peak demand. BLS (Basic Life Support) generally refers to the type of care that first-responders, healthcare providers and public safety professionals provide to anyone who is experiencing cardiac arrest, respiratory distress or an obstructed airway. Good BLS care can increase survivability until the patient receives more advanced care, (ALS).

**The shortest possible response times create the highest probabilities of resuscitation and survival**



In reviewing our calls on the Island, it's clear a significant number generally occur on the weekends during day light hours. We are hoping to validate the assumption where the presence of a volunteer BLS unit on Marrowstone Island reduces response times **and** has a measurable outcome for the patient on actual 911 calls. Our current response time exceed 14 minutes from the closest career staffed fire station; EJFR has approximately 100 calls per year on Marrowstone Island.

Using a public/private partnership EJFR and the Marrowstone Island Foundation (MIF) have partnered to add a modest volunteer fire department crew facility at the current site of EJFR's Station 1-2 on Flagler Road. The site currently has only two storage buildings for spare fire vehicles. Construction is scheduled to begin this year.

In recent weeks, our staff have been busy training up our volunteer corp for this special mission. Our volunteers have completed over 100 aggregate hours of specialized training. EJFR is committed to continuing our robust volunteer program and supporting the Marrowstone Island community.

**When: Weekends in June, Noon – 8PM**

**Where: Based at Mystery Bay State Park**