

Race for the Cure 2009
After Action Comments from John Selberg

1. There was no First-Aid provided by the Race for the Cure again this year. There was an empty tent with no one there. We had this problem last year and they said they would correct it. It's not appropriate for GFD to provide all First Aid as well as EMS. I recommend that next year they:
 - a. Assign a person to be directly over First Aid for the event. This person would be responsible for assuring that the First Aid Tent is properly provided, staffed, and stocked. They could also coordinate with the private ambulance service and the Fire Department for the medical plan.
 - b. Position the Tent in a position near the end of the race where it can be easily seen. Label the Tent as "FIRST AID" and "LOST AND FOUND."
 - c. Assign a golf cart for First Aid and Assistance. This could be staffed with a Nurse from the First Aid Tent to ride around and provide assistance, including transporting ill people to their cars, etc. We often get people that don't really need EMS but just can't continue the race and need a ride. We could give them a radio to talk with the Fire Dept. for emergencies. We might even be able to provide an EMT to ride with them.
2. We had a lot of kids in Lost and Found. If the race can provide a FIRST AID/LOST AND FOUND tent, then they could make an announcement that any lost kids should contact a Police or Fire Officer along the route, or they could go to the tent after the race if they got lost/separated. The staff of the First Aid Tent would also need to notify Fire and/or Police so that we can make sure all officers are aware when they have a lost child show up.
3. The lead car must be in position before the race begins. This year, the lead car sped through the closed off section next to the Fire Truck and Comm 41 on Germantown Rd. It came close to several personnel, including myself, and almost turned into the crowd. There was a good chance for someone to have gotten hurt, especially if the race had started about 15 seconds quicker. This was totally irresponsible.
4. They need to assure that the Fun Walk starts on time. They were about 10 minutes late starting and had people crowding the intersection of Germantown and Farmington when the first runner was coming back. The Police had to use lights and sirens to get people out of the way. They might also consider having the returning runners use the west bound lane on Farmington when returning since it should be clearer.
5. There were some problems as the runners from the 5K were mixing in with the walkers from the Fun Walk just before the Finish line. There were often strollers, electric scooters, and slow walkers pulling out in front of the runners at the merge point. They might want to look at a way to keep them separated longer or maybe set up cones to funnel them together a little better.

NOTES FOR FIRE DEPT:

1. Changed Command Channel for Fire from VTAC1 to VFIRE21. Not all portable radios have VTAC1.
2. Need to assure all bikes, gator, and equipment (helmets, vests, radios, etc.) are ready to go at least a couple days before the event.