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The Fire Watch Earns Top Rating With Candid, GreatNonprofits

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Aug. 16, 2023 – [The Fire Watch](#), a nonprofit dedicated to ending veteran suicide in Florida by providing free suicide intervention training, has been recognized by both [Candid](#) and [GreatNonprofits](#) for its operational transparency and community impact. The organizations are among the most well-respected monitoring agencies in the nonprofit sector in their evaluation of how charities are making a difference.

“The Fire Watch is committed to serving veterans and their families in Florida with the highest level of integrity, which is further validated with these industry seals,” said The Fire Watch Executive Director and U.S. Navy veteran Nick Howland. “We’re seeing the lifesaving impact our Watch Stander training is having in the community and we want current and prospective Watch Standers to know that we’re a trusted nonprofit dedicated to serving those who served us.”

The Fire Watch earned a Platinum level rating from Candid, which is the highest level of transparency a charity can earn through the organization. Candid is the result of a 2019 merger between GuideStar and the Foundation Center. GuideStar has long been recognized as an authority in tracking financial transparency in nonprofits and its seals can be found on websites of many of the top nonprofits around the world.

The Fire Watch was also named a Top-Rated nonprofit by GreatNonprofits, which is based on community reviews. The Fire Watch will be included in GreatNonprofits’ annual 2023 Top-Rated List, which will be released late in 2023.

Founded in 2019, The Fire Watch monitors Florida veteran suicides by county and offers virtual and in-person suicide intervention training to individuals and businesses. The training is available to the public for free and supporters who complete it are referred to as Watch Standers. To date, there are more than 4,500 Watch Standers throughout Florida. More than 75% of those Watch Standers are in Northeast Florida where, from 2019-2021, the veteran suicide rate dropped by nearly 50%, according to a report released by The Fire Watch this year.

To learn more about The Fire Watch or to register to become a Watch Stander, please visit thefirewatch.org.

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About The Fire Watch:

Based in Florida, The Fire Watch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to ending veteran suicide by raising awareness of the urgent need for intervention. By training community members to recognize suicidal behaviors in veterans, The Fire Watch strives to build a life-saving network of co-workers, family and friends that stands watch over our nation's heroes and can direct a veteran in need to vital resources and certified mental health professionals. Learn how you can stand watch with us at thefirewatch.org.