

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY on Jan 12th 2015 from BONITA SPRINGS FIRE-RESCUE

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RESCUERS TO RECEIVE PHOENIX AWARDS on Jan 12th

Bonita Springs' rescuers will be recognized on January 12th at 5:00 p.m. at Fire Station Four, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, with the District's most prestigious honor – The Phoenix Award.

First responders will be honored for saving the life of a 66 year old man who suffered a cardiac arrest. Firefighters on Engine 23 arrived on scene to find bystander CPR in progress. The patient's skin was dry to the touch and blood was coming out of his nose and mouth. The crew continued CPR and assisted with ventilations with a bag valve mask. The patient was shocked with the defibrillator and medications were administered to provide adrenaline and keep the heart in rhythm. CPR continued as the patient was prepared for transport to hospital.

The Bonita Springs Fire District has extended a heartfelt invitation for the award presentation to the patient and his family with the hope of reuniting the first responders and patient again. The Phoenix award will be given to: Lieutenant Ed Bradford, Firefighter/Paramedic Juvert Calero, Firefighter/EMT Mark Simon and Firefighter/EMT Steve Edelsberg from Engine 23; Mike Musacchio, Eric Vazquez with Lee County EMS; and Diana Conception, the 911 dispatcher.

In order to recognize the dedication and skill of emergency responders, Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue adopted the Phoenix Award after implementing advanced life support services in March of 1999. The Phoenix is recognized as a symbol of excellence and also a mythical bird, said to rise again from its ashes.

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