

Media Opportunity for Monday, March 14, 2016

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Fire Board Meeting with Special Recognition Presentations

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (Mar. 11, 2016) – The monthly Bonita Springs Fire Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th at 5:00PM at Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District Station #4 located at 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, Bonita Springs

The following presentations will be given at the Board Meeting:

Medal of Valor for Jameson Gray & Cristian Valiente
Certificate of Recognition for LCSO Sergeant James Bogliole, Deputy Kristen Ridenour and Lieutenant Brian Przespolewski

“All of the men who rushed to help, without firefighting gear, are heroes,” said Fire Chief Joseph Daigle. The Medal of Valor presentation will be given to the bystanders, Jameson Gray and Cristian Valiente of Gray’s Lawn Service, LLC, for their heroism on Tuesday, February 23rd after a house fire erupted at 27567 Dortch Ave. in Bonita Springs. The good Samaritans helped evacuate family members, Kristy Phillips and her 2 yr. old daughter. The fire claimed the life of Phillips’ grandmother, 75 yr. old Shirley Corrigan, and the family dog. For more information regarding the local heroes, [click here](#)

Along with the bystanders, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office will be recognized for their valiant efforts on scene.

The Phillips family will be in attendance during this presentation.



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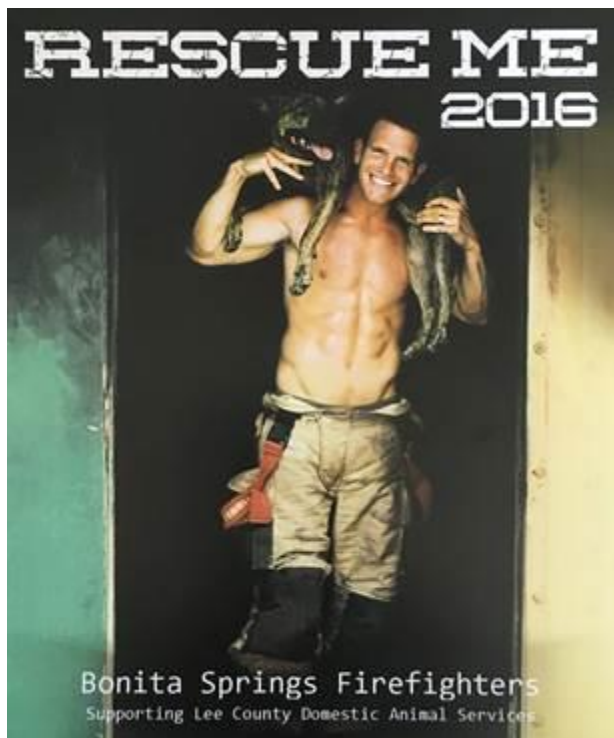
Local 3444 Presentations –

- Special Thanks to Community Partner Best of Everything
- Donation to Bonita Springs Assistance Office
- Donation to Lee County Domestic Animal Services

The Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3444 celebrated another successful year for the firefighter's calendar. Instead of the traditional firefighter calendar, the Local Bonita Springs firefighters posed the 2016 edition with rescue animals, some were their own rescue pets and some were adoptable pups and cats from the Lee County Domestic Animal Services. *“Either you love firefighters or you love rescue animals. When you pair them together, it just works really well,”* said Natalie Hughes, a Fire District employee. For more information on the calendar, [click here](#). The calendars were a hit and are completely sold out, it turns out that firefighters and rescue animals is a big enough incentive for people to buy print calendars in the age of smartphones and Outlook.

Also, recognized at the meeting is local business Best of Everything of Bonita Springs for supporting the calendar and selling an all-time record of nearly 125 calendars at their local Bonita Springs shop.

As advertised, Local 3444 will donate the majority, over 90% of the proceeds, \$5000 to Lee County Domestic Animal Services to provide lifesaving services to rescue animals in need, and \$500 to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. The respective Directors will be attendance and will accept checks during the Board Meeting.



Access the full Fire Board Agenda here and attached: http://www.bonitafire.org/docs/March_2016_Agenda_with_Links.pdf

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