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### **OTTER FAMILY REUNITED BY BONITA SPRINGS' FIREFIGHTERS**



BSFD Firefighters arrived on scene of an OTTER RESCUE today in the Spanish Wells community of Bonita Springs. Residents on their morning walk and bike route heard whimpers coming from a grated storm drain. Upon investigation, residents discovered three baby otters, barely visible in the murky water of the drain. After trying in vain to assist the babies, they called their local firefighters with audible concern in their voice.

The crew of three firefighters on Bonita Springs' Fire Engine 22 arrived and quickly formed a plan. Firefighter Perkins, shown above holding the hose, gently pumped water from the fire engine into the drain. The thrust of the water was able to dislodge debris, which presumably clogged a lower pipe in the drain. The clog may have prevented the curious youngsters from swimming back to their momma who was seen waiting for them in the nearby pond.

The otter family was happily reunited and celebrated with a long roll in the dirt. The responsive neighbors of Spanish Wells enjoyed the endearing reunion and delighted at the sight of the family of four, wiggling and rolling on the bank of the pond. Neighbors were extremely gracious for the quick actions of their firefighters who seem to have a plan for everything. Firefighters were happy to be of service and pleased with the outcome of the cutest rescue they'll have all day!

Great job, Acting Lieutenant Bruce Sheffield, Firefighter Ben Bogacz, and Firefighter Vince Perkins.

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