

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

APRIL 2016

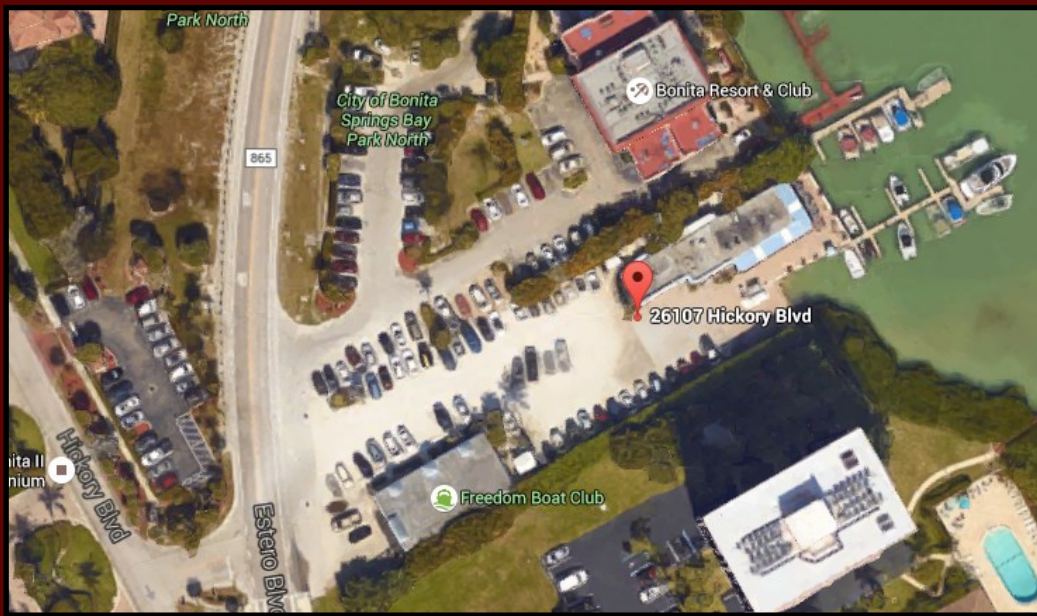
HICKORY ISLAND FIRE STATION UPDATE

During the April Board Meeting, Fire Chief Joseph Daigle presented to the fire commissioners a new potential fire station location on Hickory Island. The new site came after residents urged the District not to accept a 1.3 acre site located at Hickory Blvd. and McLaughlin Blvd., which was located in residential zoning. After further investigation, the Fire Board deemed that this location did not meet all emergency response needs of the District and did not fully address or compliment fire protection, medical emergency response, and waterway related emergencies needs to that area.

The new proposed fire station location is on the north end of Hickory Blvd., at Big Hickory Fishing Nook. It is located at 26105 Hickory Blvd., near where Hickory Island Boulevard splits off and Estero Boulevard begins. This 850 square foot commercially-zoned space would house three firefighters and a rescue truck or small Class "A" pumper engine. After renovations, the space would have a shower, a small kitchen, and living quarters for the crew to be stationed there. *"It just needs a little cleaning up and some work,"* said Deputy Chief Frank Giuliano. The proposed site also includes a dock space where the District could build a boat lift. The dock is in a limited no-wake zone and has minimal impact to any residents in the area as compared to other sites. *"That is very hard to come by,"* said Deputy Chief Richard Scott.

Chief Joseph Daigle explained that this project has been in the works for the past 16 years. This will cut the response time to that area at least in half, this is from the current average 8 to 15 minute response time to that area.

Fire commissioners voted 4 to 1 to move forward with the site and let the District return to them with a long-term lease agreement. This is the first step in the process, followed by obtaining proposals from contractors to build out the space to meet the fire department needs. Once the terms of the lease are agreed upon, it will be returned to the fire commissioners to approve the deal. For the full presentation to the Fire Board, [click here](#)



FRANK LILES APPOINTED TO FIRE BOARD

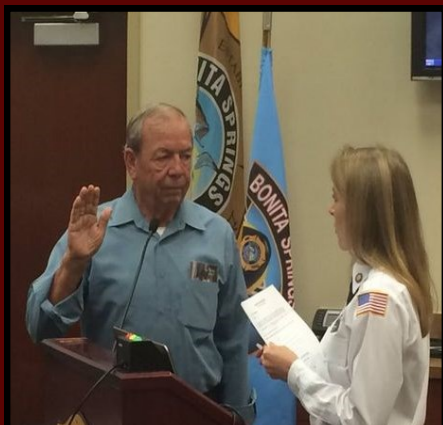


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During the April Board Meeting, fire commissioners voted 3 to 1 to appoint Frank Liles to replace former fire commissioner Fred Forbes, who now sits on city council of Bonita Springs. Five candidates applied for the position and it was Commissioner James Murphy who nominated Frank Liles. Commissioner Murphy nominated Liles because of his honesty and integrity and extensive experience on the city's zoning board, his longstanding position with the Bonita Springs Utilities board, and his 20 years of experience as a commissioner on the Bonita Springs Fire Board. Frank Liles, a Bonita Springs native, resigned from the Fire Board in January 2014 for health reasons. *"He has now beaten his health issues,"* Chairman Steve Lohan said. *"My feeling is that he was elected to the board by the people, and I think he should have the right to finish his term and let the people in November decide."*

WILDFIRE SAFETY



In Florida, each season poses a different danger! Southwest Florida can have wildfires year-round but generally, wildfire season peaks from January through June. Here are some tips to stay safe during Wildfire Season:

1. **Preparation is key- have a PLAN!** Create an evacuation plan and make sure all family members know and understand it. While at work, have a plan for children and pets that are home.
2. **Know two evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.** Have a predetermined place to meet your family. Firefighters and emergency personnel will go door-to-door to evacuate neighborhoods.
3. **Create a Go-Kit!** Supplies should include food/water, clothing, and important documents and other items, such as medications that you may need.
4. **Maintain a Safety Zone.** Be sure to have a functioning irrigation system around the structure, and maintain Firewise Landscaping, keeping an area at least 30 feet around the structure that is clean and free of dead vegetation.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of tips to make your home and business safer from the threat of wildfires.

MDA FILL-THE-BOOT DRIVE BREAKS RECORDS

Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters of Local 3444 set out to raise \$30,000 for the annual 2016 Muscular Dystrophy Association (M.D.A.) Fill-the-Boot Drive. Donations were collected by Bonita Spring firefighters three Saturdays over February and March at major road intersections off US 41. Firefighters from Bonita Springs Local 3444 are proud to announce that they surpassed their goal, collecting an all-time record-raising \$35,000 to help local families with neuromuscular disease! These donations provide things like sending kids with muscular disease to summer camp, designating research time to find a cure, providing flu shots, and providing physical therapy sessions for MDA families in need. This years collections would not have been possible without the support of the Fire Board, the Fire District, and the generous residents and visitors of beautiful Bonita Springs. For the full presentation and check donation given to MDA, [click here](#)



Pictured (left to right): Local 3444 President Brad Brown, MDA representative Chelsea Rollinger, BSFD's MDA Coordinator Randy McGovern, and Public Education Coordinator Natalie Hughes

IN LOVING MEMORY

PAUL PHILLIPS TRAINING TOWER
DEDICATION ON MAY 25, 2016 AT 9:30 AM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DEDICATION OF OUR TRAINING TOWER TO CAPTAIN PAUL PHILLIPS
PLEASE HELP US HONOR OUR BROTHER SO HE MAY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

DEDICATION LOCATED AT 27701 BONITA GRANDE DRIVE, BONITA SPRINGS

In 2015, the Bonita Springs Fire District lost a Training Captain, a legend in the fire service, a man of God, and mentor to every firefighter he ever trained.

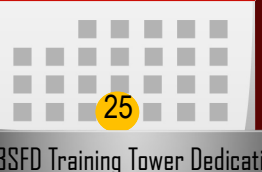
Please attend the ceremony on Wed., May 25th at 9:30AM to remember Paul Phillips and to join the Fire District as they dedicate the BSFD Training Tower to this beloved hero.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

APR EVENTS



MAY EVENTS



BSFD Training Tower Dedication

JUNE EVENTS

