BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT FEB 2017

THE REVARK

THE PHOENIX AWARD

At February's Fire Board meeting, seven men and women received recognition for their live-saving efforts on December 16, 2016, when a Worthington Country Club member went into cardiac arrest after a game of golf. During the awards presentation, Deputy Chief Richard Scott explained that there are three important points of care during a cardiac arrest: (1) immediate intervention of CPR and an AED if possible, typically given by a nearby civilian; (2) care from First Responders such as the Bonita Springs firefighters and Lee County EMS and Sheriff's Office personnel; (3) hospital care.

Most notable during the incident in December was the care from the nearby civilian, an employee of Worthington, Andrew Cox. Mr. Cox began CPR immediately, followed by use of the country club's AED. Worthington Country Club, along with dozens of other communities and businesses throughout Bonita Springs, sends employees to the Fire District's CPR classes. Public education of CPR and AED use for the general public is a top priority of the Fire District.

Mr. Cox received an award of recognition for his life-saving CPR and AED intervention. Four Bonita Springs firefighters and two Lee County EMS personnel were presented with the Fire District's Phoenix Award. Like the mythical bird who was said to rise again from the ashes, the Phoenix Award is presented when First Responders are able to successfully recover life and restore to the patient and their family a quality of life similar to that in which they lived before the incident. The cardiac arrest victim, Mr. Bill Malcom, and his family were in attendance to show their gratitude to all of the first responders.



From left to right: Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle, William Malcom, Andrew Cox, Lieutenant-Paramedic Michael Mendez, Firefighter-Paramedic Terry Bonnell, Firefighter-Paramedic Juvert Calero, Firefighter-Paramedic Ernie Williams, Paramedic Patricia Petito; Not pictured: EMT Michael Statton

Did you know BSFD offers Heartsaver Basic Life Support for the Public? The American Heart Association curriculum will prepare you to perform CPR on adults, children, & infants. The AHA course emphasizes the importance of effective compressions, airway management and breaths. The course also covers treatment for choking victims, and instruction on the use of an AED, an automated external defibrillator. Course fee is \$40, AHA card issued for 2 years. Individual Bonita Springs residents (nonbusiness-related) receive 50% off.

*Private classes and Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Class available by request with a minimum of 6 people per class.

Heartsaver Course Schedule Thursday, March 2nd Tuesday, April 11th Friday, May 12th Tuesday, June 6th SPACE IS LIMITED, please call 239-949-6200 to register!



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2016 Annual Report

The annual report gives views information on call volume by year, monthly response profiles, station response profiles, and property value saved and lost. See the year's training overview and highlights, fire prevention overview and income, and community education and outreach.

<u>Click here to view the full 2016 Annual Report on the District's</u> website.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY THANKS FIREFIGHTERS

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in North Naples attended the February Fire Board meeting to show their appreciation for help



from the BSFD firefighters with repairing a communication antenna on a 50' concrete pole. Vice Flotilla Commander Richard Booth and Flotilla Staff Officer Frank Raab thanked the crew on-duty that day for their assistance.

MILESTONE YEARS OF SERVICE



Fire Inspector Jackie Levesque 15 years



BSFD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

You may have seen your firefighters working hard in your neighborhood. The BSFD firefighters have recently completed annual maintenance and testing on all hydrants in the District. This further improves the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating that affects your homeowners insurance rates. The better the hydrant systems and maintenance, the less money homeowners could be charged for insurance.

STATION SIX TO BEGIN CONSTUCTION

The Fire District recently underwent a Request for Sealed Bids process for the construction of Station Six, east of I-75 on Bonita Beach Road. The District received eight bids from companies who received job specifications from the new station's architect, Gora McGahey. Almost all of the bids were extremely close, but the lowest bid came from EnviroStruct. With validation of their good work from the architect, the Fire Commissioners voted 4-0 at the February Board meeting to hire EnviroStruct for the job.



Site location: Bonita Beach Rd., east of I-75, east of Village Walk community

