

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

JULY 2015

RED, WHITE AND BOOM

The Fire District is happy to announce that this year marks the 57th anniversary of the Fourth of July parade hosted by the Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters. This year's parade theme was created by the students at Spring Creek Elementary, *"Reaching for the Stars, Educating Tomorrow's Leaders"*



To the citizens of Bonita Springs, the parade participants, volunteers and all of the community partners that make the July 4th parade a success...

We thank you!



Parade Judges - BSFD CERT Team Members

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK



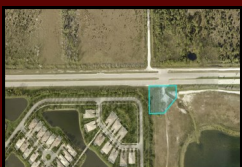
The District is currently experiencing growth and in preparation of population expansion and increased emergency demands, the 2015/16 fiscal budget includes saving for future capital projects to better service the citizens of Bonita Springs, [click here](#) for NBC2 news story. At the Board Meeting, Commissioner Fred Forbes shared information accentuating future fire rescue and emergency service needs, specifically in East Bonita.

Last month, Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle presented an executive summary to the Fire Board discussing the *Operations and Infrastructure Strategic Plan* for the expansion of service delivery.

Missed it? - [Click here](#) to watch the Executive Summary by the Fire Chief



During the July Board Meeting, the Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District Fire Board voted 4-1 to keep the "not to exceed tax rate" for the upcoming fiscal year flat at \$2.38 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The tax rate could still be lowered at subsequent budget workshops, but can not rise above the \$2.38 threshold.



The next public budget workshop is scheduled Aug. 27th at 3:00PM with the Tentative Millage and Budget to be set on Sept. 14th at 5:01PM. The adoption of the final millage and budget will be done on Sept. 24th or 25th at 5:01PM. Please check the website for further updates. All budget meetings are held at Bonita Springs Fire Station #4 located at 27701 Bonita Grande Dr.

The public is encouraged to attend budget workshops and meetings to learn more about how YOUR tax dollars protect the citizens of Bonita Springs.

Did you know...

Children can drown in 1" of water in the time it takes to answer a phone call?



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Florida leads the country in drowning deaths, ages 1-4 years old.

The Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District would like to remind you of some Water Safety Tips and Layers of Protection to keep children safe in and around water:

- Never leave your child unattended around water
- Install a self latching fence at least 5 foot high surrounding the pool/spa
- Install alarms on gates, windows and doors, especially those that lead to the pool
- Put the cell phone away! Give children 100% of your attention.
- Clear away toys and furniture from pool area
- Designate a "water watcher" - this person is responsible for watching the children
- Enroll children in swimming classes and water safety courses

Learn C.P.R. — [Click here for course schedule](#)

For more information or to pick up your FREE BSFD Pool and Water Safety Packet, call 239-949-6227 or come to weekdays to 27701 Bonita Grande Dr.

HAZMAT TRAINING

During the month of July, firefighters had HazMat training. The annual refresher covers an all-hazards approach to managing emergency incidents involving hazardous materials. More than one million daily shipments of hazardous materials are moved across the nation making it imperative that our firefighters are fluent in hazardous materials mitigation. Recently in the news, we saw a rail car overturn causing thousands of people in a 1.5 mile radius to evacuate in Eastern Tennessee. The incident, involving Acrylonitrile, a vinyl cyanide, is highly flammable and toxic. At high concentrations, the effects can be deadly. Hazardous materials like this are transported everyday on truck tankers and through ports. There are two major ports between Miami and Tampa and I-75 runs through Bonita Springs carrying gallons of poisons, combustibles, corrosives, explosives, pesticides, acids, and chlorine. In a matter of minutes, a Lieutenant needs to decide the nature of the call and how it is best managed. Today more than ever, the Fire District needs to be equipped and trained to mitigate these hazardous materials responses.



BONITA TOASTMASTERS GIVE THANKS

Toastmasters is a non-profit organization developing public speaking and leadership skills thought practice and feedback. The Local Chapter, Toastmasters District 48, presented the Bonita Spring's Fire Chief Joseph Daigle and Administrative Director Iris Moore with a plaque to show their appreciation for the Fire District's continued support of the Toastmaster organization. Free of charge, the Bonita Toastmasters meet at Bonita Fire Station #4. Non-for-profit organizations are welcome to use the conference room, if it is available, for more information call 239-949-6206.



YEARS OF SERVICE



Lieutenant,
Jeffrey Millican- 15 years

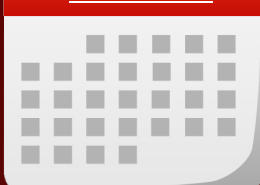


WHAT IS C.E.R.T.?

The Fire District recognizes the need to be able to incorporate and utilize volunteer help during certain emergency or disaster situations. The BSFD CERT, *Community Emergency Response Team*, has over 200 members. During the free two day CERT Basic Training, the Fire District provides education about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact Bonita Springs and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills. For more information, [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY EVENTS

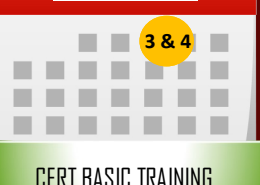


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CERT BASIC TRAINING