

THE FIRE MARK

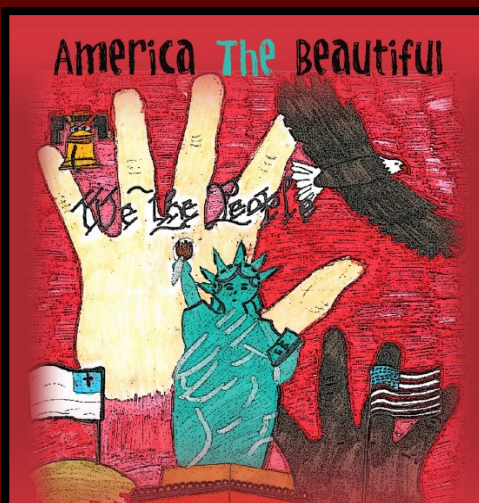


BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

JULY 2016

RED, WHITE AND BOOM

The Fire District is happy to announce that this year marks the 58th 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 Grace Classical Academy, "*America the Beautiful.*"



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

We thank you!



Parade Judges - BSFD CERT Team Members

Top row: Gil Long and Rich Brant

Bottom row: Jean Gilbert, Helen MacCallum, and Toni Long

WE HAVE A WINNER

On behalf of the Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3444 we want to thank ALL of the parade participants for taking part in this annual parade tradition. Charities, local businesses, and politicians alike took the opportunity to show their patriotism and creativity. It was no easy task, but the parade judges chose the following 2016 Parade Winners:

Walking/Dancing Category

- #1 Tabernacle de Alabanza
- #2 American Legion Post 303
- #3 Bonita Springs Neighborhood Services

Float Category

- #1 Bonita Lions Club
- #2 Anchor Christian Church
- #3 Griffith Lawn Care

Equestrian Category

- #1 San Carlos Equestrian Riders
- #2 Linda Rehse
- #3 Strike Lane Riders



2016 Overall Parade Winner
Bonita Springs Utilities

STATE CERTIFIED LIVE FIRE BURN BUILDING

During the July Board meeting, Deputy Chief Cesar Sanchez explained the recertification process and the importance of the Bonita Springs Fire District’s state certified Live Fire burn building. Over the past 8 years, the building has provided 119 classes and trained over 845 firefighters from BSFD and across Lee County. After some wear and tear, improvements had to be made to the structure to pass the state renewal certification. The crew at Station 24– Master Welder/ Firefighter Randy Werstein, Lieutenant Jason Brod, Firefighter Colin Bostin, and Firefighter Zachary Schleiffer contributed their talent and countless hours to complete this project to make the structure as good as new. *“Keeping the renovation in-house was a cost savings to the District. I am happy to report we passed the state renewal and that the building will continue to provide hands-on live fire training to keep Bonita Springs, and our neighboring Districts, safer for years to come,”* says Deputy Chief Sanchez. [Please click here for full presentation.](#)



Before



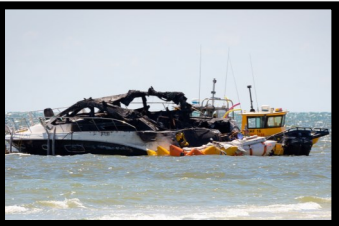
After



RESCUES ON THE WATER

In the past week, the Bonita Springs marine unit, as part of the MERT Response Team, was dispatched to two very different water related emergencies. Deputy Chief Richard Scott highlights these emergency calls which include a boat fire at Wiggins Pass and a paddle boarder who had a medical emergency on the water. [Please click here for full story.](#)

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PROACTIVE PURCHASE

Pamela Hancock, from Preferred Government Insurance Trust, proudly presented Fire Chief Joseph Daigle and the Fire Board with a \$5,000 check as part of a reward incentive grant program for purchasing the fire crews a second set of bunker gear during this budget year. This purchase, which was approved by the Fire Board, displayed a proactive approach to reducing the rising epidemic of cancer in the fire service. [Please click here for full story.](#)



MILLAGE: NOT-TO-EXCEED RATE SET

At the July Board Meeting, the Fire Board voted 3-2 to set the Fire District’s tentative, not-to exceed property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year– which covers the District from Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017. The Board voted to keep the millage flat, or not-to-exceed the current year’s millage rate which is currently \$2.35 per \$1,000 taxable value. *“With this millage rate, we should be able to accomplish all the things that we talked about”* (at the Budget Workshop held July 7th), said Fire Chief Joseph Daigle. During this workshop, commissioners discussed some of the District’s budget considerations for the upcoming cycle, including future projects, such as the construction of a new station in East Bonita Springs, rebuilding Station 23 off US-41, and staffing the Little Hickory Blvd. Fire Station. The Fire Board will hold a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 24 at 3:00p.m. at Bonita Springs Fire Station #4, 27701 Bonita Grande Dr. The final millage will be determined by a vote during a Special Board Meeting held in September 2016. Please check our website at www.bonitafire.org for the published date. As always, the public is encouraged to attend both meetings.



YEARS OF SERVICE

Please help us congratulate Mike Burkard, Sr., our Facilities Coordinator, and Beverly Gervasi, our Finance Coordinator, for their unrelenting service to the Fire District. [Please click here to see service pin presentation.](#)



Facilities Coordinator
Mike Burkard, Sr.- 10 years



Finance Coordinator
Beverly Gervasi- 1 year

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY EVENTS



AUG EVENTS



SEPT EVENTS

