

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

JULY 2017

RED, WHITE AND BOOM



The Bonita Springs Fire District is happy to announce that this year marked the 59th anniversary of the Fourth of July Parade hosted by the Local 3444 Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters. This year's parade theme was, *"Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future"*

Parade Grand Marshal, Battalion Chief Bradley Brown has served the Bonita Springs Fire District for over 30 years and is retiring at the end of July. As Local 3444 President, it is only fitting that he lead this year's parade. Brad hopes to enjoy retirement by relaxing and spending more time at Wrigley Field. Go Cubs!



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!



2017 Parade Theme:
Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future

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 2017 Parade Winners:

1st Place: Anchor Christian Church



"Anchor Christian's float was fun, festive, and properly depicted the parade theme"- Parade Coordinator Brian Hornberger

2nd Place: Shear Unity Salon and Spa

3rd Place: Right at Home Care



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A BSFD FIREFIGHTER?
The Bonita Springs Fire District is hiring qualified individuals as we improve our services with the upcoming opening of Station Six located east of 75 on Bonita Beach Rd.

So how does one qualify to respond to fires and emergency medical calls throughout Bonita Springs? What does it take to be a part of a fire district that must perform all necessary functions and operations with efficiency and effectiveness, so as to protect the lives and property of those in need of assistance? Before making it to the interview process, applicants must prove they are qualified candidates.

SIMPLY THE BEST

Qualifications include:

- Candidate must be a Florida State certified FF/EMT or FF/Paramedic
- Candidate must be CPR/AED certified

After qualifying, candidates interview with a panel of officers from the District. The Chief or his designee then makes selections to fill each position. Once selected, the candidate must comply with a number of state regulations, including extensive background checks, physicals, and medical processes, before being accepted as a BSFD firefighter. A newly hired firefighter then completes orientation, a rigorous and thorough training designed to test their physical and mental abilities, similar to that which a firefighter must endure on any given day. Orientation also provides insight into how the Bonita Springs Firefighter is expected to act and perform at a wide range of emergency scenes. Newly hired firefighters must also complete one year of probation which includes periodic evaluations to grade their performances. Think you got what it takes?

[Apply here until the deadline of 7/24/17.](#)

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, 2017 through Sept. 30, 2018. The Fire District’s millage rate will not exceed the current year’s rate of \$2.35 per \$1,000 taxable value.

The 2017-2018 fiscal year budget process continues as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 23 at 3:00 PM:** The Board of Commissioners meet with Staff at a public Budget Workshop
- **Tuesday, September 12 at 5:01 PM:** The Tentative Budget Hearing is held during the Board’s regular monthly meeting
- **Thursday, September 28 at 5:01 PM:** Final Budget Hearing

All meetings are held at Station Four, located at 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. Additional public Budget Workshops may be added as necessary.

All meetings are open to the public and community attendance is encouraged.



YEARS OF SERVICE

Please help us congratulate Andrew Ctvrtnik for completion of his first year of service to the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. Welcome to the family!



Firefighter Andrew Ctvrtnik
1 year Service Pin

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY EVENTS



AUG EVENTS



SEPT EVENTS

