

# THE FIRE MARK



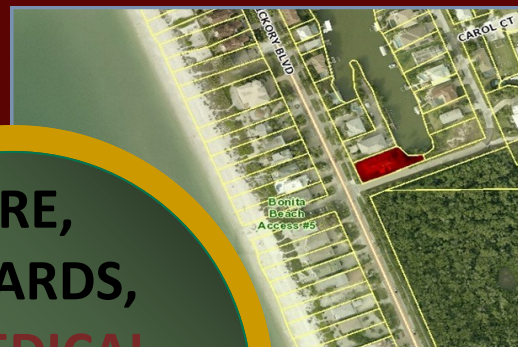
## BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

JUNE 2015

### FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District (BSFD) is currently experiencing growth. In preparation of the increased construction, population expansion, and the current and future fire-rescue service demands, Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle has offered an [executive summary of the operations and infrastructure strategic plan](#). Included in the summary is an explanation of the benefits of two proposed fire station locations.

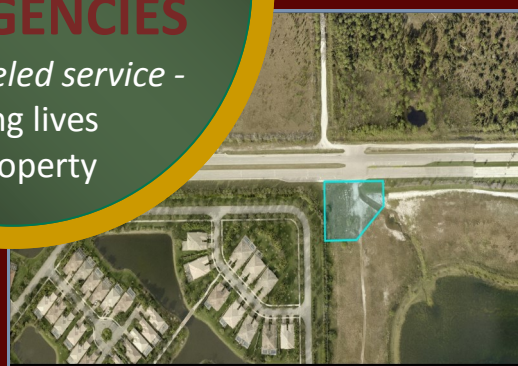
The Proposed Hickory Blvd. Response Enhancement plan will improve the current response times on Hickory Blvd. by 50-80% and water rescue deployment times will be reduced by 17-20 minutes. Currently, an emergency response to the end of Hickory Blvd. requires 11 minutes. If the proposed station comes to fruition, an emergency response will require only 5 minutes.



### FIRE, HAZARDS, & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

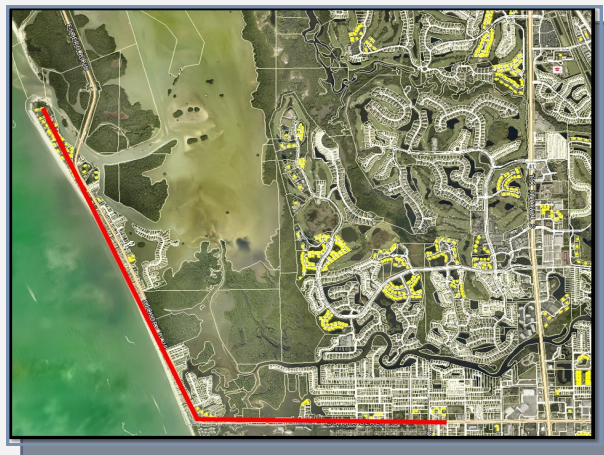
- unparalleled service -  
saving lives  
& property

The BSFD owns approximately one acre located East of the VillageWalk community. This proposed station can expect to service approx. 10,000-12,500 people. This service expectation will grow in 2020 when Logan Blvd. is complete. Currently, an emergency response to the end of Remora Dr. requires 11 minutes. If the proposed station comes to fruition, an emergency response will require approximately 5 minutes.

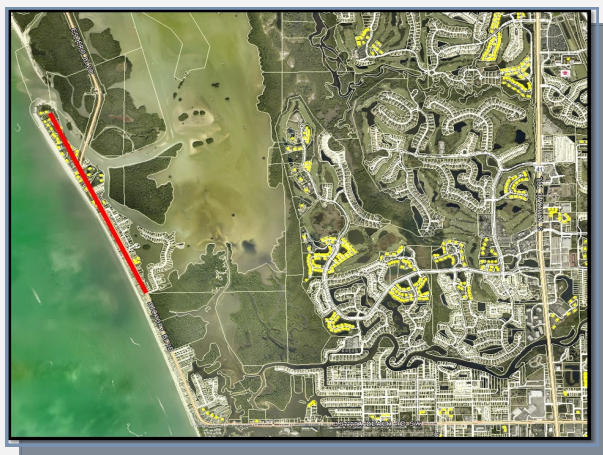


### BSFD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The BSFD has established a communication plan in anticipation of the proposed Hickory Blvd. Station with the purpose of informing the public of the proposed fire station and to explain the improvement in response times for emergencies and water rescues by adding the station in the building located at 26991 Hickory Blvd. Topics to be discussed with the public include the staffing of the Station; including 3 trained Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics, a light rescue truck equipped with EMS supplies, and the BSFD Marine Unit.



From Station 2 at 28055 Mango Drive,  
To Bonita Beach Club at 25740 Hickory Blvd.=  
4.3 miles and 11 minutes



From Proposed Station at 26991 Hickory Blvd.,  
To Bonita Beach Club at 25740 Hickory Blvd.=  
1.5 miles and 5 minutes



WILDFIRE SAFETY AND BURN PERMITTING



# Wildfire Preparation For your HOME and Family

Wildfire season is amongst us. BSFD would like our residents to be prepared for the possible threat of fire in their neighborhoods. Please [visit our website](#) to review some of our suggestions on how to prepare you family and home and business for wildfire, including: > Fire wise construction and landscaping > Fire wise home and family preparation > Creating a “Go Kit” and evacuation plan.

The BSFD does not authorize burns, nor do they prescribe burns or permits to burn. Permits and prescribed burns are authorized through the Florida Forestry Service of the Caloosahatchee Region. Residents and businesses can request a permit to burn on their property by applying for authorization and [after complying with numerous guidelines to ensure a safe burn](#).

The Florida Forestry Service works closely with the Bonita Springs Fire District to ensure all involved as well as neighboring residents and businesses as safe. Only when a fire is deemed out-of-control will the Bonita Springs Fire District have the jurisdiction to extinguish the fire.



Tragic fire a decade ago is helping animals today

The BSFD purchased oxygen masks for dogs six years ago after a fire at the Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Track kennel resulted in the deaths of 17 greyhounds. Masks come in various sizes for any size/shaped snout.

YEARS OF SERVICE



Assistant Fire Marshal,  
Cornel Lee- 10 years

BONITA SPRINGS JULY FOURTH PARADE



“Reaching the Stars, Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders”

What would Independence Day be without a parade? For 57 years, the Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3444 has worked to coordinate the widely known and enjoyed Fourth of July Parade. Charities, local businesses, and politicians alike take the opportunity to show their patriotism and 2015 will be no exception. We would like to cordially invite you to participate in our Annual July 4th Parade.

This year’s parade theme was selected by Spring Creek Elementary. The 2015 theme will be Reaching for the Stars, Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders. The program cover was designed by Fourth-grader, Miss Celeste Trejo.

Participants and advertisers can sign-up to join in the parade or for an ad in the program at the Union’s website [www.local3444.org](http://www.local3444.org) or by contacting Jesse Cottrell at 239-961-0357. Payment options are available online.

The Parade begins at 9 a.m., and lasts for approximately one hour. Trophy presentations will be made immediately after the Parade at Riverside Park across from the Judges’ Booth. If you have any questions, please contact the Parade Coordinator Jesse Cottrell at (239) 961-0357.

UPCOMING EVENTS

