

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

MARCH 2015



Recognition is given to the families of the three firefighters that died during the month of February 2015.



Special prayer is given to fallen Firefighter Danielle DiBenedetto from South Trail Fire District in Fort Myers. [Listen to Will Dance's tribute to Danielle DiBenedetto, female firefighter who bravely battled colon cancer.](#)



LOCATING VICTIMS ON BONITA'S GOLF COURSES

The new GIS maps enable emergency services to pinpoint the location of the golfer and corresponding street address with the best access to the victim. A computer map route is provided in the responding firefighters. "It's almost critical for lifesaving. CPR treatment is the first chain in our ability to save somebody." The new system "gives far better locations than we've had in the past," said Fire Chief Joe Daigle.



SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION at your club house on the new golf course mapping system: contact [Public Educator Natalie Hughes](#)



Bonita Resident Thanks First Responders at Phoenix Award Ceremony

Phoenix Award presented for saving a life of a Bonita Springs resident who went into cardiac arrest on 1/8/2015 to six of BSFD's finest and bystander who provided CPR before rescuers arrived.



YEARS OF SERVICE



Fire Marshal
Tim Fernandez
20 years



Vice-Chairman
Larry Kosilla
1 year

2014 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

The District's Annual Report is available. View information on call volume, response profiles, property value saved and lost, training and fire prevention overview and income, and community education and outreach.



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Chief Daigle offered congratulations to Chairman Steve Lohan, who has been appointed to the legislative committee for the [Florida Association of Special Districts](#) (FASD). Additionally, the Chief reviewed the new Florida administrative [Code 69A](#), which requires the District to comply with training, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hazardous materials, and emergency scene safety programs as outlined by the Florida State Fire Marshals' office.

State compliance officers will be inspecting the Fire District in the future. To improve access for Lee's first responders, a new [Golf course GIS mapping system](#) is available to first responders when locating victims on Lee County's golf courses. Golfers should state their location on the course when calling 911, and stay put until help arrives.

A new engine to replace the District's 15-year old Engine 22 will be placed in service in April.

The Chief proudly presented a Toys for Tots Award to BSFD from the Marine Corps, with a special thanks to our volunteers who helped with the Christmas effort! The petition for fire-based medical transport was denied by the 20th Judicial Court of Lee County. An executive session between the Board and Chief Officers will be scheduled to discuss future proceedings.





FULLY INVOLVED



Two *Firefighter For The Day* certificates were auctioned off at the Naples Grande Annual Gala benefiting the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled.



Pediatric care was a popular topic this past month. [BSFD hosted a “Pediatric Procedures, Practice, Playtime, and Pig Lab”](#). This practical training included 35 students and reinforced the essentials of pediatric emergency care focusing on the anatomy and physiology of heart and lungs. Additionally, The District has recently acquired a cutting-edge pediatric emergency resuscitation and drug dosing system. Pediatric patients require specific medication doses and equipment based on age and size. The Handtevy pediatric system greatly increases our ability to quickly treat children by eliminating complicated math when giving medications. The system also provides specific packaging and organization of equipment during a pediatric emergency. This new equipment and training will greatly increase our quality and speed of care for children in the community. For more on this revolutionary system that will significantly improve care for pediatric patients in Bonita Springs, visit [Handtevy EMS](#).

The operations division is investigating procedures to allow firefighters to assess victims earlier with Lee County Law Enforcement on scenes considered non-secure, thus improving patient outcome exponentially. In today’s world, active shooter cases such as the multiple gunshot wound victim recently treated by BSFD, seem to be everywhere. Your firefighters will be prepared in the event of this emergency.

[listen to the emergency description](#)

[A line-of-duty death in Hartford, CT caused by breathing apparatus failure](#) reminds BSFD to stay prudent on training and maintenance standards to prevent our firefighters from becoming victims to the same tragedy. Fighting fires is a dangerous undertaking and providing the necessary training and equipment is a top priority at BSFD.

[listen to the emergency description](#)

FIRE, HAZARDS, & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- unparalleled service -
saving lives
& property

A recent emergency involving a 21 year-old heroin overdose is just another example of the multitude of hair-raising calls your BSFD firefighters must be prepared to respond to on an everyday basis.

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BSFD firefighters responded to a water flow fire alarm where the citizen on-scene stated the call was a false alarm. When firefighters arrived, they found a burn victim.

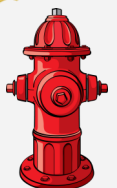
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BSFD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



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.



On behalf of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, David Van Sleet and Patricia Ross, [presented the BSFD a personalized quilt](#).

Ms. Ross described the symbolism behind her masterpiece.

The Bonita Springs Firefighters Softball Team competed against the Citrus Park All-Stars in the Annual “Give Back Softball Game.” This nail-biting game ended in another loss for the District, leaving the all-time series record 1-5-1.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH EVENTS



EASTER OPEN HOUSE-EGG HUNT

APRIL EVENTS



MAY EVENTS



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION