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BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT MAY 2016

BSFD PROMOTIONS



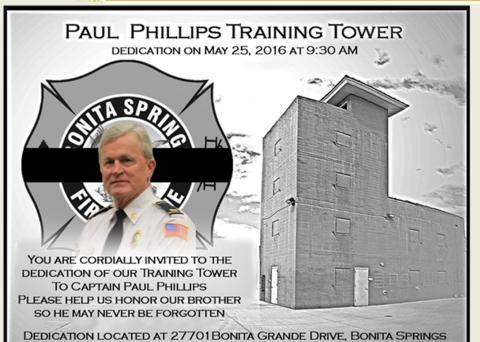
Newly promoted Deputy Chief Sanchez (middle) with retiring Deputy Chief Giuliano (left) and Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle (right)

After over 26 years of service, Deputy Chief Frank Giuliano will retire on July 1st. At the May Board meeting, Fire Chief Daigle began a presentation for the subsequent promotions by expressing what an asset Chief Giuliano has been and described his unmatched passion for the job. Cesar Sanchez was promoted to fulfill his Deputy Chief

position. Deputy Chief Sanchez was a lieutenant for twelve years before the promotion and has served the District since 1993. To fill his lieutenant position, Fred Plocinski was also promoted. As a testament to Deputy Chief Giuliano's legacy, both newly promoted men asked him to pin them during the ceremony with their new respective badges.



IN LOVING MEMORY



In 2015, the Bonita Springs Fire District lost a Training Captain, a legend in the fire service, a man of God, and mentor to every firefighter he ever trained.

Please attend the ceremony on Wed., May 25th at 9:30AM to remember Paul Phillips and to join the Fire District as they dedicate the BSFD Training Tower to this beloved hero.



ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT COMPETITION

This May, the District's Medical Director, Dr. Alexander Rodi, held his second annual Advanced Life Support Competition at Florida Southwestern College. Dr. Rodi is the Medical Director for the Bonita Springs Fire Department, as well as for several other Lee County fire and police departments, USAR Task Force 6, and the Paramedic/EMT program at Florida Southwestern College. He created the competition last year as a unique challenge and training opportunity. Each team worked through two complex medical scenarios and were scored on all aspects of the emergency response. This year's participants were the Bonita Springs Fire Department, Lee County EMS, South Trail Fire Department and Iona-McGregor Fire Department. Representing BSFD and bringing them to <u>second place</u>, behind only Lee County EMS, were Firefighter Roy Brown, Firefighter Dan Platas and Firefighter Calvin Payne!

MILESTONE YEARS OF SERVICE

Administrative Assistant

Linda Swafford

10 years

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Firefighter Giovanni Zamora was deemed Firefighter of the Year by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), who honor local first responders with a luncheon each year.

COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION



Secretary of the Board Fred Forbes 2012-2016



FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE DAY

The District recently hosted two separate 'Firefighter for the Day' events. Both events were auctioned off as certificates, donated by the District, at the Annual Gala for the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled (FDD). The FDD participated in one of those events for the third year in a row. Both parties have a wonderful time and the event has become something to look forward to each year!





VEHICULAR HEATSTROKE AWARENESS

With outside temperatures in the 80's, a vehicle can heat to deadly levels in just 10 minutes– even with a window rolled down two full inches.

Every ten days, a child dies from heatstroke after being left alone in a hot vehicle. **And it can happen to anyone.** In well over 50% of cases of vehicular heatstroke in children, the person responsible unknowingly left them in the vehicle. One trick to help prevent this type of tragedy is to place an object such as your left shoe or your cell phone in the backseat, where you'll be able to see the car seat when you reach your destination and go to retrieve the item.

Take Action: If you see a child alone in a car, do not hesitate to call 911!



