

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

October marked a milestone for several esteemed members of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. The District held a retirement awards banquet to honor these fine individuals and recognize them for their years of selfless service and dedication to the District and their community. We can not begin to express our gratitude for each and every one of them, the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District would not be what it is today without their contributions.

- Fire Chief Joseph Daigle



Serving Since 1990
Battalion Chief
Todd Taylor



Serving Since 1974
Lieutenant
Steven Bunn



Serving Since 2000
Fire Inspector
John Dahlgren



Serving Since 1996
Admin Director
Iris Moore



Serving Since 1992
Firefighter
Leo Willette

MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT

On Sunday October 25th at approximately 12:00pm, the Bonita Springs Fire District responded to the following medical/motor vehicle emergency call at the Old 41 Restaurant.

"A car came through the front and it just kept coming," said Dennis Crimball. "Tables were flying and people were flying, there was glass. The car went all the way to the back of the restaurant."

Deputy Chief Richard Scott [paints a picture](#) of the 9-1-1 call, the hectic scene and the thought process of the first officer who arrives. Taking into account that the restaurant is "in-season" and has a capacity of nearly 100 people, the amount of patients could have been much more than the first responders on scene. For this reason, this emergency call is classified as a MCI call, or Mass Casualty Incident. BSFD is trained for such circumstances and are to able assess and mitigate potential risks. What are the hazardous conditions? Is there gas, natural gas, or propane hazards? Is there any structural damage, electrical hazards, etc.? How many patients are involved? Even with all of these variables, a triage area was quickly set up for the patients and a staging area for the ambulance to transport patients to the hospital. The teamwork of the corresponding first responders was remarkable and out of the 20 patients, only 5 were transported to the hospital for further care. For full story, [click here](#)



MILESTONE YEARS OF SERVICE



James Murphy
Fire Commissioner
1 year

Fire Chief Joseph Daigle thanked both commissioners for their dedication to the Fire District during their first year of service



Patrick McCourt
Fire Commissioner
1 year

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR BATTERY?

A smoke alarm is only as reliable as its battery. The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District would like to remind you to change the battery in the smoke alarm twice per year. *When you change your clocks, change your smoke alarm battery.*

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Did you know that smoke alarms expire after 10 years? Check the date on the back of the alarm to ensure the alarm has not expired. [Click here to learn more.](#)

If your family does not have a smoke alarm due to financial hardship, please contact the Bonita Springs Fire District at 239-949-6200.



PUMPKIN PATCH SUCCESS

A Note from the CERT Coordinator:

CERT Members, Thank you to everyone who helped at the first annual BSFD Pumpkin Patch. Because of CERT's help, the Patch was a great success. I would like to especially call attention to Mrs. Barb Stull for her fantastic efforts at the Pumpkin Patch. Barb volunteered at the afternoon shift for the entire duration of the Pumpkin Patch, from the very first day to the very last day. Her dedication was noticed by all members of the Fire District. She is a true blessing. I can't say enough about how much her support at the Patch means to me. Barb, you're awesome, and I appreciate you!

We were successful for our first year. The gross amount totaled \$3695. After paying for the produce, 25% goes into the CERT Budget and will be used to purchase radios. We enjoyed approximately 200 customers. The leftover pumpkins were donated to the Boys and Girls club of Lee County. Great job everyone. Next year will be even better!

- Nicole Hornberger



TIS' THE SEASON FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

The Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District is gearing up for the annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive. For years the Fire District has been able to work alongside Toys for Tots to extend the generosity of toy donations to the Bonita Springs families that need it the most. This year this means serving nearly 300 children! Over 3,000 donated toys will be collected from multiple local businesses and communities throughout Bonita Springs. These donations allow BSFD to provide each child gifts this Holiday Season.

During the month of December, the BSFD Station 4 community room will transform into Santa's workshop. The Fire District, alongside our incredible volunteers, proudly coordinates all aspects of the toy drive. Would you like to help? The Fire District will need volunteers beginning November 30, please [click here](#) to register to be a volunteer. Besides the shifts listed in the link, the Fire District will need volunteers every weekday to help count and sort the incoming toys. For more information, please contact Admin Coordinator Jessica DeWitt at jdewitt@bonitafire.org, direct line: 239-949-6206

If you are a Bonita Springs resident and a family in need, you will need to register for toys, applications are now available. This year's registration days are November 30 -

December 2 between the hours of 9:00AM-12:00PM at Bonita Springs Fire Station #4, 27701 Bonita Grande Dr. Please remember to bring with you these four items: (1) Your completed application; (2) a current driver's license or other photo ID; (3) proof of Bonita Springs residency (this may be satisfied by the address on your identification; other proof of residency may be a utility bill, lease, etc.); and (4) birth certificates or court order documentation for any children you are requesting toys for (ages 2-12 only).

The toys will be distributed December 14 - 16, by appointment only. Families who have already signed up for the gifts/assistance at another location are not permitted to apply with the Fire District.

