

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

OCT 2016

PREVENTION FIRST: SPREADING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

October is

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

THE HISTORY

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of Oct 1871. This devastating fire changed the way firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the fire, the Fire Marshals Association decided that the day should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

OUR PROGRAM

The Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District has expanded this educational event from Fire Prevention Week to Fire Prevention Month. Firefighters from the Bonita Springs Fire District visit every local preschool and elementary school during the months of September, October and November to spread the word about fire safety. Students are given an educational safety presentation from Public Education Coordinator Natalie Hughes and the firefighters. To name just a few of the topics included in the presentations: how and when to dial 9-1-1, Stop, Drop & Roll, Crawl Below the Smoke, the importance of having working smoke alarms, and ways to practice their families' exit drill.



DON'T WAIT—CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarm batteries should be replaced twice a year during Daylight Saving Time. The actual smoke alarm unit itself should be replaced every 10 years. Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

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



Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District's

PUMPKIN PATCH

FIRE STATION ONE @ 27490 OLD 41 ROAD

From 10AM - Dark Everyday

Until Nov. 1st



Our 2nd annual Pumpkin Patch kicked off on October 15th! Volunteers will be at the patch every day from October 15th through Halloween from 10AM until dark. Bring the kids and find your perfect pumpkins to carve, paint or decorate with! 100% of proceeds go to the Fire District's Benevolent Fund. The aim of the Benevolent Fund is to help those who help us. Funds are solely comprised of donations from generous members of the public and regular contributions from the employees.



YEARS OF SERVICE

This month, we thank and congratulate eight of our dedicated employees for their milestone number of years of service to the Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District.





10
Years of Service



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Training Captain Bill Clemens (left)
Firefighter Jonathan Whitlock (right)

15
Year of Service





15 Years of Service

Top row, from left to right:
Training Captain Eric Madden, Lieutenant Jason Brod, Lieutenant Jim Lamb
Bottom picture, with Fire Chief Daigle:
Firefighter Wayne Day, Firefighter Marc Weiss, Firefighter Mark Simon


COMMUNITY

This October, the Bonita Springs Fire District hosted another year of Estero High School Leadership Academy's **Public Safety Day**. Estero High School students met with the Lee County Sheriffs Office, the Department of Justice, and BSFD to learn about how each serve the public. The class was once again a success and hands-on experiences provided fun for all involved.




UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT EVENTS



BSFD PUMPKIN PATCH

NOV EVENTS



DEC EVENTS

