

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District

dedicated to the safety of every resident and visitor of Bonita Springs, Florida



Ordinary People

EXTRAORDINARY GOALS

2012 Annual Report



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OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District to preserve life and property and promote public safety through strong leadership, management, professionalism, and integrity.

OUR CORE VALUES...

To Residents:

We owe the residents of Bonita Springs the highest quality service possible, characterized by responsiveness, integrity, and professionalism. We will continually strive for quality improvement.

To The District:

We owe the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District our full commitment and dedication. We will always look beyond the traditional scope of our individual positions to promote teamwork and safe organizational effectiveness.

To Each Other:

We owe each other a working environment characterized by trust and respect for the individual, fostering open and honest communication at all levels.

To Ourselves:

We owe ourselves personal and professional growth. We will seek new knowledge and greater challenges and strive to be at the leading edge of our profession.

OUR FOCUS...

The District will focus its efforts on responding rapidly and safely to emergencies, providing appropriate interventions, community outreach, and rigorous training to constantly improve our safety, skills, and readiness.

OUR GOALS...

Goal 1: All personnel and staff will do their best, enjoy their job, and promote safety for themselves, their co-workers, and the organization.

Goal 2: Develop or improve our organization to effectively administer and manage the resources of the District.

Goal 3: Develop or improve a system for minimizing the impact of fires, disasters, and other emergencies on life and property.

Goal 4: Provide an effective Emergency Medical Service to lessen the morbidity and mortality of the sick or injured.

Goal 5: Provide an effective Fire Prevention and Public Education System to improve the quality of the lives and safety of the citizens we protect.

Fire Chief P.H. Kinsey, Jr.

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It is my pleasure to present to you the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District's Annual Report for 2012. Over the past year the Board has upheld its moral obligation to protect the interest of the general public, and preserve the continuity of life safety operations.

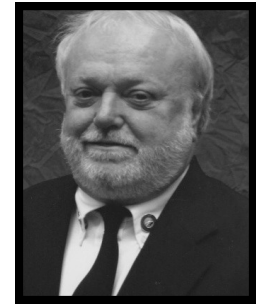
Your Fire District was responsible for protecting the lives and safety of between 45,000 and 80,000 residents and visitors and the protection of \$7,395,253,744 in taxable property assets. We have been proactive in fostering change in the organization while maintaining critical levels of service delivery.

Although the District sustained an additional 2.3 percent reduction in gross taxable revenue, the agency continued to maintain a quality standard of coverage and service, focusing on customer satisfaction and economy of operation.

Within this report, you will see steps that the Board has taken to reduce operating costs, future pension liabilities, and other post-employment benefit costs.

Along with these initiatives, the Board authorized an additional workforce restructuring during the year focused on reducing middle management and streamlining the agencies suppression personnel. The restructuring of the District, by reshaping or eliminating non-emergency divisions, will position the District to better facilitate emergency medical transport when the County permits us to do so.

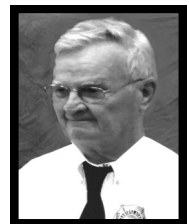
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Chairman
Bonita Springs Fire Board



Steve Lohan
Chairman



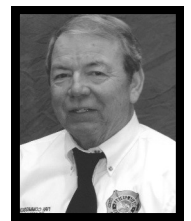
Evans Conforti
Vice Chairman



Fred Forbes
Treasurer



Ed FitzGerald
Board Member



Frank Liles
Board Member

Fire Commission Board

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*M*embers of the Bonita Springs Fire District would like to say thank you to Fire Chief P.H. Kinsey, Jr. for his dedication and vision.

Since his appointment, Chief Kinsey has led his District with remarkable leadership and compassionate assertiveness.

Chief Kinsey has made it possible for the District to more than adequately function through the roughest financial times the District has ever endured.

He empowered his staff with merit and an open-door policy.

He set and met aggressive, limitless goals and did so with unyielding integrity.

As a firefighter's-firefighter, he was loyal to his brothers and the citizens he served. As Chief, he improved the District exponentially.

Thank You Chief!

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FIRE OPERATIONS





Overview

The District responded to a wide range of emergency incidents including all types of fires, medical and trauma emergencies, vehicle accidents, special operation incidents, and public service calls. Non-emergency duties included:

- Inspection of apparatus and equipment
- Training
- Public education
- Pre-fire planning
- Fire hydrant maintenance
- Minor repair of equipment
- Maintenance of fire stations
- Physical fitness training

Emergency Medical Services

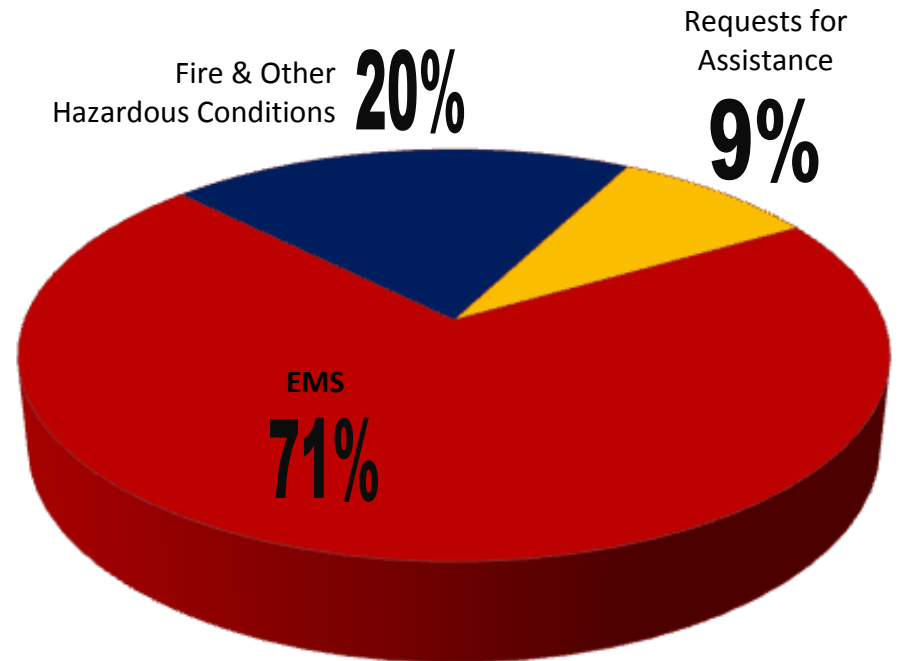
2012 marked the 12th year of providing non-transport advanced emergency medical care. Six units serve Bonita Springs: four engines, one rescue unit, and one ladder truck. All are staffed with firefighters trained as emergency medical technicians and paramedics. In most instances, they are the first to arrive at a medical emergency.

Bonita Springs firefighter/paramedics perform advanced life support procedures such as cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, I.V., and drug therapy, often before the arrival of a county ambulance. Once a county ambulance arrives, patient care is transferred from firefighter/paramedics to county paramedics and the patient is transported to the hospital. Firefighter/paramedics on scene usually wait nearly three minutes for a county ambulance to arrive.

With the support of the local community and the District's Medical Director, the District feels that it can improve patient care by providing direct patient transport. This would shorten transport time to definitive medical care and streamline service

As the first step toward achieving this, in 2010, the District applied to the Lee County Board of Commissioners to provide fire-based ambulance transport. The goal is to enable district firefighter/paramedics to begin immediate medical transport instead of waiting for the county ambulance to arrive.

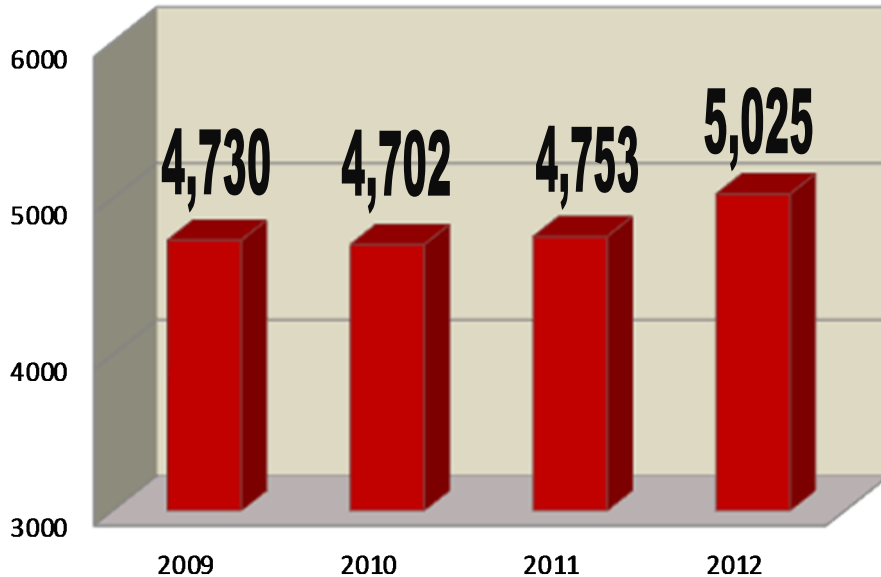
2012 INCIDENTS BY TYPE



2012 Operations



CALLS BY YEAR



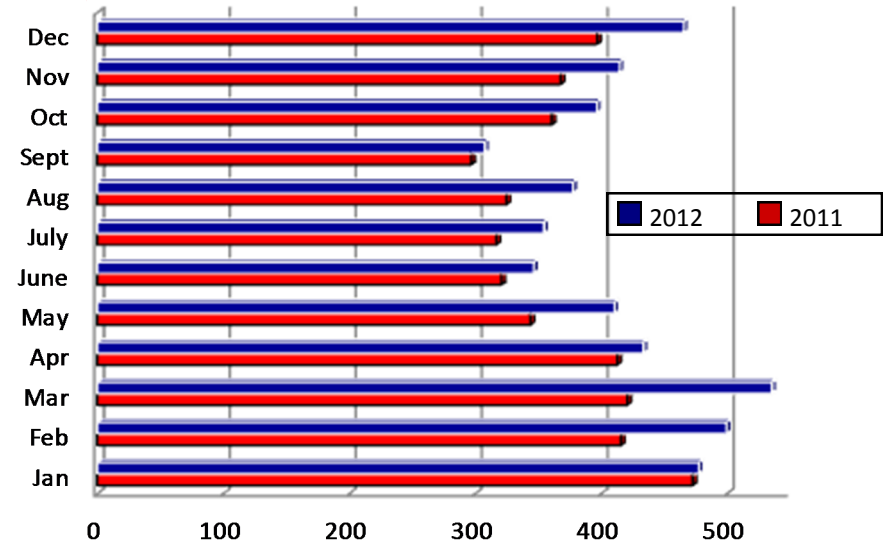
Incident Response

During 2012, the District responded to 5,025 incidents, a slight increase compared to 2011. EMS calls totaled 71 percent, fire and other hazardous conditions totaled 20 percent, and request for assistance totaled 9 percent.

Monthly Response Profile

In 2012, the months with the most calls were January, followed by March. The District typically experiences an increase in calls in the winter months when our seasonal residents visit and visitors vacation in Bonita Springs. Historically, March is the busiest month.

MONTHLY RESPONSE PROFILE



Closest Unit Response

The District completed its third year of *Closest Unit Response*, which dispatches the closest unit to an emergency regardless of jurisdiction. Currently in effect for Bonita Springs, San Carlos Park, and Estero, this has improved response times in all three districts.

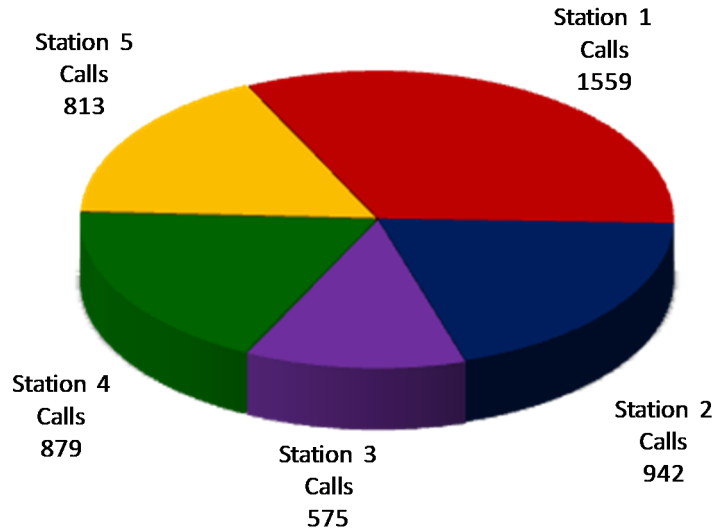
Station Five

Station Five has been operational for more than a year. Prior to this, a two-person rescue unit and a temporary trailer served as the protection for that area. The three-bay station was designed to house a ladder truck company, a two person rescue unit, and the new fleet maintenance facility. The in-house maintenance program is effectively reducing our maintenance budget.

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2012 STATION RESPONSE PROFILE



Station Locations

Station One: 27490 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Completed in 1984, remodeled in 2007

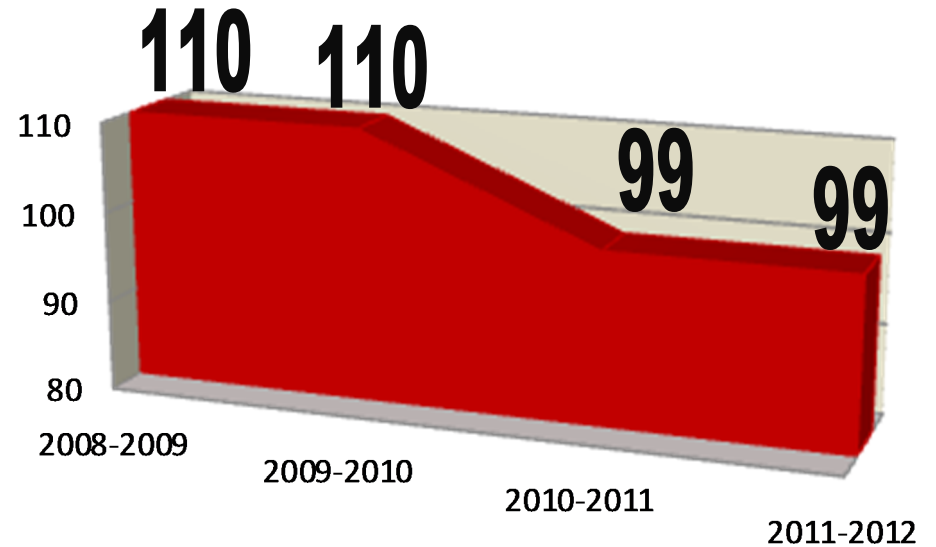
Station Two: 28055 Mango Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Completed in 2005

Station Three: 25001 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Completed in 1993, upgraded in 2010

Station Four: 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Completed in 2006

Station Five: 8850 W. Terry Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Completed in 2010

NUMBER OF BUDGETED EMPLOYEES BY YEAR



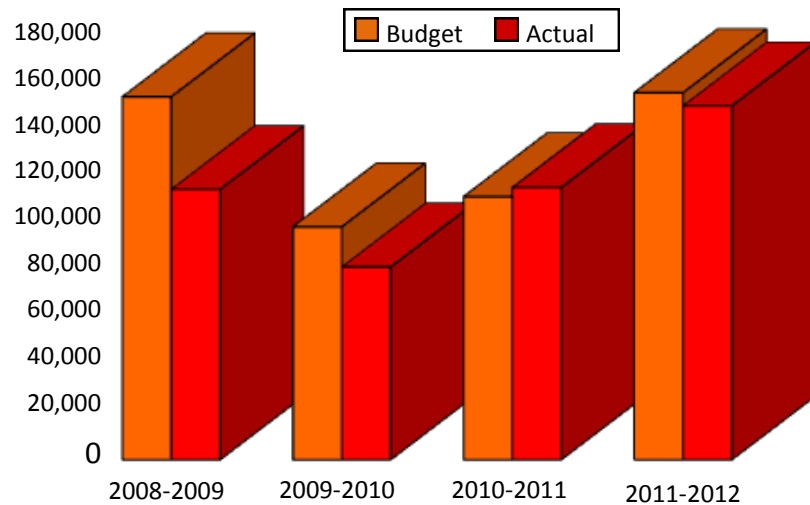
Personnel

The Suppression Division provides round-the-clock coverage with three shifts staffed by a total of 3 battalion chiefs, 3 training lieutenant/safety officers, 18 lieutenants, and 54 firefighters. Of these 78 personnel, 37 are paramedics and 41 are emergency medical technicians. The District maintained a total of 40 paramedics and 45 emergency medical technicians when the rest of the non-suppression staff are included. 10 budgeted firefighter positions were filled in 2012.

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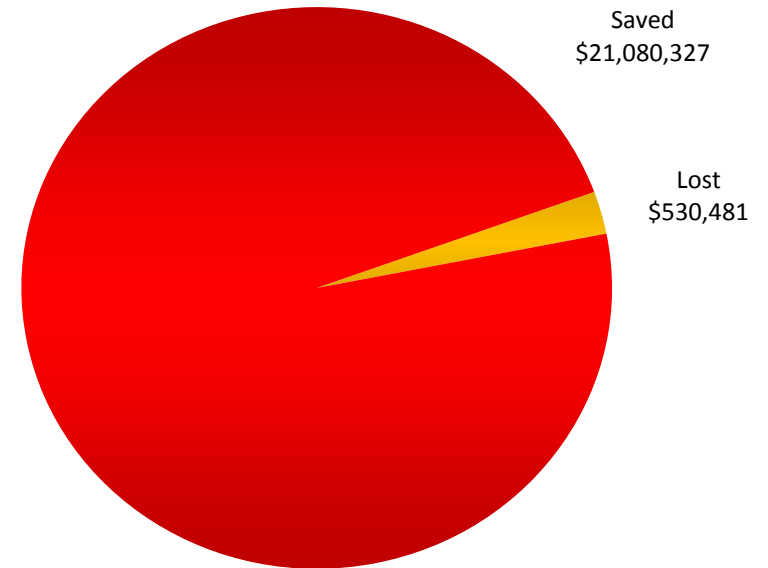
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPARISON



Vehicle Maintenance

The District's preventative maintenance program has dramatically reduced costs while improving reliability and safety. Relocating maintenance to Station Five has increased efficiency and established a functional maintenance and repair facility. In 2012, the Fleet Maintenance Division began assisting to maintain apparatus for Cape Coral Fire District, City of Bonita Springs, USAR, and San Carlos Park Fire District.

PROPERTY VALUE SAVED AND LOST



Property Value Saved and Lost

In 2012, rapid intervention by Bonita Springs' firefighters saved over \$21,080,327 in property in immediate fire danger. This is compared to property losses of only \$530,481. These dollar totals are collected from reporting data on fire emergencies including structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle fires, and vessel fires.

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FIRE, EMS, & SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING





Overview

All personnel received advanced training in medical care, fire suppression, and special operations. The District accumulated over 15,660 hours of fire, special operations, and EMS related training. This equated to an average of 177 hours per employee annually. Classes included:

- Driver operator
- Officer development
- Leadership
- Vehicle extrication
- Air management
- Rapid intervention
- Ventilation
- Live fire
- Enter and search

Training Highlights

Driver Training Recertification Program: The Training Division administered a driver training program in 2012 for all firefighters. It is a complex program that included maintenance, apparatus knowledge, equipment familiarization, emergency and non-emergency driving, and pump operator skill evaluations. The program had two important goals: 1) Determine the readiness of new driver/operators. 2) Ensure department personnel are trained in pump and apparatus operations. The program was a success; all firefighters passed the testing.

Live Fire Training: The live fire training center at Station Four is an important tool when training on interior and exterior fire operations. Personnel from various fire departments throughout Lee and Collier Counties participated in more than 15 days of live fire burns. This totals to over 300 firefighters trained in Bonita Springs' live fire training center.

EMT and Paramedic Training: The District's Medical Director, Dr. A. Rodi, Jr., conducted monthly in-service training sessions to include:

- Cardiac care
- Trauma emergencies
- Pediatric
- Orthopedic injuries
- Respiratory conditions
- Pharmacology

The Training Division conducted monthly instruction and practical evolutions. Along with this, paramedics attend specialized classes in:

- Basic Life Support
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Basic Trauma Life Support
- Advanced Pediatric Life Support

Other programs to maintain competency in their field, such as the Health Stream Interactive Web Based Training System, were utilized. Emergency Medical Providers received their renewal certificates and licenses from the State.

Special Operations/HazMat: In 2012, training in the following disciplines was provided to District personnel:

- Vehicle Extrication/Stabilization
- Water Rescue/Operations
- High and Low Angle Rope Rescue
- Confined Space
- Trench Rescue
- Hazardous Materials

2012 Training

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Citizens of the Bonita Springs Fire District,

My name is Dr. Alexander Rodi, Jr. I am the Medical Director for the Bonita Springs Fire District. My duties include training and credentialing your emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, reviewing the quality of care your EMTs and paramedics deliver, and establishing and maintaining acceptable practice guidelines which we have developed in conjunction with Lee County Emergency Medical Service.

Our EMTs and paramedics come from the same training programs as the County's EMTs and paramedics. The difference, and greatest benefit to you, is that our EMTs and paramedics are also firefighters; they have dual certifications in both fire-fighting and medical care.

In addition your paramedics have multiple certifications in trauma care (ITLS), pediatric care (PEEP), basic life support (BLS), advanced life support (ACLS), and I provide monthly lectures on various medical issues related to patient care and treatment.

Our EMTs and paramedics are professionals, always striving to be the best in the county. Trained to think outside the box, they use their training and knowledge to deliver the best care possible to the citizens of Bonita Springs.

Since we respond to a large number of medical calls, it is important to understand that time is critical. From initiating a 9-1-1 call for chest pain, to arrival to the hospital, any unnecessary delay can mean the difference between life and death.

Your fire district strives to provide the very best pre-hospital medical care economically possible. We continue to work toward providing ambulance service on a local level to improve the current level of service and your quality of life.

Dr. Alexander Rodi, Jr.,
Medical Director



9,671

Fire and Special Ops
related training hours

5,990

Medical related training
hours

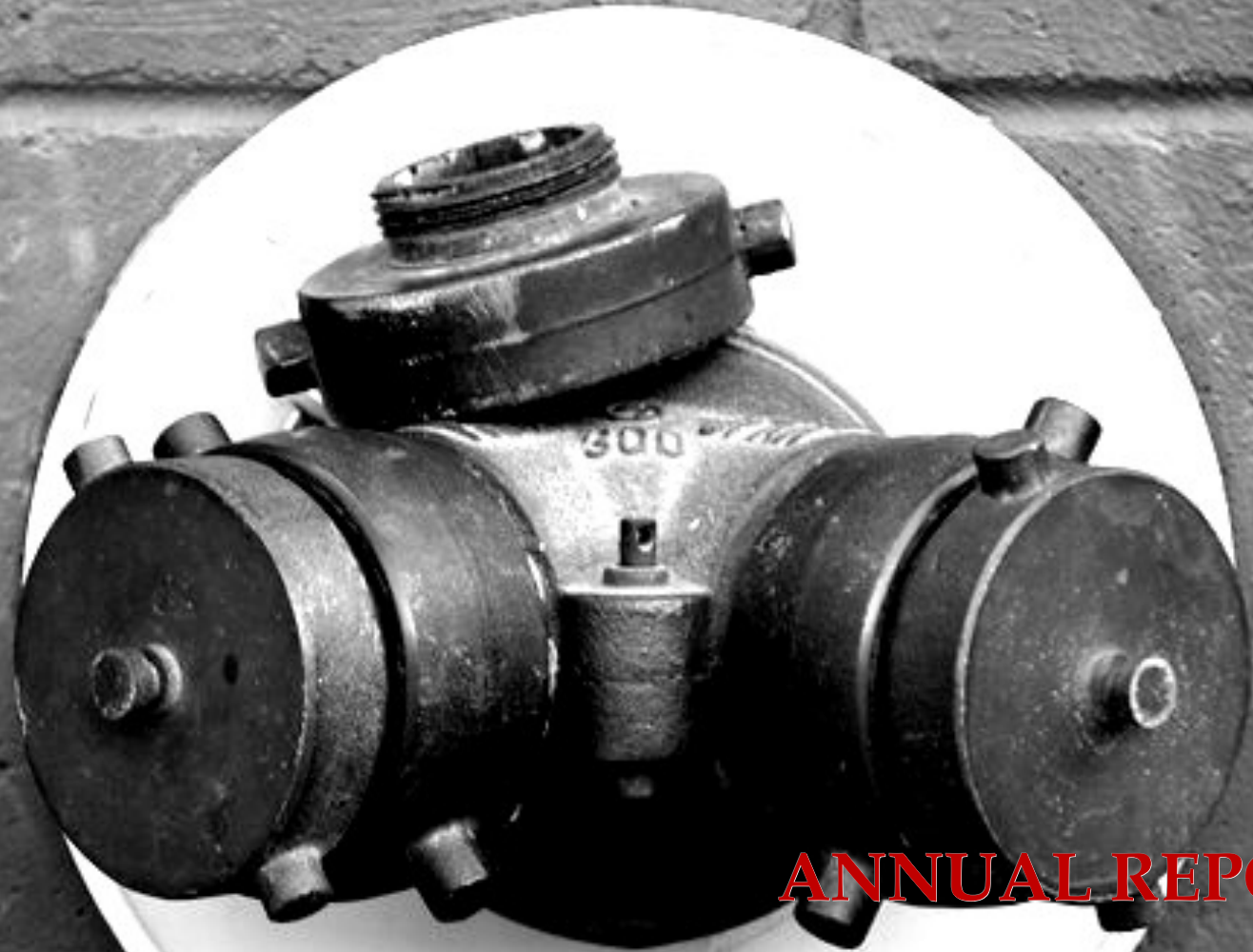
15,661

Total training hours

177

Hours of training per
employee

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FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION



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The Fire Prevention Division performs fire inspections, reinspections, and occupancy permit inspections within the community's business districts and multi-family housing complexes. The Division also provides plan review and inspection services for new construction and interior remodeling projects.

Overview

The Fire Prevention Division interacted with developers, builders, architects, engineers, and home owners in the process of applying the Florida Fire Prevention Code to commercial and multi-family residential buildings constructed within the District. The staff performed fire inspections, reinspections, and occupancy permit inspections within the community's business districts and multi-family housing complexes. Plan review and inspection services was provided for new construction and interior remodeling projects.

The District was involved with multi-family residential, commercial, and fire protection system permits by conducting plan review and fire inspections during construction. New construction inspections assured code compliance of individual components of construction throughout the building process. Staff also inspected the installation of fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems in single-family homes.

Occupancy/New Construction Inspections

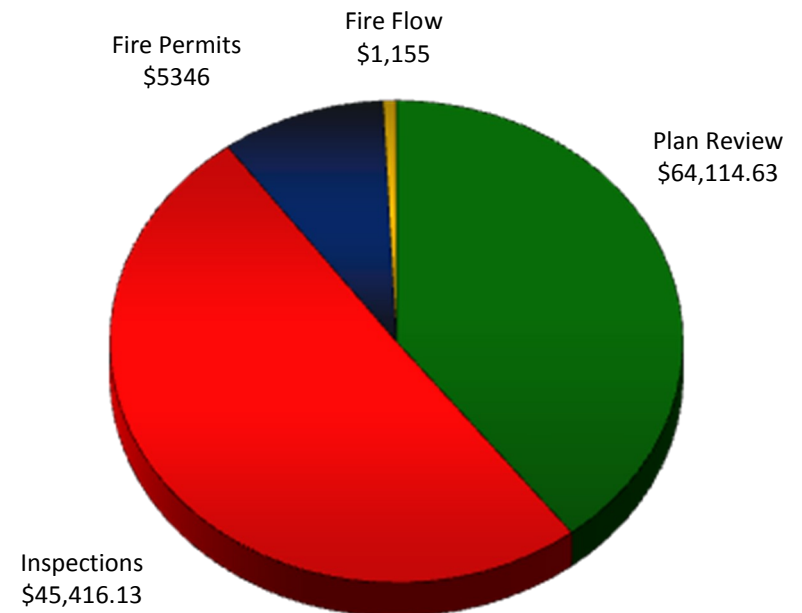
It is our endeavor to provide timely, comprehensive, and accurate inspections for the District. These inspections reduce the potential for fire damage while increasing life safety for building occupants.

New construction inspections assured code compliance of individual components of construction throughout the building process. Examples of components include fire-rated walls, fire sprinkler piping, and liquid propane tanks and piping.

Revenue

The table on page 18 reflects revenue received by the Fire Prevention Division for fire flows, plan review, fire permits, and inspections. Also included is the revenue from our plan reviews for Estero, San Carlos Park, Fort Myers Beach, and South Trail Fire Districts. The District received 66,880 dollars of revenue for fire flows, inspections, plan review, and fire permits for new construction.

2012 FIRE PREVENTION



Fire Prevention



PLAN REVIEW

Plan Review and Permitting

The number of plan reviews increased 14 percent in 2012.

The totals are as follows:

Total plan review: 1,934

Bonita Springs Fire District plan reviews: 676

Estero Fire District plan reviews: 226

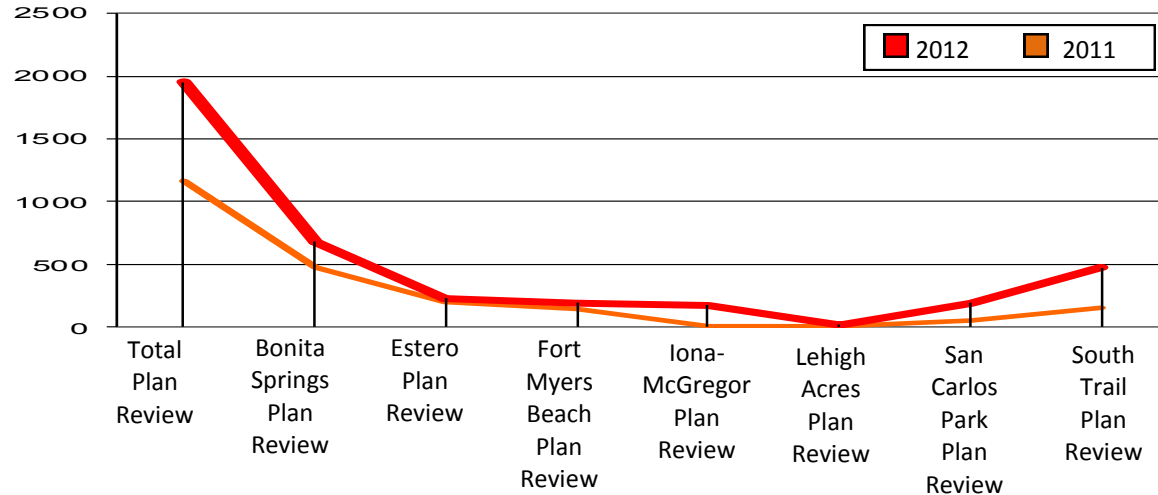
Fort Myers Beach Fire District plan reviews: 189

Iona McGregor Fire District plan reviews: 173

Lehigh Acres Fire District plan reviews: 13

San Carlos Park Fire District plan reviews: 188

South Trail Fire District plan reviews: 469



Fire Prevention performs plan review for all permits issued, including multi-family residential, commercial buildings, fire protection systems, and hazards. The District issues a permit for fire protection systems and hazards, and conducts ongoing inspections during construction.

Plans are reviewed through an inter-local agreement with the City of Bonita Springs, Estero, San Carlos Park, South Trail, Iona-McGregor, Lehigh Acres, and Fort Myers Beach to ensure fire code compliance prior to issuing a building permit. An agreement between Lee County and the District was established in 1980 for plan review.

6,767 Total Inspections

In 2012, the following were conducted:

- 2,724 existing occupancies were inspected.
- 1,029 occupancies were reinspected.
- 2,960 new construction inspections were completed.
- 54 use/occupancy inspections were conducted.

INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS

Use/Occupancy Inspections : 54

Existing Occupancy Re-inspection
1,029

New Construction Inspections
2,960



Existing Occupancy Inspections
2,724

Fire Prevention

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Fire and Life Safety Education

The District educates or interacts with an average of 25,000 participants each year through 32 Public Education Programs. During 2012, the District participated in numerous community events, including children's educational events, seasonal festivals, and parades. These events attracted thousands of people and provided the District with a unique opportunity for positive community outreach.

Fire Prevention Month 2012

In support of National Fire Prevention Month, fire safety and prevention practices were promoted through public education programs. Throughout October and November, fire safety presentations were made to each classroom in Bonita Springs, from kindergarten through fifth grade along with classrooms in 14 pre-schools. On average, 5,000 children are seen during this season.

Due to the generosity of the community, students are provided literature booklets after each presentation. Each piece of literature re-enforces the fire and life safety curriculum and allows parents to see what their student learned at the presentation and follow-up the education at home.

Victim Assistance Program

Thirteen years ago, the District realized a need that wasn't fully met on emergency scenes – emotional first aid. This program delivers additional support to victims beyond the emergency response, such as coordinating with the American Red Cross and other agencies for assistance with lodging, clothing, food, and emotional first aid.

Child Car Seat Inspection and Installation

Under the instruction of the Lee County Safe Kids Coalition, the Bonita Springs Fire District became certified in 2008 to safely install child restraint seats. The Fire District can also provide car seats to families in need for a small donation. On average, 75 families receive car seat installation assistance each year.

Community Emergency Response Team

The Bonita Springs Fire District began offering the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class program in 2007. In 2012, there were 179 members on the team. Participants are instructed in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Extinguisher Training, Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, and Terrorism. The Basic Training course consists of a total of 16 hours of instruction.

SAFE Home Project

2012 marked the 17th year of the Smoke Alarms For Every (SAFE) Home Project. By raising funds throughout the year, free smoke alarms were distributed to nearly 700 kindergarten students.

Media Relations

The Department's Public Information Program continued to enjoy an exceptional relationship with the media. The media served as an valuable vehicle for bolstering the community's knowledge of the District's events, safety presentations and classes, and informing residents of hazards in their neighborhood such as wildfires.

Educational Programs for the Community

The District continued its educational programs for the community in 2012 by offering fire and life safety presentations on over 30 different topics such as:

- CPR
- Safe babysitting
- Fire extinguisher
- Water/pool safety
- Fire station tours
- Fire safety puppet shows
- General home and office fire safety
- Fire safety lessons for children
- Juvenile Firesetter intervention
- Severe weather education

Public Education

FIRE, HAZARDS, & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

THE NUMBERS

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District provides our citizens with cutting-edge fire suppression and life safety capabilities. Our ISO rating of three puts the district in the top three percent of the best fire departments in the country. Our firefighters have the best training and equipment available and continually strive to provide unparalleled service to our citizens, saving lives and property.

RESCUE & EMS MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS	2009	2010	2011	2012
Rescue, EMS incident, other	74	66	42	20
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	562	378	352	354
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injuries	2249	2491	2480	2719
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	139	93	124	100
Motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accident	12	26	22	14
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	214	160	148	134
Lock-in	2	0	1	1
Search for person in water	3	4	1	6
Extrication of victims from vehicle	2	2	1	1
Removal of victims from stalled elevator	2	3	2	10
High-angle rescue	0	0	1	0
Water & ice related rescue, other	1	0	0	0
Swift water rescue	1	1	0	1
Watercraft rescue	1	5	1	5
Rescue or EMS standby	2	6	0	1
Sub-total	3264	3235	3175	3366

Incident Response in Bonita Springs

+ 5.7%
Increase in incident response

In 2012 the District responded to 5025 incidents, an approximate 5.7 % increase from 2011 of 4753 incidents.

- 4.6%
Decrease in fire incidents

Fire incidents: 150 incidents, an approximate 4.6 % decrease from 2011 of 157 incidents.

+ 6%
Increase in EMS incidents

EMS incidents: 3,366 incidents, an approximate 6 % increase from 2011 of 3,175 incidents.



Notable Quotes of 2012

"We could provide a more efficient service by doing it ourselves and augment the county in relieving some of their obligations in the Bonita area," Bonita Springs Fire Chief P.H. Kinsey Jr. said in regards to fire-based ambulance transport proposal on February 6, 2012.

"We have a strike team of brush trucks and a few engines that are out here, approximately 5 brush trucks and 3 engines." Nicole Hornberger with Bonita Fire says. "What we're trying to do is position more trucks between the brush fire and the stables. We do have approximately 15 horses there. We also have the home owner with the horses and they're all sheltering in place right now," in regards to a 50 acre brush fire which threatened young riders and horses at Providence Equestrian Center on April 18, 2012.

FIRE	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fire, other	12	1	2	6
Building fire	11	21	15	16
Fires in structures other than a building	3	1	2	0
Cooking fire, confined to container	8	5	12	10
Incinerator, fuel burner/broiler malfunction, fire	1	1	1	1
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0	2	3
Fire in mobile home used as a fixed residence	1	4	1	2
Fire in portable building, fixed location	0	1	1	0
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	6	0	1	3
Passenger vehicle fire	20	18	13	7
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0	3	3
Water vehicle fire	1	4	2	1
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	1	1	2
Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire	2	1	0	1
Natural vegetation fire, other	3	4	6	10
Forest, woods, or wildland fire	24	7	39	17
Brush, brush and grass, mixture fire	23	18	24	25
Grass fire	13	7	10	8
Outside dumpster, trash receptacle, rubbish, trash fire, other	21	19	5	25
Outside stationary compactor/compacted	1	0	0	1
Special outside fire, other	5	1	1	4
Outside storage and equipment fire	3	3	3	5
Sub-total	163	119	157	150

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RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEATED	2009	2010	2011	2012
Overpressure rupture of steam pipe	2	1	1	0
Overpressure rupture from air or gas, other	0	1	0	3
Excessive heat, scorch burns, with no ignition	2	1	2	1
Sub-total	4	3	3	4

HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hazardous conditions, other	4	5	3	0
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	10	11	6	7
Gas leak, natural or (LPG)	10	13	4	8
Oil, toxic chemical, or other combustible liquid spill	5	1	2	1
Chemical hazard, no spill or leak	1	2	2	0
Chemical spill or leak	3	2	1	1
Carbon monoxide incident	1	3	3	1
Refrigeration leak	1	0	0	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, short-circuit	3	8	6	7
Overheated motor	5	6	6	3
Breakdown of light ballast	1	1	2	0
Power line down	7	18	9	6
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	20	17	30	15
Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1	1	0	2
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	0	0	1	0
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	9	4	3	4
Explosive removal	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	81	92	78	56

*We think like you think,
time is important.*

A few minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Your fire district strives to be on scene in less than six minutes from the time we receive the call.

Approximately 78.6 % of our overall emergency and non-emergency incident responses were reached in six minutes or less in 2012. Our overall average response time for all calls was 05:14.

5:14
in
78.6%

Approximately 85.8 % of our emergency and non-emergency medical incident responses were reached in six minutes or less in 2012. Our overall average response time for all medical calls was 04:39.

4:39
in
85.8%

Approximately 65.7 % of our emergency and non-emergency structure fire incident responses were reached in approximately six minutes by the first due unit in 2012 and 85.2 % in eight minutes or less. Our overall average response time for all calls was 06:14.

6:14
in
65.7%

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SERVICE CALL	2009	2010	2011	2012
Service call, other	23	12	7	10
Person in distress, other	8	16	13	12
Lock-out	6	2	4	1
Ring or jewelry removal	0	0	1	1
Water problem, other	1	2	2	1
Water evacuation	1	0	0	0
Water or steam leak	2	5	2	3
Smoke or odor investigation, removal	14	29	24	44
Animal problem, other	1	1	0	0
Animal rescue	1	0	0	0
Public service assistance, other	60	74	68	67
Assist police or other governmental agency	5	5	6	4
Police matter	1	0	1	0
Public service	40	0	53	33
Assist invalid	16	29	57	71
Defective elevator, no occupants	5	7	5	6
Unauthorized burning	8	7	7	10
Cover assignment, standby, move-up	4	6	1	1
Sub-total	196	195	251	264

SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE	2009	2010	2011	2012
Special type of incident, other	6	2	0	3
Citizen complaint	2	0	0	2
Sub-total	8	2	0	5

Notable Quotes of 2012

"There was a walkway between the two towers at the base and it had a granite cap stone and this is one of the pieces," Chief Kinsey said on May 17, 2012 regarding a 1,000 pound granite slab which will be displayed as a 9/11 Memorial., "It is a great honor and privilege to have a piece of history and to display it."

"We smelled the smoke first and saw some debris flying over the house... called 9-1-1 and by the time I came out it was jumping the road. It was too close to the house. Wind was spreading it quick. Glad we got it put out. Guys got here quick." Mr. Dan Garman said regarding Bonita Spring firefighters who responded to a brush fire near his home on June 30, 2012.

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FALSE ALARM AND FALSE CALL	2009	2010	2011	2012
False alarm or false call, other	127	97	54	93
False alarm/no response, fire alarm	24	17	11	23
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	9	10	7	6
Municipal alarm system, malicious false call	1	1	1	2
Central station, malicious false alarm	0	2	3	0
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	0	4	3	3
Bomb scare, no bomb	2	3	0	0
System malfunction, other	47	36	22	34
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	1	1	6
Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	0	0	1	0
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	36	29	45	29
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	4	1	1
Alarm system activation due to malfunction	50	56	74	63
Carbon monoxide detector activation due to malfunction	0	1	2	2
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	31	21	30	19
Sprinkler activation, no fire	4	3	5	3
Extinguishing system activation	1	0	0	0
Smoke detector activation, no fire	24	33	32	32
Detector activation, no fire	13	17	16	15
Alarm system activation, no fire	92	87	91	95
Sub-total	466	422	399	426

Auto Aid/Mutual Aid Responses Given and Received

<i>92</i>	92 auto-aid responses were given to Estero Fire-Rescue.
<i>28</i>	28 auto-aid responses were received from Estero Fire-Rescue.
<i>22</i>	22 mutual-aid responses were given to North Naples Fire District.
<i>1</i>	1 mutual-aid response was received from North Naples Fire.
<i>130/47</i>	Bonita Springs Fire District responded to 130 mutual or auto aid requests and had 47 responses from others.

BONITA SPRINGS *Fire Control and Rescue District*



Notable Quotes of 2012

GOOD INTENT CALL	2009	2010	2011	2012
Good intent call, other	41	53	28	20
Dispatched and canceled en-route	244	305	279	312
Dispatched and canceled on-scene	197	207	291	330
Fire units sent to wrong location	1	2	1	4
No incident found on arrival at dispatch location	49	42	72	69
Prescribed fire	2	3	0	1
Authorized controlled burning	4	5	3	3
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4	3	5	8
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	2	4	4
Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1	0	2	1
EMS call, party transported by non-fire	1	0	3	0
Hazardous materials release investigation with no hazardous materials	3	5	1	1
Sub-total	548	627	689	753

SEVERE WEATHER AND NATURAL DISASTER	2009	2010	2011	2012
Severe weather or natural disaster, other	0	1	0	1
Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	0	1	0	0
Lightning strike (no fire)	0	5	1	0
Sub-total	0	7	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	4730	4702	4753	5025

“Firefighters went to work mitigating the problem by attempting to cool the fire and the gas cylinders; while cognizant of the uncontrolled electrical wires energizing the water runoff and hose streams which compounds the danger for firefighters and civilians,” said Deputy Chief Frank Giuliano in regards to power lines downed on a garbage truck on November 1, 2012. “Ultimately, the natural gas cylinders vented violently. Our crews continued to cool the tanks until the cylinders were out of fuel, at which time the truck was filled with water so to be able to control the fire.”

"A little longer and the whole building might have been on fire and he wouldn't have made it," Lt. Richard Scott said in regards to pulling a man from his home, caught on fire at Monterra Apartment Buildings on November 20, 2012.