



MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

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from BONITA SPRINGS
FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

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Bonita Springs firefighters have Firefighter Survival Skills Training onsite of future Net-Zero Energy **Green Home on April 29th!**

A house has been donated to the Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District (BSFD) located at 27520 Big Bend Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134 (off Tarpon Ave) for Firefighter Survival Skills Training. This "green" fire and rescue training will consist of the following: Interior and exterior search and rescue drills, Rapid Intervention Training/Mayday firefighter rescue scenarios, roof ventilation, and forcible entry skills training. Unlike the simulated training firefighters are used to, this training is extremely rare and valuable as it allows BSFD firefighters to train in a real house setting! The Bonita Springs firefighters will train at approx. 10:00AM and again at approx. 2:00PM on Tues. April 29th and will continue to train on May 1-2nd. There is an opportunity to obtain audio from BSFD's firefighters as they're searching the building with a helmet cam.

After training, the home will be demolished at a later date to make room for a **SW FL's first Net-Zero Energy Green Home!** What is a Net-Zero Energy Green Home? The two-part answer: A Net-Zero Energy Home produces enough energy to zero-out its electricity bill from FPL. Solar Electric and Solar Hot Water Systems capture energy from the sun equal to what the home consumes. The home is still connected to FPL but it is energy-neutral and gives back to the grid an amount of electricity equal to what it receives. A Green Home is energy efficient, healthy, and comfortable. It's designed to use less than half the electricity of a standard home and incorporates sustainable materials and methods in its construction.

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