

THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT



FIRE CHIEF JOSEPH V. DAIGLE

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Bonita Springs Fire Commissioner Ed FitzGerald has lived in Bonita Springs since 1992. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Business from Pace University in New York City. He retired from the New York City Fire Department as a Deputy Chief after serving for 28 years.

Commissioner FitzGerald was elected as a fire commissioner in 2004 and has been re-elected for two additional terms since. He is proud to be part of the most progressive Fire District in Lee County, and will continue all efforts to assure efficiency and effectiveness for the taxpayers of the District.

He recognizes the Chief Officers and the Firefighters of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District as professionals with the education, dedication, and commitment necessary to serving and protecting every person in Bonita Springs.

His immediate goal as fire commissioner is to of-



fer his full support to the proposal to seek the approval of fire-based ambulance transport service to the Bonita Springs Fire District. There is no doubt that fire-based ambulance transport is supported by the residents of Bonita Springs, the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Firefighters that will provide the service. Fire-based ambulance transport systems have been proven all throughout this Country. The District is prepared to do everything necessary to win the approval of the County Commission. Your support is needed to bring fire-based ambulance transport service to Bonita Springs.

Commissioner FitzGerald continues to believe consolidation of Fire Districts in Lee County is the most efficient way to bring the best fire protection to the residents of Lee County and Bonita Springs. As the economy recovers, more Fire Chiefs and Commissioners will come to this realization. Consolidation is supported by the taxpayer.

JOSPEH V. DAIGLE / FIRE CHIEF

The November 2012 elections presented the Bonita Springs Fire District (BSFD) with a new board member, Fred Forbes. Additionally, Chairman Lohan retained his seat ensuring the Board of Fire Commissioners will continue to provide leadership and oversight concerning fire district affairs.

The early retirement incentives reduced the ranks to 89 employees leaving 10 vacant firefighter positions to be filled. Therefore, the District welcomed 10 new firefighters to its ranks bringing the current number of employees to 99. The new employees were hired under the tiered labor contract that was designed to reduce overall district cost, while providing the staffing needed for emergency response.

The promotion of Deputy Chief Gregory Dewitt and Finance Director Lisa Gendron has solidified the staff, and prepared the organization to move forward with our goal to protect and serve the citizens and visitors of Bonita Springs.





Furthermore, the Bonita Springs Fire District bore witness to the retirement of our top leader Chief P.H. Kinsey, Jr. Chief Kinsey displayed remarkable leadership in all aspects of his career beginning with his first day as a recruit in 1988. He worked his way through the ranks quietly gaining the respect of his peers and subordinates alike.

During his tenure, Chief Kinsey combated threats to the organization with courage and dignity. Moreover, his greatest achievement was preserving the Bonita Springs Fire District through the tumultuous economic crisis, which continues to threaten the public safety of our citizens; all the while, he demanded the highest level of professionalism from the organization.

To cap off a distinguished career, the staff organized a Change of Command Ceremony. The Ceremony was tailored after the military tradition to accentuate the paramilitary nature of the Fire Service. Family, friends, and contemporaries attended the ceremony which ignited the tradition of the District's Honor Guard, bagpipers, and a final ride on the Fire Engine for Chief Kinsey.



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The Bonita Springs Fire District (BSFD) continues to make every effort to obtain an ambulance Certificate of Need (CON) from Lee County. The CON will allow the BSFD to provide ambulances, managed and operated by the District, to enhance the level of pre-hospital care.

Additionally, the BSFD has acquired a new water rescue vessel. The water rescue responsibilities of the District have steadily increased with the volume of calls, as well as the Coast Guard's heavy reliance on the BSFD to enhance emergency response. The former vessel of the District became obsolete for this expanded mission and, in fact, the boat was unsafe for many of the new demands. The new vessel was funded by a federal grant and trade-in of the existing obsolete rescue vessel with minimal out-of-pocket expense.



Taking command of the BSFD is an exciting task. As a Chief Officer for the BSFD for over six years, I have had the opportunity to be involved with the strategic path. Therefore, the need for hesitation or catastrophic shift in progressive direction is unnecessary. However, as in any progressive organization challenges are stacked high.

BRADLEY BROWN / UNION PRESIDENT LOCAL 3444

Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters, Local 3444 is pleased to announce their continued efforts to support the surrounding community over the past year. Most notably this year, Local 3444 was recognized by the Muscular Dystrophy Association for raising a remarkable \$27,884, thanks to the incredible generosity of the citizens of Bonita Springs.

As your firefighters prepare to look their best, photo shoots are currently in progress for the ever popular Bonita Springs Firefighter calendar.



The calendar sale proceeds will once again be donated to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

In addition to their community involvement, your Professional Firefighters' will continue to work in conjunction with the Bonita Springs Fire District to ensure the best service possible is provided for our residents.

The Fourth of July Parade, which has become a local tradition, is proudly hosted by your Local 3444.

Politicians, businesses, and charitable organizations alike participate in the Parade in support of our Country's independence and to have their chance to win the Grand Prize Trophy and prize of \$300. Other monetary prizes include \$100 for first place in each category, as well as trophies for first, second, and third place in the categories of floats, vehicles, walkers, and equestrian.

Significant contributions were made to the Bonita Center for the Arts, the local Boys and Girls Club, and Estero High School Scholarship program.



FIRE PREVENTION LIFE SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS / 5 Year Recipients

The goal of the Fire Prevention Life Safety Partnership Award is to ensure a safe building for the residents and visitors of Bonita Springs.

Six years ago, even with the downturn in the economy, we noticed the same businesses with no violations. These businesses put in the time and money to make their building safe for their customers or occupants. The Fire Prevention Division wanted to show appreciation. The "Fire Prevention Life Safety Partnership Award" was created.

This certificate has not only rewarded the conscientious people in charge of the safety of their buildings, but has sparked an enthusiasm for more businesses to strive for "no violations" on their inspections.



Five years ago, there were 13 businesses that received this award. Currently there are 182 recipients for 2013.

We congratulate four businesses, for receiving the "Fire Life Safety Partnership Award", for the same buildings, five years in a row. These business include:

- Abbey Carpet and Building Manager Jimmy Ito
- BSU, East Water Reclamation Facilities Buildings and Plants Maintenance Technician Jim Davis, Lead Operator Cliff Morris, and Operations Director Andy Koebel
- Springs Plaza and Maintenance Supervisor James Walker
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Sexton Ron Kolbe, and Father Roy Allison.

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The listed businesses and individuals have received the Fire Prevention Life Safety Partnership Award. This award is given by the Fire Prevention Division to businesses that have shown an attempt to promote safety in the workplace. Congratulations to these hardworking businesses and thank you for making Bonita Springs a safer place to live, visit, and work. 182 recipients received our Fire Prevention Award for 2012. A raise from 2011, when 150 recipients received the award. They are as listed:

AAA Blinds	Elegant Outdoor Living	NU "U" Hair Salon
Abbey Carpet/Jimmy Ito	Endo Associates	One Price Dry Cleaners
Advantage Wellness Center of Bonita	Eye MD EMR Healthcare Systems	Palermo
Amazon Sheds	First Community Bank	Parlin Insurance Agency
American Heart Association	First Presbyterian Church	Palm Colony
Amore Jewelers	Florida Tech Specialists	Pelican Colony Clubhouse
Anita's Alterations	Found Objekt	Pelican Colony Fitness Center
Anthony Marino/Super Suds Carwash	Gates	Pelican Community Center
Ashley Straface/Las Brisas	General Implant and Dentistry	Pelican Nest Golf Club/Garfield
Azar Rugs Gallery	Go Green Lawn and Tree	Pino's Italian Kitchen
Bank America	Gouse Fine Furniture Store	Precast Inc.
Bay Club Restaurant	Gouse Furniture Warehouse	Precision Audio
Bayfront Interior Resources	Go Waiter.com	Premiere Garage of SW Florida
Bay Point Condos	Goodwill Store	Premiere Iglesias Bautista Church
Bay Water Boat Rentals	Graphic Biz	Publix/Pelican Landing
Bay Water Exclusive	Greg Billings/Steinway Piano	Quest Diagnostics/South Tamiami Trl
Brett/ Bernwood Place Building A, B, 3	Gulf City Solar	Ralph/Tuckawye Condos
Better Hearing of Florida	Gulf Coast Storage	Regions Bank
Bonita Bay Marina	Handel's Ice Cream	Renaissance Center
Bonita Coast Associates	Henderson Franklin Attorneys	Reserve
Bonita Dental	H&R Block/ Old 41 Road	Ron Allison/Man Cave
Bonita Hair Design	H&R Block/South Tamiami Trail	Ron Kolbe/St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Bonita Liquor	Iguana Mia Restaurant	Rudolph Szilagyi Mobile Repair
Bonita Print Shop	Integrity Biofeedback	Sarlo Mowers
Bonita Oak Square Mall	Island Title Star Agency	Bruce Carpenter/7-11
Bonita Tile Market	James Walker/Springs Plaza	Shampooch Pet Salon
Bon Voyage Pest Control	J/K South Insurance Inc.	Shelly/Bonita Crossings Plaza
Builder's Glass of Bonita Inc.	Jay Vandall/Marbella II	Shiny Nails
Brickman Landscape	Jenny/Servus Center	Spanish Wells Clubhouse
British Open Pub	Jersey Mike's	Source Interlink
Carole Peck Financial	Jerico Nail Bow-teeq	Salas Carpentry
Castella II, III	Joann's Hope Hospice Resident Facility	Stanley Consultants
Chef's Hands Inc.	K9QT's Dog Grooming	Steve/Creekside Crossing
City Electric Supply	Kelley & Stiffler	Steve/Sawgrass Point
City Mattress Store, & Plaza	Kingon Homes	Stewart Title
C Level Coffee Bar	LaFontanella	Surety Construction
Coastal Landscaping Supply of Bonita	Lakemont Cove	Sweetwater Paddle Sports
Collins & Dupont Interiors	LaScala	The Crexent
Computer Plus	Leather Gallery	Tim Lynch
Congo River	Lee County Sheriff's Office/Springs Plaza	Tuesday Morning
Connell Insurance Services	Liberty Bank	Tokyo Bay
Connors Electric	Liberty Youth Ranch Boys Residence	Tony laonne/Marbella I, II
Conshor Inc.	Liberty Youth Ranch Girls Residence	Tower Dental
Comcast	Lightning First	Twenty First Family Insurance Company
Cozmo the School	Manhattan Steak House	UPS Store/Pelican Landing
Crisafully Building	Marbella Design and Fabrics	UPS Store/Springs Plaza
CTC Finish	Matt/News-Press	VBA International
Curves	Mel's Plaza Barber Shop	Velego's Carwash
Cuzin's I, II, III	Mendoza & Mueller	Veterinary Clinic
CVS/Pelican Landing	Merrill Lynch	Villages of Bonita
Data Works	Michelle/Longlake Village	Vincent/Bonita Springs City Hall
Davidson Enterprises	Miller's Sheet Music	Viz Market
D&D Lovely Nails	Monterra Apartments	Vogue Interiors
D&P Auto	Morris Law Offices	Whaley's A/C
Debold Performance	My Kitchen Design Studio	Wilson Lighting
Douglas Orthopedic & Spine Rehab	Naples Clock	Young Property Management
Dr. Gendron	Nissco Restaurant Dealer Group	ZGS Broadcast Holding Inc.
Dr. Gullotte	Noller Design Group	Zoom Tan
Dr. McMillian	Nunnick Building	Zounds Hearing Center

Lieutenant Richie Scott is one of the Bonita Springs Fire District's premier employees. Since his hire in 1993, Lt. Scott has proven himself to be an incredible asset to the District and has assisted in many capacities. Most notable, is his work with the Bonita Springs Fire Districts Marine Program.

Lt. Scott's education and experience equip him to mitigate even the *hairiest* of emergencies. He is certified as a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor-1983-Present. He is also a United States Coast Guard Master Captain-1985-Present. Additionally, he is our Lead Water Rescue Coordinator for Bonita Springs Fire-1996-Present.

Lt. Scott has almost single handedly forged our waterborne service into what it is today. He developed the Rescue Skin Diver Program which has been adopted by the National Fire Protection Agency and since, conducts and organizes Water Rescue and Boat Ops training for the Bonita Springs Fire District as well as fire districts throughout the State.



Lt. Scott has successfully written a grant that was awarded to the District enabling the purchase of the new marine vessel, significantly reducing the cost to the citizens. Bonita has over 150 miles of shore line and our rescue boat goes out regularly for emergency assistance. Our capabilities on marine emergencies would be sufficient if it wasn't for the dedication and tenacity of Lt. Rich Scott, who has made this program to be outstanding.

KRIS GANGAAS / SECTOR 24 LEADER & VILLAGE WALK CERT CAPTAIN

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program provides education about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact Bonita Springs and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills. Using the training acquired in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can be called upon to assist others following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members take an active role in emergency preparedness projects in their communities. We would like to introduce you to an individual who is committed to making a difference in Bonita Springs.



Kris Gangaas is CERT Captain of Village Walk and Sector Leader of zone 24 which encompasses five teams and over 75 CERT members. Kris joined CERT in 2010 and quickly saw the benefits of having community volunteers trained to respond to local disasters.

Educated as a Naval Architect & Marine Engineer (MIT), he has worked as a First Responder/ Incident Commander for 30 years.

Kris' vision for CERT under the Bonita Springs Fire District is to build teams that are trained to assist the community whenever there is a need.

Hands-Only CPR is a two-step technique that involves calling 9-1-1 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest until help arrives. It is a simplified method of CPR that requires no mouth-to-mouth breathing.

Each year in the U.S., firefighters treat nearly 300,000 people who suffer cardiac arrest at homes, at work or in public locations. Providing early CPR to a person who has collapsed can more than double that person's chance of survival.

Studies of real emergencies that have occurred in homes, at work or in public locations, show that Hands-Only CPR can be as effective as conventional CPR.

Without immediate, effective CPR from a bystander, a person's chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest decreases 7 to 10 percent per minute.

The universal sign for **choking** is hands clutched to the throat. Other indicators include the inability to talk, cough, or breathe. If choking is occurring, we recommend the Heimlich maneuver:

- **Stand behind the person.** Wrap your arms around the waist.
- **Make a fist with one hand.** Position it slightly above the person's navel.
- **Grasp the fist with the other hand.** Press hard into the abdomen with a quick, upward thrust —as if trying to lift the person up.
- **Perform a total of 5 abdominal thrusts**, if needed. If the blockage still isn't dislodged, repeat.



If you're the only rescuer, perform abdominal thrusts before calling 911. If another person is available, have that person call for help while you perform first aid. If the person becomes unconscious, perform CPR with chest compressions.

Clearing the airway of a choking infant younger than age 1:

- **Assume a seated position and hold the infant facedown** on your forearm, which is resting on your thigh.
- **Thump the infant gently but firmly** five times on the middle of the back using the heel of your hand. Both gravity and the back blows should release the blocking object.
- **Hold the infant face-up on your forearm** with the head lower than the trunk if the above doesn't work. Using two fingers placed at the center of the infant's breastbone, give five quick chest compressions.
- **Repeat the back blows and chest thrusts** if breathing doesn't resume. Call for emergency medical help.
- **Begin infant CPR** if one of these techniques opens the airway but the infant doesn't resume breathing.



Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District offers over 30 educational programs to the public. This is an example of just one of our popular topics. To view a complete list go to www.bonitafire.org. For more information on our programs or to participate in a fire and life safety class, please contact your Public Educator at 239-949-6200.