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BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

FIRE CHIEF JOSEPH V. DAIGLE

Our intention is to create a safe and friendly community



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The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District has ushered in the New Year with a positive view of our future. Recently, one of the District's long time elected officials retired as a Fire Board Commissioner. Commissioner Frank Liles who served 20 years with distinction, and has championed the advancement and preservation of our modern-day Fire/EMS services, will be missed. The District extends a powerful sense of gratitude for his public service. Consequently, Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. was voted in unanimously by the board to fill Commissioner Liles' vacant seat for the remainder of his term. We welcome the new commissioner into the Bonita Springs family.

The Fire District's bid for fire-based ambulance transport has seen a few twists and turns. The Lee County Board of Commissioners and the Bonita Springs Fire Board continues to seek a way to cooperate, and provide an enhanced level of ambulance transport to the citizens of Bonita Springs. The Administration has been tasked to seek a cooperative agreement to provide four ambulances instead of the 2 1/2 currently serving the District's citizens. Should a cooperative that shares revenue and personnel not

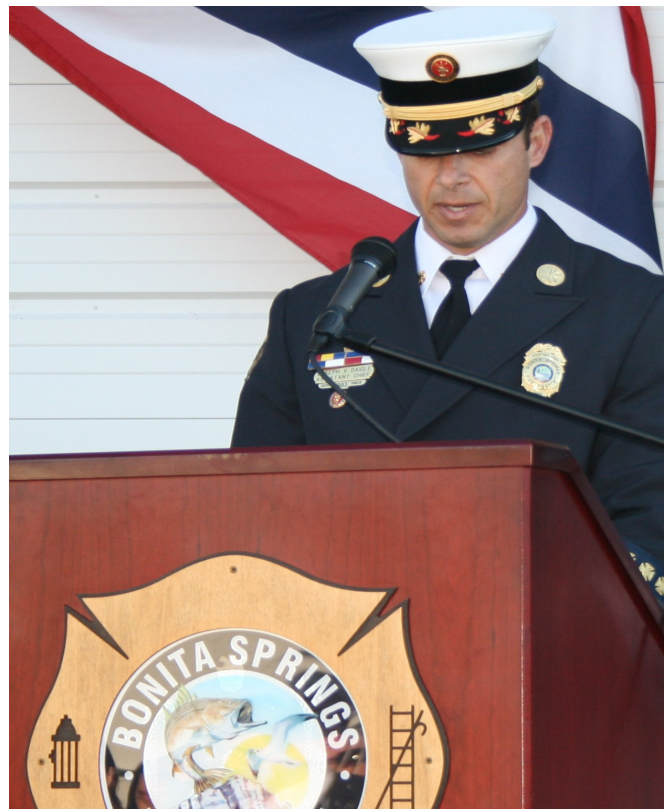
succeed, an independent mediator will be selected, and the attempt to settle the issue will continue. However, the Fire District is committed to seeking a fire-based transport system.

Additionally, the facility rental dispute has reached resolution. Lee County Public Safety has agreed to pay the District facility usage fees, equivalent to the amount of rent they were paying the hotels, for housing the ambulances and their crews.

Concurrently, we are improving our training facilities to qualify as an approved state certified training facility. Once the certification process is complete, we will be able to comply with ISO training requirements, and create alternative revenue potential through a public/private partnership with a local Fire Academy. We are also expecting the results from a recent ISO rating review early this year.

As the Fire District moves forward, enhancing our community involvement and public awareness has become a significant focus, aiding in our intention to create a safe and friendly community.

In Your Service,
Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle



3 LAWRENCE P. KOSILLA, JR. / MEET FIRE COMMISSIONER SEAT 5

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District is pleased to announce that Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. was appointed to the Bonita Springs Board of Fire Commissioners to fill Seat 5 at its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 10th. Lawrence Kosilla, Jr. was nominated by Commissioner Ed Fitzgerald and seconded by Commissioner Fred Forbes. His nomination was unanimously approved. Seat 5 was previously filled by Commissioner Frank Liles, who resigned after 20 years of service to the district.

Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. was born in Tarrytown, NY and graduated from Westchester Community College with an AAS Degree in Chemistry and Fire Science. He served the fire service for 30 years as a Firefighter, EMT, Fire Investigator, and Fire Chief. Mr. Kosilla retired in 2001 from North Tarrytown, N.Y. Fire Department.

Lawrence Kosilla and his wife, Rebecca, moved to Fort Myers in 2006 and settled in Bonita Springs in April 2013. They are proud grandparents and are expecting their second grandchild in April. The Kosillas volunteer with the Gulf Coast Humane So-

ciety. Mrs. Kosilla serves on their Board of Directors. Mr. and Mrs. Kosilla are also the owners of K & S Renovations, LLC. Mr. Kosilla's hobbies include ice hockey, which he has coached for over 10 years and refereed for 6 years. He also enjoys bowling, fishing, boating and golf.

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District welcomes Commissioner Kosilla to his new role in the community and looks forward to his future contributions.



BRADLEY BROWN / UNION PRESIDENT LOCAL 3444

Hello from your Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters!

Southwest Florida has enjoyed some beautiful weather this winter. Along with the weather, the change in seasons has brought the annual migration of residents and visitors. This welcomed influx has resulted in the expected increase in call volume and other commitments.

Your Local 3444 has continued to expand its involvement in the community. This includes ongoing support for *Movies in the Park*. This is a monthly event held at Riverside Park in the winter months allowing the community



to come together and enjoy the weather while watching a movie under the stars.

The sale of our 2013 Firefighters' Calendar has gone well, with all profits to go to local charities including the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, scholarship funds for local high school students, and free smoke alarms for kids.

Additionally, a recent partnership with Bonita Springs Middle School included an art project where students enjoyed painting picnic tables alongside local firefighters. Hopefully, the donated tables will be used by future classes for years to come.

We also have our upcoming annual Charity Softball game challenge against a team of all-stars within the Citrus Park community on March 1st at 1 p.m. In addition, we will again be participating and entering a team in the chili contest held at the always popular Celebrate Bonita on March 29th at Riverside Park, where we'll be looking to capture a few ribbons or trophies.

We are also looking forward to participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's *Fill the Boot* campaign on March 8th, 15, & 22nd, as well as the annual Fourth of July parade. We hope to follow up last year's events with even greater success. Your professional firefighters appreciate the outpouring of support from the Bonita Springs community and are poised to continue to serve its residents proudly.



BSFD SAVES BRIDE / FEATURED ON INSIDE EDITION

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District gained national media attention when *Inside Edition* contacted the District after hearing about this heartfelt save....a bride brought back to life on her honeymoon.

BSFD firefighters were honored for saving the life of a Bonita Springs' resident that went into cardiac arrest on her honeymoon. After getting married, the bride and groom reportedly fell asleep in their honeymoon suite at 3:30AM. The groom awoke that morning to find his wife not breathing and unresponsive. He called 911 just after 7AM.

Firefighters on Truck 25 responded to the hotel room. They arrived to find a room that resembled a typical honeymoon suite with rose petals all over the floor. But, unfortunately for Mr. and Mrs. Karth



something wasn't so typical; the groom was administering CPR to his new bride. Firefighters immediately went into action. Firefighter/Paramedic Frost, one of four firefighters on scene, used the EZ IO to gain vascular access. He remembers, "It was a strange call because of how young she was (26 years old). She was found in the

worst heart rhythm we could find her in. We worked hard and got her back. With her being so young, it's nice she has another chance at life." Firefighter Rob Schmidt rode in the ambulance as Mrs. Karth was transported to the hospital.

Inside Edition featured the story on Wed., Feb 5th at 7:30PM ET. (From left to right pictured above with Amanda Karth: Fire Chief Joseph Daigle, the emergency responders, Lt. Winthrop Telford, Firefighter/Paramedic Shane Frost, Firefighter Robert Schmidt and Firefighter Adam Nolin)



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5 PAUL CANNING / LIEUTENANT

LT. Paul Canning began his career with the Bonita Springs Fire and Rescue District as a volunteer in 1992. As a volunteer, he was paged out to assist the professional fire crews on major incidents, e.g., structure fires, mass casualty incidents, pre and post storm activities – similar to what our CERT Team does today. While serving as a volunteer, Paul attended the Naples Fire Academy and Edison State College simultaneously. After obtaining his Florida State Firefighter Certification and EMT license, he was hired on professionally in 1993. Paul was promoted to his current position of Lieutenant in 2003.

LT. Canning grew up in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating high school and worked a short stint as an automotive technician, he then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Paul was stationed with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California and as well as many duty stations across Southeast Asia. In keeping with the adage “Once a Marine, always a Marine”, he currently serves as a liaison between the Fire District and the City of Bonita Springs as a Board Member of the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee. This committee was instrumental in the placing of the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Artifact that is on permanent display at Riverside Park on Old 41 Rd, as well as annual Patriot’s Day activities.

Paul is one of the original members of the Bonita Springs Honor Guard Platoon which performs colors presentations at many district and municipal functions. LT. Canning is also a member of the BSFD Safety Committee, and serves as an Acting Battalion Chief pro re nata.



JIM MURPHY / SECTOR 23 LEADER & PELICAN LANDING 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 and volunteer opportunities in their communities.

We would like to introduce you to an individual who is committed to making a difference in Bonita Springs.



Jim Murphy has been the CERT Captain of Pelican Landing since August 2010 and Sector Leader of Zone 23, which encompasses nearly 20 CERT members.

Jim is a graduate of Colorado State University and has been a fuel broker for 40 years. He is currently serving his third year as Vice President of the Pelican Landing Community Association Board of Directors and was an applicant for the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District Fire Board.





Jim proves to be a valuable volunteer for the Bonita Springs Fire District and an absolute asset to Bonita Springs community.



IS YOUR CHILD IN THE PROPER CAR SEAT?

Did you know...According to Safe Kids, **73%** of car seats are not used or installed correctly!

As children grow, how they sit in your car, truck, or SUV should change.
Save your child from injury or death by observing all four steps:

<p>1 REAR-FACING SEATS</p> 	<p>For the best possible protection, keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At the very minimum, keep infants rear-facing until age 1 and at least 20 pounds. <i>(The best practice is to keep infants rear-facing until age 2.)</i></p>
<p>2 FORWARD-FACING SEATS</p> 	<p>When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).</p>
<p>3 BOOSTER SEATS</p> 	<p>Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belt fits properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall).</p>
<p>4 SEAT BELTS</p> 	<p>When children outgrow their booster seats, (usually at age 8 or when they are 4' 9" tall) they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest).</p>

Remember: All children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.

We're there for you!

The best way to know if your child safety seat is secured properly is to have a professional check it out. A certified child passenger safety technician can check your installation and answer any questions you may have. Please contact Bonita Springs Fire Station Four at 239-949-6200 Mon.-Fri. 8AM-5PM to schedule an appointment.



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 Public Educator Natalie Hughes at 239-949-6200.

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