

# GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT



*Established  
November 4, 2014*

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# Mission Statement

*The mission of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is to protect life and property by providing emergency response services and education for the residents, businesses and visitors of our community.*

## Vision

*Increase response effectiveness  
Enhance professionalism and operational efficiencies  
Use taxpayer dollars responsibly*

## Values

*Professionalism ~ Integrity ~ Compassion*



2014 was a historic year for the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District (GNFD) with the re-birth of the agency on November 4<sup>th</sup> along with the initiation of fire based Advance Life Support (ALS) services, the addition of a 10<sup>th</sup> fire rescue facility, expansion of the part-time Firefighter and Fire Inspector programs and the purchase of the first new GNFD fire apparatus.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the GNFD was formed by a special act of the Florida Legislature and a vote of the residents of East Naples and Golden Gate. With overwhelming support by 70% of the voters a new fire district was established and an exciting journey lay ahead for the Commissioners, members and community we so proudly serve.

Much of 2014 was focused on preparing the legislative process and the consolidation of the major functional units of the organization; Operations, Support Services, and Administration and Finance. Duplication of services were eliminated, efficiencies enhanced and financial planning and forecasting conducted.

Our fire service professionals strive to respond to all emergency response needs of the community quickly and efficiently; treating the customers with the highest level of professionalism, compassion and respect, while holding ourselves accountable to earn your trust.

I hope the time spent reviewing this report will be enjoyable and you find the information both informative and interesting. As I present this report I remain confident in our mission to provide the citizens and community of Greater Naples the most professional fire rescue and life safety services while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer's dollars. On behalf of the men and women of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, I proudly present this 2014 Annual Report.

Sincerely,

*Kingman D. Schuldt*

As a result of the November 4, 2014 merger referendum, the Fire Chief now reports to a single eight member Board of Fire Commissioners. Three board seats will be eliminated by 2018 to establish a five seat Board in accordance with State Statute.



Jeff Page  
Chairman



Kevin Gerrity  
Vice Chairman



David Stedman  
Secretary



Steve Hemping  
Treasurer



Rob Boyer  
Commissioner



Charlie Cottiers  
Commissioner

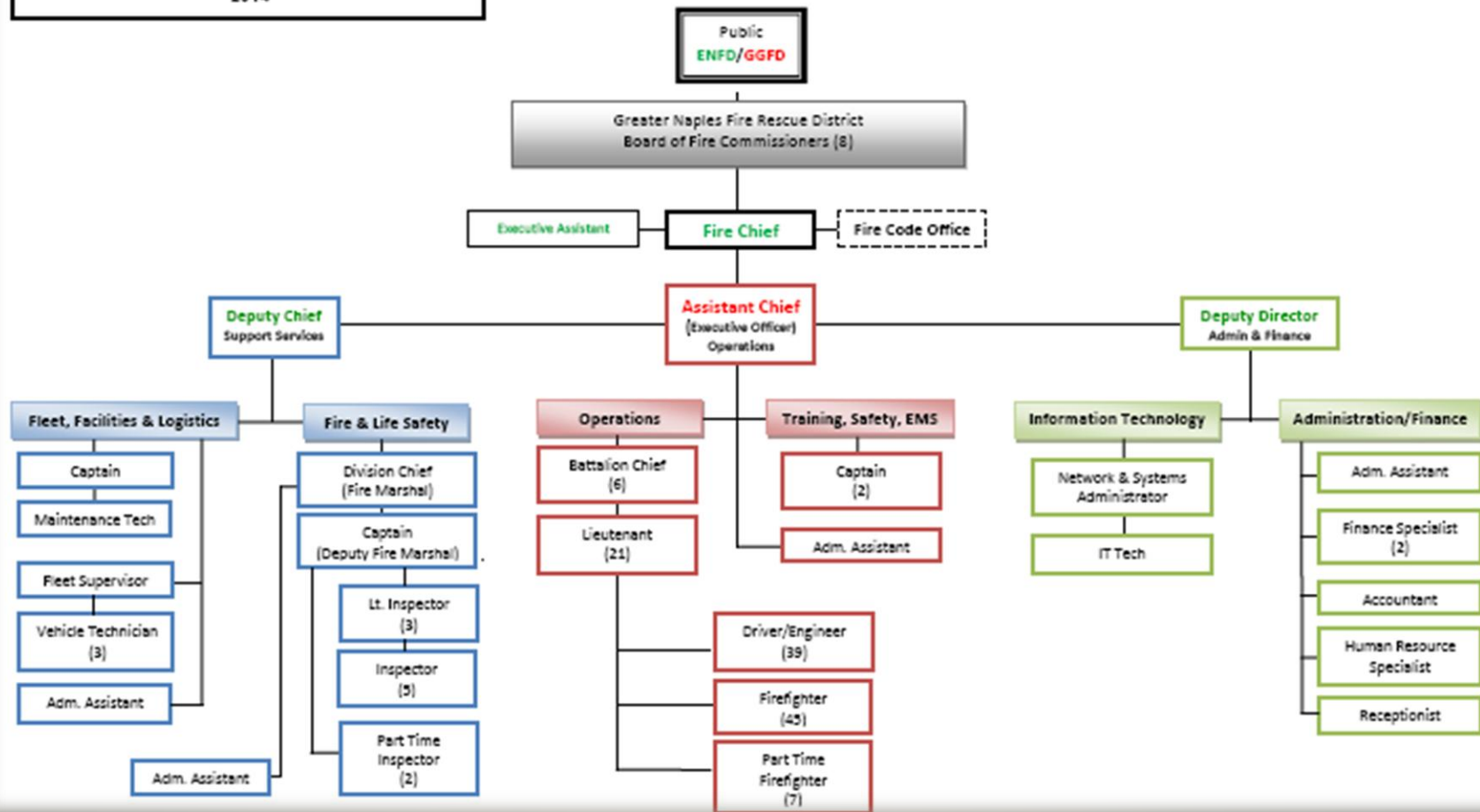


Brian Cross  
Commissioner



Chuck McMahon  
Commissioner

**GREATER NAPLES  
FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
Organizational Chart  
2014





*Nolan Sapp, Assistant Chief*

The Operations Division has removed the traditional borders and created a seamless response model throughout the Greater Naples Fire District's (GNFD) 285 Square miles in effort to provide a more efficient response capability for the public's needs. GNFD responded to more than 17,100 calls for service in 2014 with 63% of responses to medical emergencies and 37% to fire and other types of calls for service.

During 2014 the Division has accomplished a vast number of efficiencies including the integration of Advanced Life Support response and expansion of Special Operations capabilities. Much of the accomplishments were possible due to the integration of previously separated resources and personnel; and a new cooperative approach to service delivery with Collier County Government and Collier County EMS.

With the support of the Fire Commission and union, GNFD added a part time firefighter program to assist in staffing a new Fire Station alongside our CCEMS partners. The first new employees of GNFD arrived in December and brought supported efforts to open an additional fire station at minimal cost. All new full time firefighters are dual certified Firefighters/Paramedics; supporting the District's efforts to provide a full-service fire rescue service to the community.

The District enhanced response capabilities by adding an additional rapid response squad at Station 72 to augment services to Alligator Alley and reduce truck company responses to medical emergencies. The addition of Station 75 with a rapid response apparatus reduced response times to the busiest corridor of the District.

Until 2014, Station 75 had been a standalone facility for Collier County EMS. The addition of Rescue 75 reduced the response footprint and response times of Stations 20, 21, 70, and 72. Thought to be a small relief for a few stations, this augmentation of service resulted in the busiest station in the District each month since inception.

In 2014 the District adopted a long-term vehicle replacement program to address the aging fleet that resulted from the recent economic downturn. This plan brought the first new apparatus purchase in several years. Water Tender 20 was placed into service at Station 20, located at the Davis Blvd. Station, providing a 3,000 gallon water supply for the areas of the Fire District's South Battalion without adequate water supply. A Quint ladder truck was also approved for purchase and will enhance services to the southern portions of the District that is currently experiencing significant growth. The Quint is expected to be delivered in Summer 2015. Specifications were initiated for an additional Engine and Light & Air unit that are expected to be purchased in early 2015. This will assist in improving ISO ratings in the future.



The District has one of the most unique demographics of residents and community with one of the largest urban interface areas susceptible to Wildland fires in the state of Florida. As a result the District acquired three military surplus vehicles and secured funding from the GAC Land Trust to rebuild them as wildland brush trucks.

The Operations Division has seen significant growth and accomplishment in 2014 with the continued goal to provide the most effective emergency response platform for the citizens of the Greater Naples community.



## A SHIFT

BC Anderson  
 BC Hunt  
 Lt. Arroyo  
 Lt. Bunting  
 Lt. Campbell  
 Lt. Douglass  
 Lt. Handley  
 Lt. Heath  
 Lt. Melheim  
 Lt. Nelmes  
 Lt. Nugent  
 Lt. Trent  
 D/E Beauvais  
 D/E Bledsoe  
 D/E Borowski, J  
 D/E Bowers  
 D/E Brewer  
 D/E Danskine  
 D/E Diaz, C  
 D/E Easley  
 D/E Hennessy  
 D/E Richard  
 D/E Rossi  
 D/E Winslow  
 D/E Youngsman  
 FF Borowski, D  
 FF Buczko  
 FF Clere  
 FF Cline  
 FF Collum  
 FF Dilyard  
 FF Douglas  
 FF Frazier  
 FF Hofstetter  
 FF Morales  
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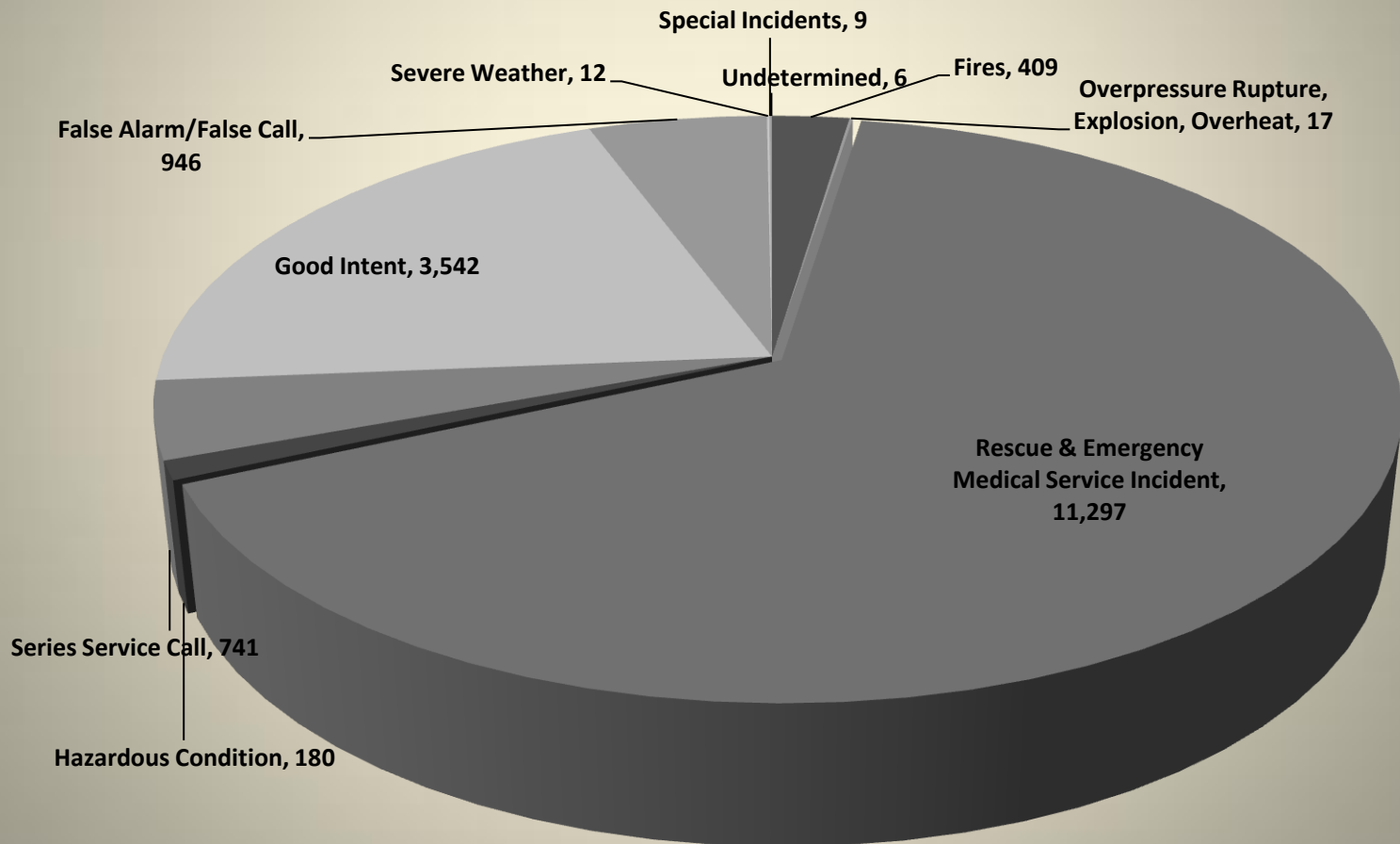
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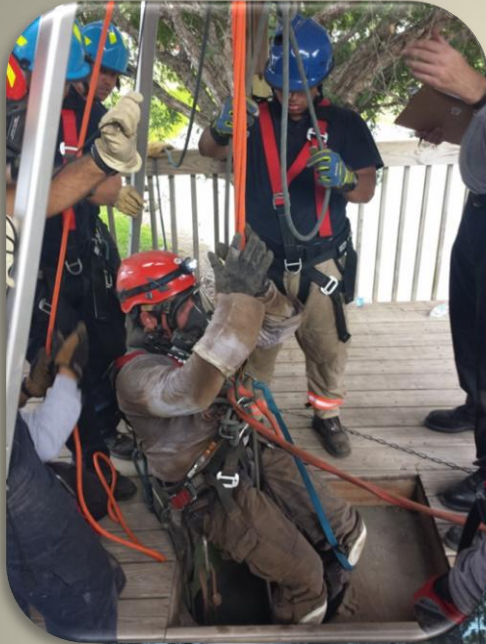
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 BC Nelson  
 Lt. Baker  
 Lt. Boutilier  
 Lt. Bright  
 Lt. Fly  
 Lt. Gomez  
 Lt. Good  
 Lt. McGowan  
 Lt. Roll  
 Lt. Taylor  
 Lt. Weinbaum  
 Lt. Wilson  
 D/E Asher  
 D/E Brown  
 D/E Chapman  
 D/E Ellis  
 D/E Forte  
 D/E Garcia, J  
 D/E Jones  
 D/E McGee  
 D/E Nixon  
 D/E Reeve  
 D/E Sawyer  
 D/E Szempruch  
 FF Castaneda  
 FF Crato  
 FF Crouse  
 FF Garretto  
 FF Holden  
 FF Mading, B  
 FF Mading, T  
 FF McGinnis  
 FF Palermo  
 FF Pecora  
 FF Perez, Da  
 FF Perez, O  
 FF Stürms  
 FF Thigpen  
 PT FF Keene  
 PT FF Marrero  
 PT FF Newman

## C SHIFT

BC Bogert  
 BC Krajewski  
 Lt. Cotter  
 Lt. Hogan  
 Lt. Lowe  
 Lt. Ogden  
 Lt. Packard, Bi  
 Lt. Padilla, E  
 Lt. Padilla, J  
 Lt. Sellers  
 Lt. Schoch  
 Lt. Tobin  
 Lt. Zafiris  
 D/E Beasley  
 D/E Beckman  
 D/E Cranor  
 D/E Edgemon  
 D/E Garcia, L  
 D/E MacQuarrie  
 D/E Odum  
 D/E Santana  
 D/E Sims  
 D/E Walczak  
 D/E Wilroy  
 FF Andrews  
 FF Anzualda  
 FF Citak  
 FF Diaz, J  
 FF Festa  
 FF Gill  
 FF Jenks  
 FF Kilmer  
 FF Lewis  
 FF McCarthy  
 FF Orsolini  
 FF Perez, De  
 FF Pernak  
 FF Rasmussen  
 FF Sauerwald  
 PT FF Collins  
 PT FF Meli

GNFD resources responded to 17,159 requests for service in 2014. Firefighters responded to a variety of emergency incidents 24-hours a day including fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents as well as a variety of other types of situations.





**Training & Safety**  
 Rusty Godette,  
 Captain  
 Andrea Schultz,  
 Captain



**TOTAL TRAINING HOURS 11,504**

| TYPE                | HOURS |
|---------------------|-------|
| Company Training    | 1627  |
| Daily Activities    | 4379  |
| District SOG/Policy | 1970  |
| Driver Operations   | 843   |
| EMS                 | 921   |
| HazMat              | 1151  |
| Special Operations  | 463   |
| Training Drills     | 150   |

The Training Branch completed the year with a broad spectrum of Fire and Medical training brought to the District by many instructors of the agency with the Training Captain's oversight.

The Special Teams Coordinators have enhanced capabilities of Water Rescue, HAZMAT, and Technical Rescue (USAR) services. The Special Operations group is overseen by Battalion Chief Krajewski and it functions through the Operations Section of the Fire District. The most talked about hazard to the community in 2014 was the recent Ebola scare that impacted both the District and community served. The Special Operations Hazmat branch reacted quickly and worked together with their other county counterparts preparing a county wide protocol and training agenda to be ready to respond to any potential element that may threaten our community.

Training Captain Rusty Godette prepared several courses to instruct personnel and maintain various certifications including Structure Suppression, Wildfire, Emergency Medical credentialing, among others. The Training Branch prepared and delivered several Fire Service Academies for the newly hired personnel and two academies for the Collier County EMS Firefighters along with the assistance of several other instructors both internal and with Collier County EMS.

The Fire District completed the advanced training of Paramedics through the assistance of Acting Lieutenant Jarett Cotter, Driver Engineer Jose Santana and CCEMS personnel with an ALS Training Academy, thus producing a group of Advanced Life Support Medics staffing both our response apparatus and CCEMS Medic units. The District started to bring Stations on line with full and part-time ALS providers and working toward full time ALS services.

# SUPPORT SERVICES STAFFING



*Nick Biondo, Deputy Chief*

## Facilities

Greg Houchin,  
Facilities Technician

Khrist Klock,  
Captain

## Fleet

Jamie Popiol,  
Vehicle Technician

Ray Crews,  
Vehicle Technician

James Genet,  
Vehicle Technician

Corey Craft,  
Vehicle Technician

Sarah Pike,  
Administrative  
Assistant

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Support Services Division is a critical component of the organization. Staffing a Captain, four Emergency Vehicle Technicians, one Facilities Maintenance Technician and an Administrative Assistant serving more than 20 front line emergency apparatus, four ready reserve apparatus, two-dozen staff support vehicles and 12 fire rescue facilities. The Division additionally provides fleet services to the City of Marco Island and Immokalee Fire District, generating \$42,000 that assists to off-set costs for operating the Division. In addition to coordinating all vehicle maintenance and repairs, the Support Services Fleet branch is responsible for a variety of day-to-day functions including UL ground and aerial ladder testing, NFPA compliant fire pump testing, vehicle insurance and registration requirements, above ground fuel tank pollution control inspections and new vehicle specifications for example. During 2014 the District received a new Pierce 3,000 gallon water tender. Several large refurbishment projects were also accomplished, including the repurposing of 5-ton military surplus vehicle into a fully functional wildland unit.

The Facilities Branch supports all of the District's routine needs to make certain the facilities are adequately functioning and supplied to house the firefighters, apparatus and support staff. Numerous capital projects were initiated during 2014 including replacement of several HVAC systems, major renovation to numerous facility bathrooms, driveway resurfacing and remodeling of training and meeting rooms to better serve the southern portions of the District and Community.

# FIRE & LIFE SAFETY STAFFING



*Shawn Hanson*  
*Division Chief/Fire Marshal*

## Fire & Life Safety

Shar Hingson, Captain/Deputy Fire Marshal  
Lt. Inspector John Bigica  
Lt. Inspector Mike Cruz  
Lt. Inspector Steve Riley  
Inspector Mike Bays  
Inspector Daniel Machin  
Inspector Barb Sibley  
Inspector Nate Burley  
Inspector Joe Murphy  
Dianne McIntyre, Administrative Assistant

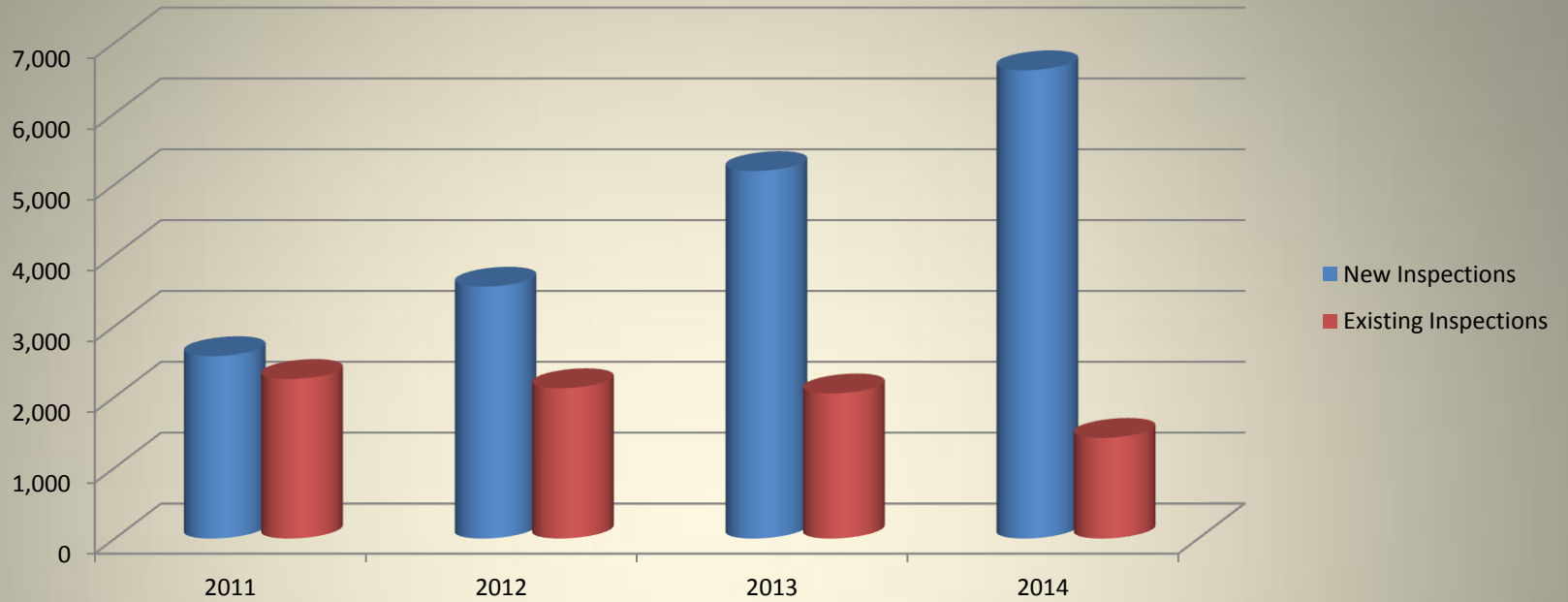
The Fire and Life Safety Division is an integral division in the overall efforts of a quality service oriented fire district and has worked diligently in cooperation with local businesses and residents to create a safer community in which to reside and visit. Objectives are achieved through the enforcement and education of fire and life safety codes and public education.

The Fire and Life Safety Division is comprised of 5 highly motivated Florida State Certified Firefighter/Inspectors, 2 Civilian Inspectors and 1 Part-time Inspector with service ranging from 1 to 26 years and is overseen and operated by a Division Chief/Fire Marshal supported by a Captain/Deputy Fire Marshal and Administrative Assistant. Thanks to the resources provided to the Fire and Life Safety Division, the successful completion of the following inspections were achieved: 6,609 New Construction Inspections; 1,420 Existing Building Inspections including Hydrant Flow Tests and Inspections, Business Tax License Inspections, Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections, School Inspections, Deficiency/Complaint Inspections, Special Events/Tents and Fireworks Inspections, Key Boxes, and Evacuation Plans Reviews. In addition to servicing the newly merged areas of East Naples and Golden Gate, the Division inspected new and existing construction in the Isles of Capri and Ochopee Fire Districts and provided oversight of the Collier County Fire Plans Reviews. As a result of new growth in the community, 4,798,937 square feet of construction new to the District was inspected with a total of 30,800,364 square feet for all New and Existing construction.

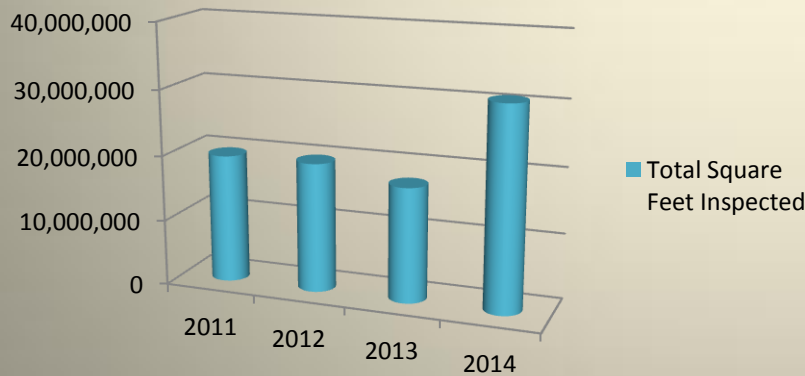
The Fire and Life Safety Division responded to multiple significant fire incidents and assisted the State Fire Marshal's Office with multiple cause and origin investigations.



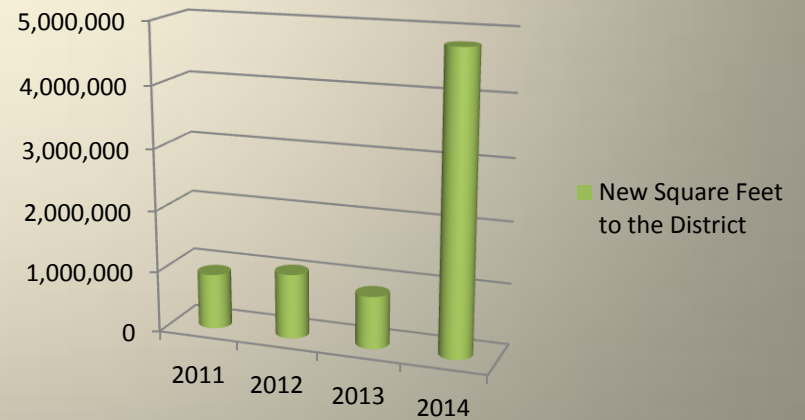
# Inspections



## Total Square Feet Inspected



## New Square Feet to the District



Public Education serves as a foundation to promote life safety. Further supporting goals of attaining a safer community, the following training programs were provided in 2014: 12 Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations saw participation from more than 250 community members; Crowd Manager Class was held for 33 citizens and the Fire Safety House program was delivered to more than 500 elementary students. The 6th Annual Fire Prevention Awareness Day at Coastland Center Mall was again successful, reaching more than 1,500 people and 445 children were provided toys through the District's annual Toy Drive Command.



# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE STAFFING



*Tara Bishop, Deputy Director*

## Administration & Finance

Michele Packard, Administrative Assistant  
Nicole Chesser, Executive Assistant  
Charlotte Johnson, Accountant  
Yolanda Serna, Finance Specialist  
Pat Meulenberg, Finance Specialist  
Susan Morris, Administrative Assistant  
Debbie Schwarz, HR Specialist  
Brad Sprowls, Network & Systems Administrator  
Dale Vanderploeg, PT IT Tech

# BUDGET AND FINANCE

Although merged administratively during the year, the East Naples and Golden Gate Fire Control & Rescue Districts’ funds remained separate until the official merge in November. Both Districts realized a net savings of over \$700,000 while operating together under an interlocal agreement.

The East Naples and Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue Districts’ operating budgets are largely dependent on the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes. Ad Valorem tax revenue is calculated by multiplying a homeowner’s taxable property value by the levied millage rate of 1.5. The millage rate is set annually by the Board of Fire Commissioners during the regular budgeting process. Historically the Districts have experienced a combined average growth rate of 9% in ad valorem revenue since 2000, including the economic downturn from 2006 – 2012.

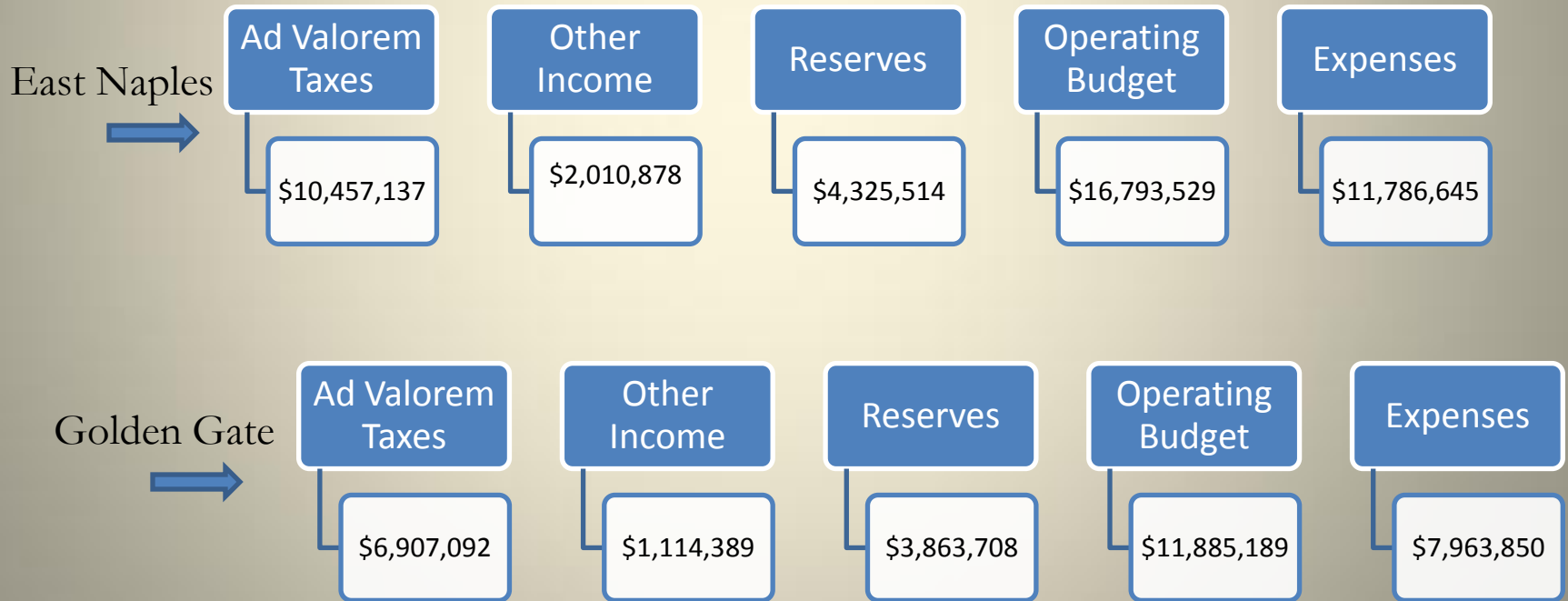
## East Naples

| FISCAL YEAR | PROPERTY VALUE  |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 2009-2010   | \$8,848,371,639 |
| 2010-2011   | \$7,462,243,436 |
| 2011-2012   | \$6,966,954,765 |
| 2012-2013   | \$6,863,027,916 |
| 2013-2014   | \$7,201,352,150 |

## Golden Gate

| FISCAL YEAR | PROPERTY VALUE  |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 2009-2010   | \$6,587,356,347 |
| 2010-2011   | \$5,023,333,421 |
| 2011-2012   | \$4,522,231,713 |
| 2012-2013   | \$4,610,219,181 |
| 2013-2014   | \$4,734,683,260 |

The Districts' millage rate for 2014 remained unchanged, however property values increased by \$589,971,250 in East Naples and by \$323,131,083 in Golden Gate. Ad valorem revenues collected were \$10,457,137 for East Naples and \$6,907,092 for Golden Gate for this same period. This combined with other income of \$2,010,878 and \$4,325,514 in operating reserves accounted for a total Operating budget of \$16,793,529 in East Naples. Golden Gate's Operating budget of \$11,885,189 included other income of \$1,114,389 and \$3,863,708 in reserves.



# 2014 ANNUAL AWARDS



Firefighter of the Year - Andy Krajewski, Battalion Chief



Civilian Employee of the Year - Dianne McIntyre, Administrative Assistant



Fire Chief Value's Award - Chris Rossi, Driver/Engineer



Division Chief Shawn Hanson was awarded Fire Marshal of the Year at the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Prevention Conference Banquet.



Finance Specialist Pat Meulenberg was awarded Golden Gate Citizen of the Year at the Golden Gate Area Civic Association's 2014 Citizens of the Year Banquet.



Lieutenant Craig Weinbaum was awarded the \$20,000 grand prize for his firehouse (Station 21) in the Steak-umm Firehouse Challenge.

**Service Awards 2014**

|  | <b>Anniversary Date</b> | <b>Years of Service</b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maintenance Technician Greg Houchin      | 2/2/2014                | 5                       |
| Administrative Assistant Sarah Pike      | 4/6/2014                | 5                       |
| Administrative Assistant Dianne McIntyre | 5/18/2014               | 5                       |
| Network & Systems Admin. Brad Sprowls    | 10/1/2014               | 5                       |
| Administrative Assistant Susan Morris    | 1/5/2014                | 10                      |
| Driver Engineer Lucas Garcia             | 2/2/2014                | 10                      |
| Driver Engineer Matt Nixon               | 5/20/2012               | 10                      |
| Driver Engineer Aaron Asher              | 2/23/2014               | 10                      |
| Firefighter Kris Occhipinti              | 2/23/2014               | 10                      |
| Deputy Fire Code Official Margaret Jani  | 3/1/2014                | 10                      |
| Mechanic Jamie Popiol                    | 3/1/2014                | 10                      |
| Lieutenant Kevin Schoch                  | 4/5/2014                | 10                      |
| Firefighter Chris Citak                  | 7/12/2014               | 10                      |
| Driver Engineer Mike Reeve               | 1/4/2014                | 15                      |
| Driver Engineer Grant Danskine           | 6/1/2014                | 15                      |
| Captain Rusty Godette                    | 7/11/2014               | 15                      |
| Firefighter Mike Leal                    | 7/11/2014               | 15                      |
| Driver Engineer Brian Hennessy           | 10/11/2014              | 15                      |
| Battalion Chief Andy Krajewski           | 10/11/2014              | 15                      |
| Driver Engineer Jarett Cotter            | 10/25/2014              | 15                      |
| Deputy Chief Nick Biondo                 | 1/8/2014                | 25                      |
| Lieutenant Chris Ogden                   | 8/14/2014               | 25                      |

**Retirements 2014**

|                  | <b>Years of Service</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Terry Anderson   | 24                      |
| Daniel Ernst     | 29                      |
| Ed Riley         | 14                      |
| Linda Rutkoski   | 14                      |
| Robert Salvaggio | 16                      |
| Ricco Longo      | 13                      |
| Jackie De la Osa | 13                      |
| Margaret Jani    | 10                      |

**New Employees 2014**

|                                      | <b>Hire Date</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Inspector Nate Burley                | 10/6/2014        |
| Inspector Joseph Murphy              | 10/13/2014       |
| Firefighter Justin Diaz              | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Mario Castaneda          | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Daniel Garretto          | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Devin Collum             | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Nicholas Garofalo        | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Christopher Meli         | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Anthony Marrero          | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Christopher Szczepkowski | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Kevin Collins            | 12/8/2014        |
| Firefighter Nicholas Newman          | 12/8/2014        |

**Promotions 2014**

|                                  | <b>Promotion Date</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Division Chief Shawn Hanson      | 2/3/2014              |
| Driver Engineer Lucas Garcia     | 2/17/2014             |
| Driver Engineer Jose Santana     | 4/12/2014             |
| Captain Shar Hingson             | 8/4/2014              |
| Lieutenant Jordan Boutilier      | 11/3/2014             |
| Lieutenant Robert McGowan        | 11/3/2014             |
| Driver Engineer Jason Bledsoe    | 11/3/2014             |
| Driver Engineer Scott MacQuarrie | 11/3/2014             |

**Separated Employees 2014**

- Crystal Zamarripa-Sosa
- Michael Leal
- Adam Ryan
- Darrell Sapp



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