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Controlled burn behind the Isles of Collier Preserve

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Office of the Fire Chief

By: Kingman Schuldt, Fire Chief

With four short months in the books Greater Naples Fire Rescue District continues to set the foundation for a successful future serving the East Naples, Golden Gate and Collier County communities. With many accomplishments under the belt, the men and women continue to work on so many projects to move the organization forward.

The addition of several new apparatus to the fleet this year will include the arrival of a 75' ladder sometime this summer, as well as a new air and light unit which will be the first fully self contained unit in Collier County, capable of providing continuous breathing air, electric and ventilation resources, and an additional Class A Pumper.

The continued success of the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Program is another significant milestone for the Fire District. With three full-time apparatus (22, 23, 73) operating ALS capable, one additional apparatus (21) operating 30% of the time and ramp up with ALS capabilities, I am confident the program will continue to strengthen and support the District's mission to provide the most effective fire based ALS services to our community. These successes are of course, only possible because of the continued commitment of the Firefighter/PM's and EMT's of the Fire District and the partnership with Collier County EMS.



With the new logo and branding efforts now finalized the membership will soon see the visual changes to uniforms, patches and other identifiers. This process has been a slow and sometimes laborious process however, much time and detail was taken in order that all efforts were coordinated and quality products designed and produced. The District has two Bills filed with the Legislature this session and staff continues to work in close coordination with Representatives Hudson, Passidomo and Senator Richter to work them through the numerous Committee Hearings and legislative staff reviews. When approved by the Governor in early summer the District will see a significant increase in revenue. The Fiddler's Creek Annexation Bill will net the District an approximated \$100,000.00 annually

in ad valorem revenue. The Naples Reserve Annexation Bill will allow the District to collect impact fees for the 1,150 homes scheduled to be constructed as well as annual ad valorem revenues of an approximated \$500,000.00.

During a recent trip to Tallahassee I had the opportunity to be accompanied by our Union leadership; President Mading, District President Mading and Secretary Baker, who joined me during meetings with our legislators and other State leaders. The value of walking the halls hand-in-hand with the District's Union demonstrates the willingness by all parties to make this new organization a success. With this said, I thought it appropriate to make you aware that during my travels throughout the community and state I am often asked how the merger is going, what are the challenges, or is it chaotic? My reply is simple, it is far from chaotic; it is like a new marriage with two grown families now becoming one. We are learning to share the sock drawers, find new seat assignments at the dinner table and figuring out what makes our siblings happy or mad. Most importantly I respond to the inquiries as follows: "This merger is a tremendous amount of work that has brought two great agencies together and are now providing a more effective service to the community. This would not be possible if not for the continued diligence of 168 members who make up the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District." And for this, I am appreciative and grateful for everyone's efforts.



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Operations Division

By: Nolan Sapp, Assistant Chief



Spring has arrived in the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District which translates into wildland fire season for the District. As the District continues through the spring months leading up to summer and the tropical weather season the organization will continue to ramp up Wildland gear and capabilities to respond wherever the District may be requested to respond. This is a good time of year to interact with the citizens of our community and remind them what they need to do to prepare and prevent wildland fires. Remind homeowners to clear around their houses, clear the gutters, and make sure they have good driveway access for fire apparatus and other emergency responders.

For our personnel, remember what Captain Godette instructed during Wildland training by making sure apparatus and personnel are ready. Responders need to be ready not only for local deployment but also for regional or even state deployment. The District prides itself with our approach to Wildland firefighting training and abilities.

Statistically speaking, Santa Barbara Station 75 remains the busiest unit in the District and commonly in the County. Rescue 75 responds to over 200 calls for service in a month as a single resource from that station. As a District we are averaging nearly 60 calls a day from our ten stations. This is slated to be one of the busiest years to date for the District.

Ladder 21 is currently in production and still slated to be off the assembly line by May. You can follow the unit's production by going through the vendor's web site www.Ten8fire.com and follow it to "in production," then select our agency. You can follow its progress down the assembly line. A new Engine is slated to go before the Board of Fire Commissioners as well as the new Air and Light unit during the April Board meeting.



The Special Operations Chief, Battalion Chief Andy Krajewski along with Lt. Matt Trent and Lt. Brian Heath just completed work on the District's portion of a State of Florida Drill, referred to as So-Flex. The crews locally as well as four other locations across the state conducted both Hazmat and USAR disciplines while being monitored by State of Florida Evaluators. Team leaders spent many long days and nights to make sure District personnel were ready to perform. The drill was conducted locally over a two-day period. The Leaders and the Special Team members from Greater Naples Fire Rescue performed above and beyond expectations in this exercise.

The North Battalion is now participating in the Collier County ALS Agreement and is currently operating from two Stations; 70, and 73. When staffing permits Station 72 will also be staffed as an ALS unit. This is the first time that ALS services have been provided to citizens in the Golden Gate Community. This program will continue to grow as the District adds additional Paramedics to the District.

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District continues to meet the expectations of our community. This is accomplished through the personnel who stand ready to respond. The personnel continue to excel in their abilities to provide the best service to those in need.

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Fire & Life Safety Division

By: Shawn Hanson, Division Chief



Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Dianne McIntyre for her well deserved recognition and honor of being selected as the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Civilian Employee of the Year!!

Fire Plan Review staff continue to churn out plans at a rapid pace; 505 reviews were completed in the month of February alone. Each review is responsible for creating numerous field fire inspections, resulting in a very busy Fire & Life Safety Division.

The newly adopted edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code is in full effect with a multitude of changes. One noticeable change is the move from using the adopted year to using the edition number; the current edition is the Fifth Edition. The Florida Building Code also utilizes edition number.

Please welcome the addition of full-time inspector James Cody and part-time inspector Aaron Stewart. James is training in new construction with Lt. Bigica and Aaron is training in existing alongside Lt. Cruz.

Certificates of Appreciation for our Annual Toy Drive Giveaway were given out at the March 10th Commissioner Meeting. Thank you to all who helped make this year's event a huge success!



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Fire Chief's Career Corner

By: Kingman Schuldt, Fire Chief

A New Scientific Approach to Firefighting

By: Matt, Trent, Lieutenant, MPA, FO

Think about the last structure fire you made entry on. As you think about this fire and the decisions you made, you probably performed a 360-degree size-up and made entry through the unburned side. Your thought process was instilled by previous science and instruction that you should make entry through the unburned side because you did not want to “push” fire through the rest of the structure. Many fire research organizations (e.g., Firefighter Safety Research Institute, Underwriters Laboratories, National Institute of Safety & Technology) have conducted over 200 experiments to measure various modes of fire attack and how it responds to the spread of fire (Roman, 2015, pp. 2). According to Roman (2015), “Three main ideas have received the most attention: flowing water onto a structure fire from the outside, or ‘hitting it from the yard,’ is often the best option and can save the lives of civilians and firefighters; venting is not always a life saver and, in fact, can quickly turn deadly; and water cannot push fire into other parts of a structure” (p. 2).

Decades of firefighting and instruction have all taught us to move aggressively towards the fire and to “move in” from the unburned side to the burned side to alleviate the “push” or spread of fire into other parts of the structure. This scientific evidence has already been adopted and published by Jones & Bartlett’s *Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills 3ed*. Many large and proactive fire departments around the United States have already implemented this fundamental alteration into their tactical procedures including Fire Department of New York (FDNY), Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Oklahoma City Fire Department. According to Roman (2015), “In the eight months after the changes were made in L.A. County, firefighters injuries were down 45 percent and property loss was down 7 percent from the previous eight months, according to L.A. County Chief Daryl Osby” (p. 3).

The fires we are encountering today are much different than they were over a decade ago. Fuels inserted into modern houses now consist of faster-burning non-hardwoods (e.g., particleboard), polyethylene foam, and various synthetics (Roman, 2015, pp. 3). According to Roman (2015), “The furniture in the modern room burns much more aggressively, and the room reaches flashover in just 3 minutes, 40 seconds. According to a recent NFPA study, from 2007-2011, the national average response time for fire departments to home structure fires was close to six minutes” (p. 3).

Other areas of research findings suggest to “hit” the fire with water from the outside of the structure while a 360-degree size-up is being conducted or just prior to making entry. Roman (2015), suggests that this “cools the entire structure dramatically, and increases survivability from victims and firefighters” (p. 5). Others negate the claim that fire cannot be pushed onto victims on the opposite side of the hose line. Seattle Firefighter Aaron Fields, founder of *Nozzle Forward*, concurs “that smoke and flame cannot be moved by an exterior water flow” (pp. 8); however, “resulting steam from an exterior attack can also be deadly” (pp. 8). Deputy Chief Cecil Clay of the Oklahoma City Fire Department notes that they have made this tactical-shift in just less than two years based on this research. According to Roman (2015), Chief Clay states that “Firefighters in Oklahoma City are now taught to conduct a 360-degree size-up of a structure to see where the fire is venting to decide whether water should be applied. If smoke is venting on side A, they hit it with water through a window on side A before venting or searching” (p. 9). NIST and UL cite that this method proves “to be most effective—cools the room from about 1,500 degrees to 300 degrees in just seconds” (Roman, 2015, pp. 9).

This decade of research is tool to put in our arsenal of fire attack. By continuing our education and training, we can all learn new processes that will help improve survivability of both our firefighters and victims trapped inside of structure fires.

Roman, J. (2015, January 1). NFPA Journal. Retrieved March 15, 2015, from <http://www.nfpa.org/newsandpublications/nfpa-journal/2015/january-february-2015/features/fire-tactics>

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Officer Development

By: Lieutenant Matt Trent, MPA, FO

The Process of Leadership



When we think of the word leadership, we can all define the meaning or apply it to someone that we consider to be a leader. Some of us define a leader as a rank or position within our organization or discipline, while others define a leader as an influential person of a group or system; regardless of affiliation. Leaders have many forms and exhibit various traits or styles that people inherently value. Each leader, as with each follower, is different and requires unique characteristics that help to define a process. This *process* is defined as leadership. Leadership can be defined as the interaction between the leader and the follower. This interaction can be defined as a relationship. Without interaction or relationship, leadership cannot take place. It is a commitment from both the leader and the follower; forming a cohesive bond that allows the process of leadership to be developed. The only difference between the leader and the follower is influence. Influence can be applied both upwards and downwards by both the leader and the follower. Once the relationship or bond is formed; both the leader and the follower exchange ideals and content that can be reciprocated amongst others in the organization.

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

– Jack Welch

Each circumstance has its value to all parties involved. For instance, a company officer may have influence over a firefighter during an emergency scene. This relationship would be developed prior to engagement of the emergency. The process of leadership involves integrity, character, and honor. For the firefighter to follow the company officer, both of them must commit to this relationship prior to the emergency scene. The same circumstance can take place in the opposite setting. If the firefighter has valuable knowledge or a specific skill-set that the company officer desires, the firefighter will then possess the influence; making him or her the leader and the company officer the follower. We are all leaders by trait. It is up to us to commit to the relationship building process that develops trust and character. We all possess qualities of self-confidence, determination, and integrity. We must be able to effectively exhibit these traits to our peers so that an

atmosphere of openness is created amongst each other; allowing all of us to build upon each other strengths, while improving our weaknesses. Whether this is applied to the concept of an engine company or to the entire organization, each of us have value and a specific skill or trait that we can bring to the table. It is up to us build upon these skills and help improve our current leadership qualities; while helping to create future successors and leaders of our Organization.



The Leadership Jigsaw

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Special Operations

By: Battalion Chief Andy Krajewski



On March 26th the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District participated in a State-wide hazardous materials and USAR exercise held here in Collier County. GNFD technical rescue team LTRT 635 paired up with LTRT 638 from Hillsborough County to perform Confined Space Rescue, Breaching and Breaking, and Rope Rescue tactics to rescue three victims. The USAR portion was held at the City of Naples Fire Training Center. The teams pushed their skills and equipment to their limits. On the hazardous materials portion of the exercise four of our hazardous materials technicians were part of the Collier County Hazardous Materials District Response Team. Our County team was paired up with the hazmat team from Sarasota County. This portion of the exercise was held at the Collier County Water Treatment Plant on Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Participants have to utilize their skills and training to recognize and mitigate the multiple hazards that faced them. I have received positive feedback from both arenas as this was the first time Collier County has hosted part of the State-wide exercise. Many team members from all participating teams have expressed their hope that we can do it again next year.



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Tallahassee
The City of Tallahassee recently took delivery of the new Pierce® T-20 Tanker. The vehicle features a 1500 gallon water tank, and 1500 gallon foam tank. Tank 8 and Pierce would like to thank Chief Eugene Schell for this order.

East Naples
East Naples Fire Rescue recently took delivery of the new Pierce® T-20 Tanker. The vehicle features a 1500 gallon water tank, and 1500 gallon foam tank. Tank 8 and Pierce would like to thank Chief Eugene Schell for this order.

New Smyrna Beach
The City of New Smyrna Beach recently took delivery of the new Pierce® T-20 Tanker. The vehicle features a 1500 gallon water tank, and 1500 gallon foam tank. Tank 8 and Pierce would like to thank Chief David McCallister for this order.

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Be sure to check out our new website design at www.ten8fire.com

WATER TENDER 20 MAKES THE MEDIA

Ten-8 Fire Equipment, manufacturer of Water Tender 20, used its photo in a recent publication of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association Fire Rescue magazine.

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District News



Station 72

This story was provided by Ed Beck regarding his father.

Edward J. Beck was a WW2 veteran who was a welder by trade, and after returning from the war, applied for and worked as a career firefighter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 1947/48 until 1960 when he left to work for RCA as a Firefighter/Security Officer in Thule, Greenland where the Air Force was building the BMEWS (Ballistic Missile Early Warning System). He signed up for an 18 month enlistment and was paid \$30,000 for the period. (This was a huge amount of money for 1960 dollars).

After leaving Greenland, he worked for General Electric from 1963 until 1973 in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania as a Firefighter/Security Officer. In March of 1973, he moved his family to Naples, Florida. Even though he was retired, he wanted to keep active, and took a job as a toll taker on Alligator Alley. After being in Naples for only 10 months, in the early morning hours of January 30, 1974 while working as a toll taker, two individuals approached on horseback from the woods and robbed and murdered him. They got away with \$98.50 and were tracked by the CCSO into the woods where they were caught with his possessions and the murder weapon. The individual who actually pulled the trigger was 16.

Fast forward to approximately 1997, and while I was visiting my mother in Naples (I had left the area to pursue a career in law enforcement in New Jersey) I read in the paper that the State of Florida was going to be putting in a new toll plaza on the Naples side of the Alley. I wrote to the state and petitioned them to consider naming the toll plaza after my father who had been killed on the job back in 1974. The state agreed, and in January of 2000 the plaza was dedicated in the memory of my dad.

Shortly after the dedication, I petitioned the county to rename the unnamed section of SR 84 that went from Collier Blvd to Benfield as Beck Blvd. After checking with all the property owners on the road, it was approved and the street was named Beck Boulevard after my dad.

Then...while in Naples a few years after the dedication of the street, I noticed the sign on the location of present day Station 72 advertising that there was going to be a firehouse built. I called Chief Metzger, who remembered me from high school and who remembered the events back in 1974, and gave him the back story on my dad. He volunteered to dedicate the lobby of the station to my dad, the firefighter, and assigned the task to Capt. Birge and PIO Victor Hill. And as a result of their efforts, in June of 2004 my mother and my family were invited to participate in the dedication of the building, the housing of Tower 72 and the Lobby Memorial. It was something that left my mother speechless. She died a year later in 2005.

When she passed, I was in with the funeral director and he asked if I had any pallbearers, and I said I only had a couple. Then I called Victor Hill at GGFD and asked if I might request some brother firefighter assistance. I myself am a volunteer firefighter and have been for 35 years. I asked Victor if he might be able to get a couple of volunteers to come to my mother's funeral to assist. Well, not only did the department provide those volunteers, they provided an honor guard, brought Tower 72, and provided a bagpiper who was playing Amazing Grace from the bucket of the truck. It was something she never forgot and something that I was very appreciative of.

I know this was a little long winded, but I tried to make it as short as I could. When I tell people his story, I always end it with the fact that out of tragedy came triumph. He would be so proud to know that his legacy not only lives on, but that it touches the lives of people who he related to as firefighters.

The display in the lobby of Station 72 does have his helmet, badge, academy photo, and some other station house photos. He was a tillerman assigned to Ladder 20.

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The Board expresses their gratitude to Representative Matt Hudson for his work and support with the District's merger Bill to become the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District.



Chief Schuldt participates in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Capitol Fallen Firefighter Memorial.



Sports balls from the District's Toy Drive were donated to Manatee Middle School.

Healthcare Highlight

By: Tara Bishop, Deputy Director

SOMETHING TO SLEEP ON.....

New research suggests a 30-minute nap is all it takes to reverse the hormonal impact of a night of poor sleep. This is the first study that found napping could “restore biomarkers of neuroendocrine and immune health to normal levels.” Lack of sleep is recognized as a public health problem. Insufficient sleep can contribute to reduced productivity as well as increased vehicle and industrial accidents, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People who sleep too little are more likely to develop chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and depression.

The findings support the development of practical strategies for addressing chronically sleep-deprived employees. Source: www.endocrine.org (search “napping”).



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Employee Highlights

Employee Awards & Recognition



BC Andy Krajewski
2014 Firefighter of the Year



AA Dianne McIntyre
2014 Civilian of the year award



2014 Recipients and Nominees for Firefighter
and Civilian Employee of the Year



DE Chris Rossi
2014 Fire Chief's Value Award



I would like to recognize Dave Perez for his attendance and performance at the Push for the Troops fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Dave was asked two weeks prior if he could represent the GNFD and do pushups at the event. He took it upon himself to do a day for day shift swap to be at the fundraiser at 0800. In full bunker gear, Dave proceeded to do 124 push-ups, more than anyone else, at a fundraiser that raised over 30,000 dollars for the Special Operations Wounded Warriors. David's initiative, fitness, and commitment to others, reflect great credit upon himself and are keeping with the highest traditions of the fire service.

Submitted by Lt. John Taylor



LT. Inspector Steve Riley
25 year Service Award

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Employee Highlights



Name: Scott Hogan
Rank: Lieutenant – Station 20
Hire Date: January, 2000

Interests:

My interests are metal and wood fabricating, sports, automobiles, and health. I'm also interested in our 175 pension plan and currently hold a position on that board.

Hobbies:

Traveling, bowling, working in my shop, and racing stock cars.

Can't Live Without:

My family!



Name: Anthony Palermo
Rank: Firefighter Alt. D/E, MDA Coordinator
Station 21 (House of Pain)
Hire Date: February, 2003

Interests:

MDA, Military and World History, Missions trips in third world countries

Hobbies:

Motocross/ATV, range time with all my weapons and paddle boarding

Can't Live Without:

My Family!

Our Newest Team Members at Greater Naples Fire Rescue District



Receptionist Maria Mercedes Carrillo



Inspectors James Cody and Aaron Stewart

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Employee News

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following families:

Corey Craft Family
Debbie Schwarz Family
John Winslow Family
Dean Anderson Family
Jason Bledsoe Family



Just Arrived!

Welcome our newest family members:

Liam Joseph born to Chris & Rachel Diaz on 2/20/15



If you would like to serve your fire district, join the Newsletter Team Now! Must be at least 18 years of age, good health and willing to sacrifice your mind to the betterment of your fellow men and women. All interested should contact the local recruiting office at nchesser@gnfire.org

It's not just a job, it's career!