



THE BOTTOM LINE



KEEPING YOU INFORMED.

RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

GNFD crews responded to a residential structure fire at 8431 Glen Eagle Way the morning of April 7th. An employee from a landscaping company doing work in the neighborhood called for help after noticing flames coming from the garage. The residents awoke to someone pounding on their front door. It was determined the fire originated in or around the area of a golf cart located in the garage and the fire was deemed accidental. The District is grateful for everyone involved in keeping these residents and their neighborhood safe.



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GNFD IN THE COMMUNITY



GNFD personnel were honored to attend the Collier County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Memorial on May 31st. Our fallen heroes and their families will always remain in our hearts.



GNFD EMS Training Division led a CPR training course to high school students at Golden Gate High School in April.



On May 14th, GNFD was proud to raise the flag at the Folds of Honor tournament at Treviso Bay and Deputy Chief D’Angelo’s daughter Ayla opened with the National Anthem.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOSE DOWN

Operations personnel always enjoy cooling off the students to celebrate the start of summer vacation.





OPERATIONS

GNFD TRAINING

TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINING

In June, the Technical Rescue Team trained on gaining access through a confined space, using a tripod system with a 4:1 lowering system during the Multi-Agency structural collapse training at the Beach Club, with Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, North Collier Fire Rescue District and Florida USAR Task Force 6.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to all the heroes recognized by Collier County EMS on May 18th who were involved in the rescue and treatment of a patient who had suffered sudden cardiac arrest and was brought back to life after being found without a pulse.

CERTIFIED DISTRICT MANAGER DESIGNATION

Chief of Staff Nicole Chesser received the Certified District Manager (CDM) designation from the Florida Association of Special Districts at their summer conference in June. The purpose of the CDM program is to ensure that district managers comply with the Florida Statutes governing special districts.



STORK AWARD



Logistics Technician Brian Bower stepped in to assist in the delivery of a baby boy when the mother arrived at a GNFD fire station in June. Brian is always stepping up to help wherever there is a need and we appreciate his dedication.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

PRICETAG ON LIBERTY

CHAPLAIN JACK STROM

I love the history of Early America. Consequently, I have an area in my home library that is dedicated to the founding of our country. This past week, I took time to read the story again and for my Chaplain’s Corner, I’m sharing a few highlights for you to consider.

Seventeen, seventy-six, in the Pennsylvania State House, the best men from each of our colonies sat down together. On June 11th a committee was formed to draw up a paper telling our British fatherland “No more rule by Redcoats.” On July 4, Congress adopted it.

When that document was read publicly for the first time, the big bell in the tall steeple of the State House rang joyously. The appointed signal! Cheers rose from the waiting crowd as the inscription on the big bell... became a reality - *Proclaim liberty throughout all the land.*

On July 19, the document was ordered engrossed on parchment and to be signed by all the delegates. The day of the signing was August 2. At the signing, undaunted resolution was displayed on every countenance. As Congress took their turn in signing, John Hancock said, “We must be unanimous. There must be no pulling different ways; we must all hang together.” To which Dr. Franklin replied, “Yes, we must all hang together, or most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.”

We called it the Declaration of Independence. A parchment that was to stand forever as a promised partnership between the living, the dead, and the yet unborn. But there is a price tag on liberty. The last paragraph states, “We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor.” But of the 56 signers, few were long to survive.

The fifty-six men who signed that Declaration were, for the most part, a young, vigorous, hardy lot. Seven were over sixty, eighteen were in their thirties, and three were in their twenties. These were men devoted to their belief in a creator who had fashioned them in HIS image and likeness. That meant, they stoutly contended, that they were to be free rather than enslaved.

They were not wild-eyed pirates. But they considered liberty so much more important than security that they pledged their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor. They fulfilled that pledge... They paid the price... and FREEDOM was born! Much has changed in our country since our founding on July 4, 1776. We have grown from a nation of just three million to a population now of over three hundred million and from 13 colonies to now 50 states.

Our founding fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation – not when economic circumstances permitted it, but when human dignity demanded it. As first responders, the mission statement of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District says it well concerning our mission. *To protect life and property by providing emergency response services and education for the residents, businesses and visitors of our community with Professionalism, Integrity and Compassion.*



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Battalion Chief Craig Weinbaum, Battalion Chief Aaron Fly & Battalion Chief Chris Rossi on their well-deserved promotions effective April 18.



Congratulations EMS Lieutenant Matt Donovan on his well-deserved promotion effective March 21.



Congratulations Lieutenant Ryan McGinnis on his well-deserved promotion effective April 18.



Congratulations Daniel Wilcox on his well-deserved promotion to Driver Engineer effective May 30.

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RETIREMENT FROM GNFD

GNFD would like to congratulate Charlotte Johnson on her retirement in April. Charlotte began her career with East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District on June 19, 2006. She played an integral role in the financial compliance of the District over the past 16 years. She was a very conscientious and dedicated employee and was named the 2019 Civilian Employee of the Year. We wish Charlotte the best in her retirement.



Congratulations to Debbie Schwarz on her retirement in May. Debbie did a tremendous job handling human resources and benefit coordination for the District for many years. She was one of the first employees named Civilian Employee of the Year in 2013 right before the merger. With 13 ½ years of service we wish Debbie the best in her retirement.



GNFD would like to congratulate Lt. Marty Good on his retirement in June. Lt. Good dedicated 24 years to the District, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.