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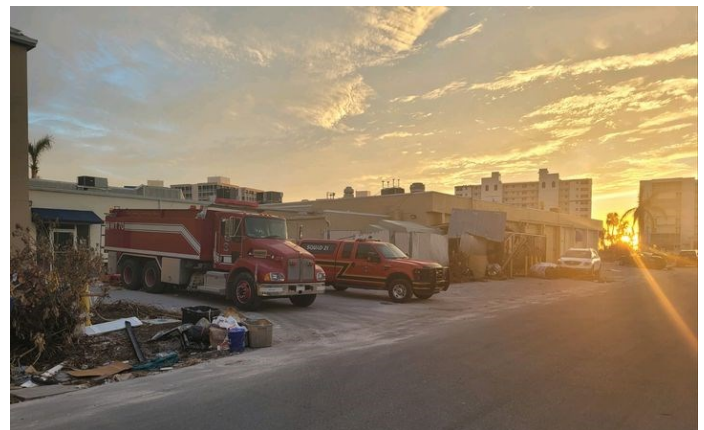
September 28, 2022



Station 60 experienced significant flood damage



Eng. Manny Morales and FF Billy Cipriano spent two days helping the Rodriguez family start the clean up process.



Fort Myers Beach— Water Tender Standby

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Water Rescue Response

Battalion Chief-Chris Diaz

There are countless stories of acts of heroism, bravery, and kindness that came from one of the deadliest hurricanes to strike the state of Florida since 1935. One of those stories is the heroic water rescue operation that took place in the East Naples area on September 28, 2022, during Hurricane Ian. At 12:58 pm GNFD crews were advised to respond to Smugglers Cove for a trapped elderly female confined to her home with rising flood waters. Crews responded to the KOA campground located at 1700 Barefoot Williams Rd to utilize their boat ramp. This was the only available option in order for the crew to have a chance to reach the reported victim due to access issues. Upon their arrival, it was determined the boat ramp was inaccessible. Boat access was ultimately gained in the area south of Barefoot Williams Rd. and Tower Rd. Then crews were able to reach the initial dispatched address and successfully rescue the trapped elderly female as well as two others at nearby addresses. Driver/Engineer John Pipitone, and Driver/Engineer Chris Mercier, accomplished this by dividing responsibilities. One member being the boat operator and the other diving into the water and bringing the victims to a submerged vehicle in order for them to step onto the car and then onto the vessel.

GNFD established a command post behind the Home Depot located at 1651 Airport Rd South. Due to the rising flood waters, this was the most accessible location to rescue, triage, and transport victims. During this time, there were numerous calls being taken by communications with reports of victims trapped due to rising flood waters with no escape. These addresses were labeled as depicted by the blue pins on the map below. By 7:30 pm all marine operations were ceased due to the receding water level and the inability to operate vessels inland. However, all land-based units continued to respond to reported addresses and rescue victims. At approximately 8:30 pm there was a reported structure fire located off Mango Dr. and Tamiami Trl. East. GNFD crews responded and found a fully involved trailer. The crew began a fire attack in knee-high water where they were able to suppress the fire until the water receded enough for an Engine to make access. At 11:30 pm, all addresses that were received by command had been searched and considered cleared. There were a confirmed 38 rescues made throughout the operation.

The acts of heroism displayed during this operation, as well as many others, should be recognized. The Greater Naples Fire units went above and beyond the call of duty with immediate dangers to their own safety. There is no doubt that lives were saved during this response and we applaud the heroic actions performed by the first responders involved in this operation.

Boat 901 Crew: Driver/Engineer John Pipitone, Driver/Engineer Chris Mercier

Brush 22 Crew: Lieutenant Jake Beckman, Driver/Engineer Aaron Douglas

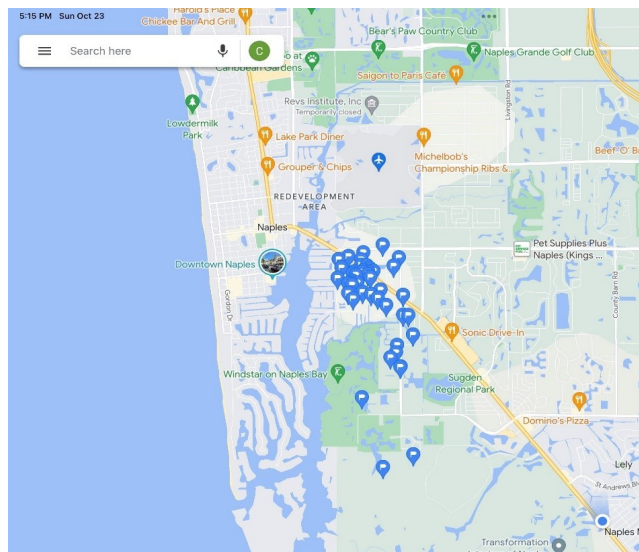
Attack 63 Crew: Driver/Engineer Vaughn Palmateer, Firefighter Hunter Close

Brush 72 Crew: Captain Jason Sellers, Firefighter David Rotkovich

Brush 21 Crew: Lieutenant Ray Kilmer, Firefighter Nathan Pratt

Battalion 70 Aid: Firefighter Jace Perkins

CH220: Assistant Chief Andy Krajewski





GNFD IN THE COMMUNITY



Ladder 21 stealing the show at the City Of Naples Christmas parade on December 6th.



Fun visit to Able Academy in December!



TOYS FOR TOTS NAPLES SALVATION ARMY AND GNFD

12.8.22





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

RETIREMENT



We are excited to celebrate the distinguished career of Deputy Chief Sal D'Angelo who retired from GNFD in October. Chief D'Angelo was instrumental in many of the District's recent successes including strategic planning, land acquisitions, and acquiring licensing to practice advanced life support.

Chief D'Angelo is a true fire service professional who will be greatly missed.





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Christmas at GNFD



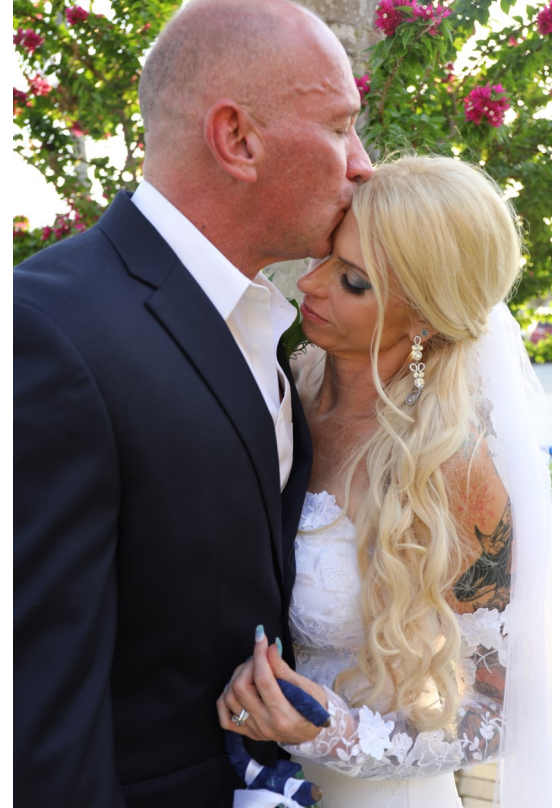


EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Kennedy wedding
Pigeon Forge, TN

Love is in the air!



Kilmer wedding
Fort Myers, FL

Welcome to the family!



Rylan Rogula—Born 10.28.22
Proud Father— FF Ryan Rogula

Lt Robert McGowan is the proud father of baby girl, Mia Grace born 10.19.22

FF Shabree Finger is the proud father of a new baby boy. Kenji Jet was born 11.21.22



Kinsley Taylor—Born 11.18.22
Proud Father— Inspector Jared Taylor

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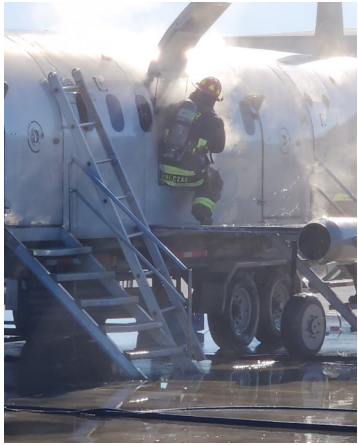
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GNFD TRAINING & OPERATIONS

AIRCRAFT H.O.T. DRILLS
10.25.22



2 ALARM FIRE— GOLDEN GATE 12.27.22



Controlled burn support 11.17.22





OPERATIONS

GNFD ISSUED COPCN TO PROVIDE ALS

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District (GNFD) has been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) from Collier County and license by the State of Florida

authorizing the District to provide non-transport Advance Life Support (ALS) services. Over 60 percent of the District's calls for service are medical in nature. Providing ALS services allows the District's Paramedics to deliver a higher level of care when responding to medical emergencies. Under the direction of Associate Medical Director Dr. James Augustine and EMS Division Chief Dennis DiSarro, and in cooperation with Collier County's Medical Director Dr. Robert Tober, Greater Naples Fire Rescue District will continue to provide the latest developing emergency medical training to our members to ensure the highest quality of care for the residents and visitors of Greater Naples.





EMS NEWS

Dr. James Augustine

It's the Season Health Update from the Associate Medical Director

As we have a lot of people escaping the cold weather for the warmth and beauty of a post-hurricane Collier County, it is particularly important to keep firefighters and their families in good health. This is also the time when fire activity increases significantly. The community needs our fire and EMS personnel healthy, and able to serve! What are the best ways to be ready?

Reduce exposures where possible. Don't come to work sick, and encourage others who are ill to stay home and isolate until healthy. Stay six feet away from others who are ill. Use good practices when preparing foods, particularly around raw meats. Wash your hands frequently, and keep hands away from your mouth and face.

Two of the biggest diseases of this season have very effective vaccines.

The flu season has been overwhelming in much of the country. The influenza vaccine is an excellent match to the influenza A that is the most common type so far. The flu is worse than the common cold, with more symptoms, and has a greater threat for serious complications. Common symptoms of the flu are:

- Fever
- Headache and muscle aches
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Nonproductive cough
- Poor appetite
- Headache



Influenza vaccines are available in many physician offices, in pharmacies, and in public health sites. They are so effective that most insurances cover the cost completely.

COVID is spreading again, with a variant that so far is not causing serious illness in those who have been vaccinated. An updated bivalent COVID vaccine has proven even more effective. The CDC and many medical organizations recommend the COVID vaccine across all ages. All current forms of the vaccine reduce the risk of serious disease, death, hospitalization, and "long COVID". Since most Americans have already received their first vaccines, the CDC recommends that people ages 5 years and older receive one updated (bivalent) booster. Any form of the COVID vaccine is still available for free!

COVID tests are free again amid the increase in cases. The U.S. resumed its program that ships four free COVID-19 tests to every household. This offer is part of the federal government's larger winter COVID prep plan.

Vaccines are a good prevention for COVID and the flu. Finding any form of a vaccine is as simple as this:

Search <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
Or text your zip code to 438829
Or call 1.800.232.0233

Staying healthy is important for us all, and reduces the load on our already busy hospitals.

Looking forward to 2023, when all of us have a chance to get back to normal operations, and maybe even focus on health issues other than infectious diseases! Keep moving forward to a healthy retirement for all of you!



CHAPLAINS CORNER

CHAPLAIN JACK STROM

DEVELOPING A WIN-WIN LIFESTYLE

In preparing for my Chaplain's Corner for the first quarter of the new year, I decided to start with an encouragement to develop a lifestyle that will be a win-win.

The following conversation is a satire of several different ways to pray and I decided to share it with you. I have used it before, but I thought it bore repeating. It is in contrast to my "one-word prayer."

"The proper way for a man to pray" said Pastor Right, "and the only proper attitude is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say, the way to pray," said Father Wise, "is standing straight, with outstretched arms, and rapt and upturned eyes."

"Oh no, no, no" said Rabbi Aplerstein. "Such posture is too proud. A person should pray with eyes fast closed and head contritely bowed." "Last year I fell in Hodgkin's well, head first" said Cyrus Brown, both by heels a-stickin' up, my head a-pointing down.

"An' I made a prayer right then an' there, best prayer I ever said, the prayin'est prayer I ever prayed, a-standing on my head."

It really doesn't matter what posture we use to pray. The important thing is that we pray. Be assured that as your Chaplain I pray for the GNFD team who serves our Greater Naples area with professionalism, integrity, and compassion.

Now let me share with you another overview of another prayer, even though it has only one word. It may be the most power-packed word that you will ever pray. The one-word prayer is *HELP!* God will fill in all the details.

My rule of thumb is that if it's big enough to worry about, it's big enough to pray about. God is as close as you let him hear your request for *help!*

You may have an annual pattern of making New Year's Resolutions at the start of each New Year. We all seem to start out with hope to continue our plan all year long. But if you're like me, within several weeks, it seems that we give up our physical discipline or that major project that we are planning to do. Maybe it's to go back to college and finish the degree you were committed to do last year.

I have a little statement hanging on my office wall that helps me deal with mistakes I make from day to day. "Though no one can make a brand-new start, my friend, you can start from now and make a brand-new end."

The best thing to do may be to pray *help!* *Help* conveys urgency. It is clear and to the point and is not misunderstood by God. It's the best prayer.

That's why the Bible speaks so often about calling out to God. Persons in crises and/or in need of a right answer find it the only appropriate prayer.

Memorized prayers are good, but often lack focus to articulate the importance of the present challenge. Recited prayers are good, but when the need is urgent, you need something more. Poetic-sounding prayers can be inspiring. But, that doesn't matter in the least, when what you need is Divine intervention.

Words often fail. There is no time. The pressure is too great. You just need to get through to God – and now! That is why our prayer is – *HELP!* And... God will fill in the details.



FLEET MAINTENANCE

SUBMITTED BY MARK RECORDS

In this edition, let's talk about tires and how to better understand them. The tires that go on most vehicles are composed of many different materials, some can have as many as twelve different components in them. The materials that go into the tires are manufactured specifically for each tire to give it special characteristics, such as handling, speed rating, and load capacity. Even the tread pattern is designed to perform specific roles—snow, rain, mud, and off road.

To better understand this let's look at the information located on the tire. The first thing we see is the name of the tire company and its series. Next you will see a letter like “P” for Passenger, “LT” Light Truck, “ST” Special Trailer, “T” Temporary, this generally describes the type of service the tire is used for. The next thing you will find is a set of numbers indicating the Width and Aspect Ratio of the tire. (Example: 225/75). The Width of the tire is measured in millimeters and the Aspect Ratio is done in tread width percentage that equals the tire's side wall height. The letter that follows these numbers will generally be an “R” for Radial or “B” for Bias---Ply. The final number is the rim size the tire fits on. There is a space followed by some more numbers known as the Tire Index. This is used to determine the tire load index and speed rating of the tire.



You can find the D.O.T (Department of Transportation) code stamped on the tire too, this will help identify the month and year the tire was produced. Tires have a life and should be replaced within a seven---year window. You will lastly find the maximum tire pressure of the tire manufacturer. This is not the vehicle manufacturer's suggested tire pressure. This information is located in the owner's manual or driver side front door pillar.

During the holiday season when friends and family are traveling, please check the tire condition and tire pressure so everyone arrives safe and happy.

Happy holidays from all of us at the Fleet Team.