



THE BOTTOM LINE

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Capt Scott Hogan & LT Mike Lowe Retire



The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is proud to recognize and celebrate the retirements of Captain Scott Hogan and Lieutenant Mike Lowe. Captain Hogan retires after 25 years of service, and Lieutenant Lowe concludes a remarkable 30-year career in the fire service. Both have dedicated their lives to protecting the residents of our community, leading with professionalism, integrity, and compassion every step of the way. Their commitment, experience, and leadership have made a lasting impact on the District and those they've served alongside. We are truly grateful for their many years of dedication and service.

Congratulations, Captain Hogan and Lieutenant Lowe—thank you for your outstanding contributions. We wish you both a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement!



Congratulations!



Chief Diaz Receives First Responder Award

On Friday, September 12, 2025, Chief Diaz was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement First Responder Award at the 2nd Annual Day of Service Emergency Preparedness Summit, hosted by the Collier County Sheriff's Office at the Naples Grande Beach Resort.

We are proud of his leadership, dedication, and service to our community!



Oar & Iron Delivers Dinner to Station 73



Community support and teamwork are what make us stronger—both on and off the job.

A huge THANK YOU to Oar & Iron for providing an incredible dinner for the crew at Station 73 and Felipe of “Felipe’s Backyard” for setting it all up.

Their kindness reminds us why we love serving this amazing community!

9/11 Stair Climb at Naples Grande Beach Resort



GNFR Members participated in the 9/11 Stair Climb at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. We honored the heroes who gave their lives on September 11, 2001. Participants climbed 18 floors, up and down, six times – representing the 110 flights of the World Trade Center towers. Each step was taken in remembrance of the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of those first responders.

We also reflected on the spirit of 9/12, a day when our nation stood united. Out of tragedy came strength, compassion, and a reminder of what it means to come together as one.

Thank you to the Naples Grande Beach Resort for your generosity and to everyone who joined us in remembrance to support The Brotherhood Ride.



Perkins First Responder Breakfast



1-800 Board Up hosts a free breakfast for first responders (active or retired) on the first Friday of each month at Perkins (Pine Ridge & I-75). It's a great way to connect, build camaraderie, and support mental wellness.

VMR Training



GNFR Crews participated in VMR (Vehicle and Machinery Rescue) Training at Trademark Recycling.

We are very grateful for their partnership and being able to utilize their facility and vehicles!

Newly Credentialed Paramedics



We're proud to announce that the following GNFD members have successfully completed all requirements to practice as fully credentialed Paramedics under the authority of our Medical Director, Dr. Scott Dunavant:
LT Joey Brown, LT Michael Grala, LT Derek Jones, DE Thomas Norman,
FF Cameron Bowling, FF Eblin Garcia, FF Justin Nichols & FF Robert Rizzolo.

Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence mean our community is in the best hands when seconds count.

CONGRATULATIONS!





MERT Team News



Our Marine Emergency Response Team (MERT) recently completed the Boat Operator Search and Rescue (BOSAR) course with the U.S. Coast Guard on Fort Myers Beach. This inter-agency training focused on advanced water rescue and search & rescue operations.

Our team is now certified to assist in searches without the Coast Guard having to review our procedures.

The course is NASBLA-approved, meaning it meets national boating safety standards and provides the knowledge needed to operate safely and effectively on the water.

We're proud of our MERT team for their dedication, skill, and commitment to keeping our community and waterways safe!



Engine 20 Crew Rescue Ducklings



Engine 20 crew responded to an unusual rescue mission at the Home Depot – three ducklings had waddled their way into a storm drain and couldn't get out!

With patience and some teamwork, our firefighters safely rescued all three little ones and reunited them with their anxious feathered family.



We're happy to report that all ducklings were all found, safe and sound. Because here at GNFR... no duck is left behind!

Generous Donation Made to the District



Crew 75 had the honor of meeting Gerri, a generous and compassionate community member who recently lost her beloved dog, Donny.

After seeing heartbreaking news stories about pets lost in fires, Gerri wanted to make sure no animal goes without help when it matters most. She made a large donation (in honor of Donny) to Greater Naples Fire Rescue to ensure every unit has enough pet oxygen masks—including extras, since they are single-use only—for any calls involving animals in distress.

Gerri's thoughtful gift will help us be better prepared to care for our four-legged friends in emergencies. We are incredibly grateful for her kindness, turning her loss into something powerful for others—especially those without a voice.



**Great
First
Day of
School!**



We visited each elementary school in our District during the first three days of the new school year, greeting families during the morning drop-off hours. Our crews were there to remind drivers to Slow Down and Watch for Children as students returned to class. The effort was warmly received by parents and school staff alike.

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Training Goes Wild: Firefighters Meet the Zoo Crew



Not your average training day! Engine 24 stopped by the Naples Zoo for some pre-plan training and got a special treat—feeding the giraffes!



Fun Fact: Giraffes have spots as unique as fingerprints—just like every firefighter brings unique strengths to the team.

Truck Show at Innovation Prep Academy



Engine 73 had a great day at the Touch-a-Truck event at Innovation Preparatory Academy of Naples on Immokalee Boulevard! Our crew enjoyed spending time with children and their families, showing them the fire engine and all the tools it carries—it's like a rolling toolbox.



Heroes Sunday at Capri Christian Church



Engine 90 Crew, BC Weinbaum & PIO Wood had the privilege of joining Capri Christian Church for their Heroes Sunday event.

The Engine Crew held a truck show while PIO Wood gave a hurricane preparedness presentation before the service started.

At the end of the service, all first responders were invited to the front of the sanctuary, where the congregation prayed over them—a powerful moment of gratitude and unity. Following the service, we gathered together for a wonderful luncheon.

We are so thankful for the warm welcome and continued support from the Capri Christian Church family.

Advanced Wilderness Medical Provider Certification



Several of our members successfully completed the Advanced Wilderness Medical Provider certification in Ohio!

This intensive 3-day course provided the knowledge and skills needed to manage medical emergencies in remote and challenging environments. The training focused on taking urban medical expertise and applying it to the austere conditions often faced in wilderness settings.

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District covers a vast and unique area—from the inner city of Naples, to water rescues on Isles of Capri, off-road emergencies in Golden Gate Estates, and even assisting brave hikers deep in the Everglades.

We are proud of our members for continuing to push their training to new levels. GNFR strives for greatness!



9/11 Memorial Events

Golden Gate City Memorial



Mission BBQ Memorial



Florio Drive-By Memorial in Verona Walk





9/11 Memorial Events

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Dinner with Heroes at Boys & Girls Club



Freedom Park Memorial



Reminder about our upcoming fall awards ceremony!
Please remember to RSVP if you plan on attending.

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