



THE BOTTOM LINE

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Happy New Year!



**Wishing
everyone a
healthy &
prosperous
new year!**

Fire Buddy Christmas Eve Visit

We visited our Fire Buddy, Noah, and his family on Christmas Eve to deliver gifts. Noah, as always, was happy to see us and excited to see the fire engine!



Fall District Awards Ceremony



Congratulations

Thank you to those who took the time to attend the Fall Awards and Promotions Ceremony. These ceremonies require significant time and effort to plan, and we truly appreciate everyone who attended to help make them meaningful.

2025 Candy Cane Run



Our crews knocked it out of the park once again with our annual Candy Cane Run! They spread holiday cheer across the district, handing out thousands of mini candy canes to smiling kids along the way. Santa Claus himself rode along with a couple of our crews! They had an absolute blast hanging out with him and helping make the season a little more magical for families in our community. Thanks to everyone who waved, smiled, and helped make this tradition so special. We can't wait to do it again next year!



Fire Prevention Day



Fire & Life Safety had a great time at Fire Prevention Day at Coastland Center Mall. Many families came out to meet the firefighters, explore the trucks and learn about fire safety.



Brotherhood Ride 2025



CAPT Scott Wilson, LT Justin Diaz, and FF RJ Pavlinovic proudly represented Greater Naples Fire Rescue District as they embarked on a 750-mile journey through Florida to honor and remember our fallen first responders.



We are incredibly proud of them and their dedication to keeping the brotherhood's spirit alive.



Driver Engineer Development Academy



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Toy Drive Kick-Off in Pelican Bay



We kicked off the annual Toy Drive in Pelican Bay with the continued support of our partners; The Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, and North Collier Fire.

As in previous years, the initiative invites residents to donate new, unwrapped toys to help bring holiday joy to children in need throughout the area, reinforcing our commitment to making a meaningful difference during the season of giving.

“All First Responders Matter” Breakfast



1-800-BOARDUP



Thank you to 1-800 Board Up for hosting 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.



Library Visit for Pete the Cat Event



Engine 25 Crew had a great time at the South Regional Library! Our crew joined Pete the Cat for a fun afternoon full of crafts, high fives, and smiles! Pete even wrapped up the evening in his pajamas for Storytime – dancing, grooving, and spreading joy all around.

Students from Able Academy donated 274 toys with an estimated value of \$4,396.32 for our annual toy drive! Wow!

**Able
Academy
Visit**

Engine 24 visited with all the children on donation day so they could learn about what we do and the all the tools on the fire engine.



RIT Training



If you drove along Collier Blvd. just south of Pine Ridge Road, you may have noticed our crews training at an acquired structure. The Training Unit put the building to great use, running multiple scenarios with a focus on Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) operations. RIT plays a vital role in firefighter safety, providing a dedicated team ready to assist members who may become lost, trapped, or injured during a structure fire. This type of realistic, hands-on training helps ensure we're prepared to act quickly, effectively, and safely when it matters most. Great work to everyone involved!

Vehicle Fire in Golden Gate City

Ladder 70 Crew responded to a pickup truck that was fully engulfed in flames on Tropicana Blvd. in Golden Gate City. Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames, and fortunately the driver was safe and didn't need medical attention. Our crew remained on scene until the wrecker arrived and then turned the incident over to the Collier County Sheriff's Office.



Awkward Family Photos: Christmas Edition



En70 & SQ70 Crew jumped on the bandwagon and captured some truly awkward family photos at Station 70. Matching poses, questionable expressions, and just enough cringe to make it official. Please don't cringe too much—sometimes you've got to have a little fun while at work, right? Nothing says "firehouse family" like awkward photos and good laughs.

Serving Our Community

Chief Wolfe and Commissioner Dearborn had the honor of volunteering with Farm City BBQ Thanksgiving Meal, where elected officials and local dignitaries roll up their sleeves to serve food to event attendees. This long-standing tradition brings the community together and benefits local youth programs, including Collier County 4H, Collier County Junior Deputies, Kiwanis Key Clubs, and Youth Leadership Collier.



Patty Baker Humane Society Calendar Photoshoot



DEs Hullibarger & Soto, along with FFs Finger, Lehman and Molina teamed up with Patty Baker Humane Society for a special photo shoot for their upcoming 2026 calendar – and the stars of the day were Gindy, Clawdia , and Cosmo! They all did an amazing job for the photoshoot! If you'd like to purchase a calendar, the link is on our social media pages.



Phoenix Awards

A big round of applause to all the Phoenix Award honorees! We are especially proud of our Greater Naples Fire Rescue members, who were recognized at the Phoenix Awards Ceremony among their peers in public safety.

MDA Fill The Boot Events



We raised \$16,201 this year at the MDA Fill The Boot Events. Great job! We are so thankful for those members who took time out of their busy schedules to collect donations to empower people living with neuromuscular disease to live longer, more independent lives.

East Naples Civic & Commerce Tour of Station 73

The East Naples Civic & Commerce Association had the opportunity to tour Station 73 and get an inside look at the incredible work this District does to keep the community safe. Chief Wolfe came along for the tour and talked about how our team continues to work tirelessly to modernize the District and ensure the best for both the firefighters and the residents they serve.



HALLOWEEN AT HEADQUARTERS



Our administrative staff embraced the Halloween spirit by dressing up in creative and festive costumes, bringing plenty of smiles and laughter to the workplace. The team enjoyed spending time together over lunch, sharing good food and even better company while celebrating the holiday.

HAZ-MAT TRAINING

Greater Naples Fire Rescue members attended an in-depth Hazardous Materials Training course focused on the planning, response, and mitigation of hazmat incidents. This specialized class was tailored to address the types of hazardous materials currently being manufactured and transported in our local communities. Participants gained valuable, hands-on experience with real-world scenarios—learning about the equipment, chemicals, processes, and potential hazards they may encounter during a response. Training like this ensures our firefighters are always prepared to protect our community safely and effectively.

