

# THE FIRE MARK



BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT MARCH 2017

## INTERIOR FIRE TRAINING

### FIRE, HAZARDS, & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- unparalleled service -  
saving lives  
& property



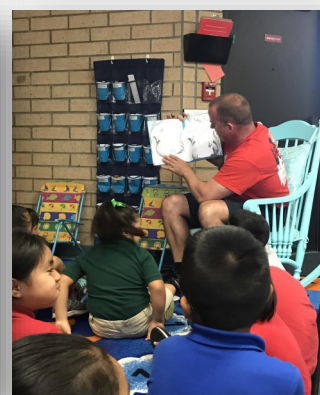
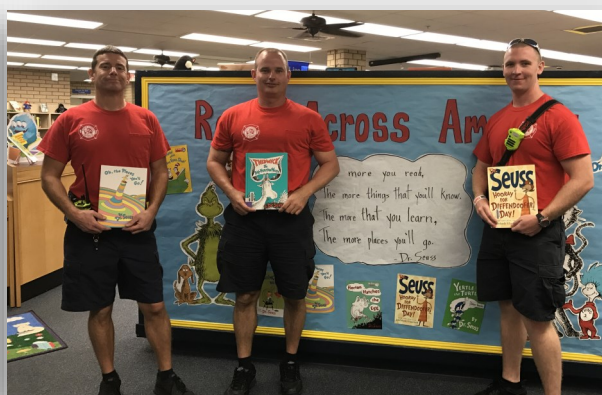
Top left: 3 of Bonita's rookie firefighters exiting the burn building  
Bottom left: Lee County firefighters ready to get started

Top right: Training Captain Clemens  
Bottom right: Lee County firefighters ready to get started on the fun

Multiple agencies from across Lee County visited Bonita Springs' fire training grounds at Fire Station Four on March 1st to give their rookie firefighters a chance to acquire practical fire training skills. Bonita Springs' burn building, commemoratively named *Paul's House Of Pain* in honor of our late Training Captain, is one of only two in the entire county. The building is comprised of Conex containers which are designed to simulate fire in a structure. Fire is placed strategically inside the building to provide firefighters with training on breaching, extinguishment, and rescue tactics inside the manufactured structure. We thank Estero Fire, San Carlos Fire, South Trail Fire, Iona-McGregor Fire, Fort Myers Beach Fire, City of Fort Myers Fire, and City of Cape Coral Fire for their professionalism and hard work. Over 70 of Lee County's firefighters, 16 of Bonita's own, participated in the successful training.

## BSFD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Firefighters enjoyed a visit to Spring Creek Elementary for their Annual Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss. The children were excited to see the firefighters and quite forgiving when some of those tongue twisters, common in Seuss' books, tripped them up. It was a wonderful day.





## CUSTOM MURAL AT FIRE STATION ONE

French-born artist Laurent Dareau was introduced to the Bonita Springs Fire Commissioners by the City's Arts in Public Places Committee, with the anticipation that an agreement could be made to allow Dareau to paint a commemorative mural on the north wall of Fire Station One. At March's Fire Board Meeting, Dareau was given the go-ahead to begin his painting at Station One. His mural, customized for the Bonita Springs Fire District will commemorate the fire service. The picture below offers a depiction of the location of the mural. The actual artwork is still to be determined.



## DEDICATED SOLES

Firefighters have filled the boot for MDA for more than 50 years to support MDA research, services, and education in the fight against muscular dystrophy. Last year the BSFD raised \$34,578 for local families with muscular diseases-almost \$8,000 more than 2015! We've set the bar high again this year and hope our generous community will come through for MDA. Firefighters will fill their boots with donations on March 11th, 18th, and 25th at the intersections of US-41 and Terry, and US-41 and Old 41. We appreciate your donations; please drive carefully around our firefighters on the streets!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH EVENTS



### APRIL EVENTS



### MAY EVENTS

