

# THE FIRE MARK



## BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

NOV 2016

### PHOENIX AWARD

Deputy Chief Richard Scott presented a Phoenix Award at the November Board Meeting. Like the mythical bird who was said to rise again from the ashes, the Phoenix Award is presented when our firefighters are able to successfully recover life. Our most prestigious award was provided to a crew of firefighters-paramedics who rendered care to a patient, restoring to the patient and their family, a quality of life similar to that in which they lived before their accident.

DC Scott explained, "These people were clinically dead. No respirations. No pulse. Because of the crew and the actions they performed, that person survived."

At about 9 PM, at a popular Bonita Springs restaurant, the crew was dispatched to a choking emergency. Within a minute they were out the door, ready to respond. When the crew arrived, the patient was unconscious, on the floor of the restaurant. Chest compressions were commenced and the airway was examined. The source of the problem was found immediately; the patient had food lodged in their airway. The chest compressions were able to dislodge the food and forceps were used to remove it completely. Before arriving at the hospital, the patient was breathing and speaking on their own.

Immediate intervention and bystander quick actions are the greatest components of survivability for these patients who go into cardiac arrest. [Click here](#) for information on the District's CPR course.



Lieutenant-Paramedic Jim Lamb has received the most Phoenix Awards to date, this month's award will mark his seventh award!



Firefighter-Paramedic Giovanni Zamora is receiving his second Phoenix Award, which came just shortly before notification of his promotion to Lieutenant!



Firefighter-EMT Jared Carey is receiving his third Phoenix Award. We are so proud of him and each member of this crew.

### HIRING AND PROMOTIONS

Chief Daigle is pleased to announce our newly hired and promoted employees. Three firefighters are moving up the ranks to lieutenant positions. Congratulations to LT Michael Bucher, LT Adam Hughes, and LT Giovanni Zamora. Training Captain Eric Madden is also moving into our Deputy Chief of Fire and Special Operations position. Each of these

newly promoted men have a tremendous responsibility to the District in which they serve. Newly hired firefighters include, Declan Allison, Jacob Driskell, Dylan Hood, Nick Kemerer, Alysha O'Leary, Josh Simon, and Elliot Wilson. Each candidate is on schedule to complete their orientation before transitioning to their designated shift. Good luck to all!





## HOLIDAY SAFETY MESSAGE

The Bonita Springs Fire District is partnering with Bonita Springs Utilities to add a Seasonal Safety PSA to their BSU mailer which is included in their customers' water bills.

The message will be included in the mailed invoices and invoices received via email. BSU has similar messages that they send to residents in this manner, and were obliged to partner with BSFD to keep the community safe through BSFD/BSU joint PSA's. Mary Meima with BSU has helped facilitate this with Public Education Coordinator Natalie Hughes who is providing the safety information on behalf of the District. December will be the first bill that will include the joint safety message.

This single PSA mailer/email message will reach 22,000 residences and will cost the District nothing. In exchange for BSU's partnership, the Public Education Coordinator has offered to drop off mailers to customers from condos and associations that may have one master water bill. These PSA drop offs will be determined by BSU and will include fliers available at clubhouses, or left in their mail room. This joint effort will help BSU and the District reach up to 40,000 residences total.

## CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION

For over ten years, the Bonita Springs Fire District has worked alongside Toys for Tots to extend the generosity of donations to the families of Bonita Springs who need it the most. That means serving locations throughout Bonita Springs. The toy distribution will begin on December 12th and until December 16th. Families will be at Fire Station Four selecting toys, games, animals, books, puzzles, and more from the donated gifts.

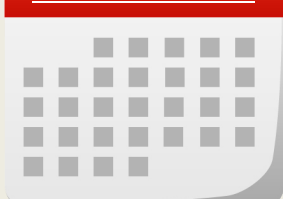


This year, we have partnered with the Bonita Springs Assistance Office who have registered all applicants. In turn for the Assistance Office's help, we are running a Food & Toiletry Drive for their wonderful local program. Boxes for this drive will be placed at most locations beside a Toys for Tots box.

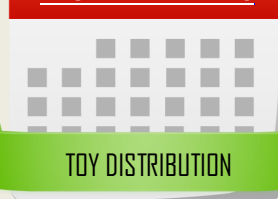
**What our neighbors need:** Items such as cooking oil, granola bars, pasta sauce, boxed pudding, shampoo, toilet paper, jams & jellies and instant oatmeal will be collected.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER EVENTS



### DECEMBER EVENTS



TOY DISTRIBUTION

### JANUARY EVENTS

