



GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT

MARCH, 2024

REPORTING OFFICER	Chris Wolfe, Interim Fire Chief
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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Negotiations- Progress continues finalizing the last few articles. I have requested an out of sunshine session following the board meeting to finalize the District's position. Assuming our next scheduled session on April 16th is successful, the ratification process can begin. I estimate that this will come to the Board at our June meeting. Additionally, we will be working on scheduling negotiation sessions with the Local to conduct a page turn review of the proposed changes followed by producing a clean version of clearly identified changes in the TAed agreement prior to Ratification voting.

Facilities:

- Station 60: Construction continues rebuilding the station. I understand that there have been some minor challenges with the contractor, but all parties are working together to provide an expeditious resolve.
- Station 74: The county has begun construction process for Station 74. The District has been included in the kick off and weekly progress meetings. The contractor is under a performance period to complete the station by July of 2025. The District will need to begin preparing for staffing this facility next fiscal year. It is likely that additional promotional testing will be required in addition to new FF orientation. This is a monumental time for our residents in the Eastern Estates, as many will be provided with a recognized fire department upon completion. This will not only significantly reduce response times but also provide some relief on homeowners insurance. In 2023, the District responded to approximately 900 incidents within this response area.

Grants:

- AFG: Application for \$912,000 has been submitted.
- SAFER: Application in progress for 42 people. However, priority for funding is for agencies who, after receipt of the award, would meet NFPA 1710 more than 80%. We are estimated to meet this standard under 50%, even with the new positions due to the sparse nature of our District.
- HMGP DR: Still waiting to hear from FDEM Grant Review



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Personnel:

- The new hire academy is progressing well as they are approaching the halfway point. I understand that their skills are beginning to develop to meet the expectations of our agency. Thus far, two candidates have resigned from the process. Thank you for your support to commit the resources to this process, feedback from the shift instructors and line personnel's feedback is the mini academy is producing a positive impact on the overall success of the new FF in addition to the agency's success.
- The District has made a conditional job offer to a former Firefighter who separated employment approximately 7 months ago due to a family emergency. This employee was with the District for 2 years and was an outstanding employee and highly regarded by his peers. This is a positive for the employee and the District to be able to fill one of the vacancies from the ongoing class.
- Assistant Chief of Support Services: The interview process was completed on April 3rd. We had four internal candidates participate in the process. All did an amazing job working to produce a Gap Analysis and provide solutions. The common theme was additional staff is needed and a need to evaluate our processes to maximize efficiency. I expect that a successor will be announced in the next few days with an expected start date of April 14th. My priority is to ensure a smooth transition and provide the successor an opportunity to gain as much knowledge from Chief McLaughlin. With this timeline encroaching upon his announced retirement date, I have asked him to push his retirement. He has agreed to extend his employment; we have agreed that we would take this month-by-month not to extend past September 30th.
- During March, the District completed 12-month evaluations for Class 23-01. I am happy to report that all 11 candidates successfully completed this in addition to completing their probationary period. This is the first milestone for these firefighters. I wish for them a prosperous career journey and challenge them to never stop learning, listening, or training.

Budget Process- Staff will be beginning the Budget process within the next month. We will be taking a new approach that will provide for a more inclusive process and more comprehensive product.

COPCN Ordinance- Work continues with the County, Associate Medical Directors, and the Fire Chiefs to revamp the process of putting in a new COPCN ordinance for four levels of ALS delivery for the community.



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Apparatus Update

- Boat 60: Recently Boat 60 was taken in for annual maintenance and inspection. It was determined that the watercraft is unsafe for emergency service response. As such the asset has been taken out of service. We have been in contact with Collier County and are optimistic that we will work collaboratively on a solution. In the interim we have relocated another District asset to Zone 60 to reduce the reflex time accessing the inhabited island in that area.
- Boat 90: Progress is nearing completion on the spec development. As reported last month, the District is creating standardized procurement documents. This spec and bid will be announced immediately following the completion of these documents.
- Engine 60: We are working with Collier County for them to purchase a replacement for Engine 60. We have identified a demo KME pumper that is available for delivery. The current Ochopee Agreement provides schedule for replacement of the county owner assets. There have been some challenges with this due to the significant cost escalation and prolonged production time frame.
- GNFR Engine Specifications and Bid: As we continue to fill vacancies within our Support Services Division a priority will be for a common engine specification to be developed to a common spec. The District needs to begin the process on the next order of engines. Current production timeframes are +/- 40 months across all manufactures. If we do not proactively stay on top of a replacement schedule, we will fall back into a situation of having a fleet in disrepair.
- Vendor Agreements: Staff met with Ford Fleet services and secured an agreement to apply pricing from the Collier County Sheriff's office contract to our account. Staff is looking into using the Ford Mobile Service as another option for small fleet service vehicles.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Interim Chief expectations
- Tender replacement request
- Resource Deployment Efficiency Evaluation
- Fire Chief time off approval workflow
- Station 63
- Impact Fee update
- Consolidation



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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Bi-weekly Command Staff
- AC Interviews
- Contract Negotiations
- Annual FDOT Smoke and Fog Taskforce
- Collier 100 Club First Responder Appreciation dinner
- Sunrise Fire Rescue
- MDA Boot Drive
- Region 6
- COPCN
- East Naples Civic & Commerce
- Land Trust
- Golden Gate City Association

LODD- There were 5 firefighter fatalities reported to the United States Fire Administration in the month of March. Year to date there have been 18 LODD reported to the US Fire Administration. May they rest in peace.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

March Events- 20
YTD Events- 44

OPERATIONS

Call Volume Statistics - March 2024	
Total Incidents	2872
Medical/Rescue	1,902
Medical Percentage	66.23%
Fire/Other	970
Busiest Station	Station 21 - 354 Incidents
Busiest Day of Week	Friday - 512 Incidents
Busiest Time of Day	1200-1759 - 998 Incidents



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GREATER NAPLES FRACTILE TRAVEL TIMES									
FROM 3/1/2024 TO 3/30/2024									
Unit	< 4 Min	< 5 Min	< 6 Min	< 7 Min	< 9 Min	< 10 Min	< 11 Min	< 12 Min	> 12 Min
BA20	52.94	70.59	76.47	88.24	88.24	94.12	94.12	94.12	5.88
BA70	52.63	68.42	73.68	73.68	78.95	84.21	84.21	84.21	15.79
EN20	26.32	51.67	72.25	83.25	97.13	98.09	99.04	99.04	0.96
EN22	18.30	37.91	56.86	70.59	87.58	92.16	93.46	94.77	5.23
EN23	18.02	29.28	40.99	54.05	81.08	90.54	94.14	96.85	3.15
EN24	11.49	21.84	40.23	58.62	91.95	95.40	96.55	97.70	2.30
EN25	6.74	20.79	39.33	56.18	85.96	91.01	94.38	96.63	3.37
EN60	14.63	17.07	26.83	29.27	51.22	60.98	65.85	73.17	26.83
EN61	11.11	44.44	55.56	55.56	55.56	61.11	61.11	66.67	33.33
EN70	25.86	48.71	72.84	85.78	94.83	96.12	96.55	96.98	3.02
EN71	7.48	11.21	23.36	31.78	49.53	55.14	59.81	65.42	34.58
EN73	10.38	20.77	34.43	46.99	67.21	78.14	86.89	92.35	7.65
EN75	19.39	38.02	60.46	77.19	91.25	95.44	96.96	97.72	2.28
EN90	13.16	18.42	31.58	42.11	68.42	73.68	86.84	89.47	10.53
LA21	8.62	32.76	48.28	75.86	89.66	89.66	93.10	94.83	5.17
LA72	19.59	32.99	46.39	58.76	81.44	86.60	88.66	91.75	8.25
RE63	7.69	11.54	23.08	26.92	30.77	30.77	34.62	34.62	65.38
SQ21	25.00	40.54	63.51	77.03	92.57	95.27	95.95	96.62	3.38
SQ70	19.44	58.33	80.56	88.89	97.22	97.22	97.22	97.22	2.78
SQ76	8.11	18.02	35.14	56.76	90.09	93.69	95.50	97.30	2.70

Basic Incident Type Category	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Total	Percent
*N/A	24	38	38	100	1.21%
1 - Fire	26	33	40	99	1.19%
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	2	2	1	5	0.06%
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	1,781	1,700	1,902	5383	64.91%
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	25	27	26	78	0.94%
5 - Service Call	237	270	241	748	9.02%
6 - Good Intent Call	486	472	492	1450	17.48%
7 - False Alarm & False Call	187	111	131	429	5.17%
8 - Weather	0	0	0	0	0.00%
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	1	1	0.01%
Total Summary	2768	2653	2872	8293	
Responses by Day Average	89.3	91.5	92.6	91.1	
Responses by Station Average	173	166	180	518	
Medical vs. Fires and Other Calls	64.34%	64.08%	66.23%	64.91%	

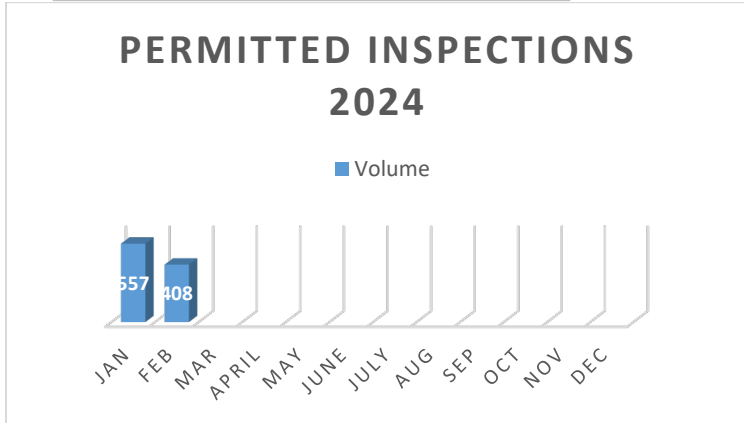
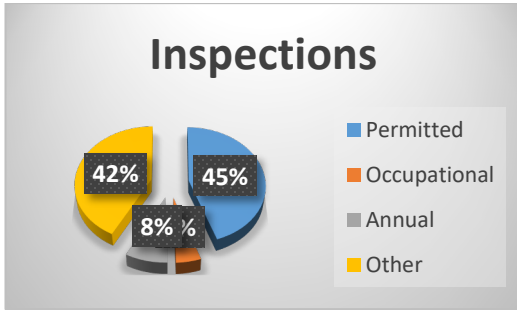
FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

Inspection Statistics – February 2024

Permitted Inspections: 408
 Occupational/Business Tax License Inspections: 44
 Annual/Periodic Inspections: 74
 Other Inspections: 386
 Remote Video Inspections: 0
 Average wait time for an inspection in January: 3 Days
 Current wait time as of March 30th: 3 Days



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Investigations - February 2024

Number of fire investigations: 2

Hours spent: 23

Fire Plans Review Statistics - February 2024

Fire Plan Building Reviews: 429

Site Development/Planning Reviews: 45

Everglades City Building Reviews: 4

Average Review Time: 2 Days

FINANCE

Ad Valorem

The District received just over \$1M in tax distributions in March. The District anticipates a few more distributions this large over the next upcoming months.

Cash on Hand

The District ended the month of March with roughly \$34.31M in the general fund.

Interest

The District earned approximately \$126,000 in interest in the month of March.