

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District



2025

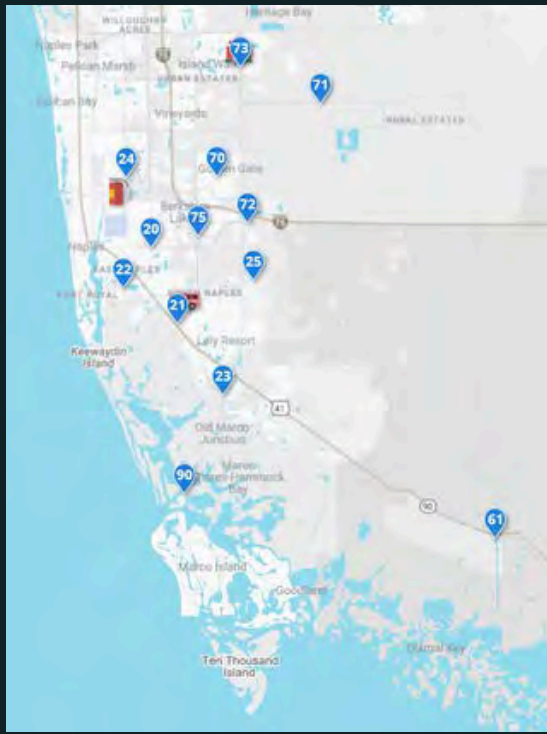


Annual Report

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Introduction



◆ **15 ALS Stations**

◆ **Response Area:
1,517 Square Miles
(Approx. the size
of Rhode Island)**



- ◆ **Largest Independent Fire District in Florida**
- ◆ **Delivering fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical, and life safety services**

Serving the communities of:

East Naples

Golden Gate

Isles of Capri

Chokoloskee

Everglades City

Port of the Islands & nearby areas



This report is an overview of the District's key achievements in 2025, along with details about emergency preparedness, response efforts, training, personnel, and community engagement from January 1 through December 31, 2025.

From the Fire Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, it is my honor to present this year's Annual Report and reflect on another year of dedicated service to our community.

Every day, our firefighters, fire inspectors, and support personnel demonstrate an unwavering commitment to protecting life and property throughout our district. Whether responding to emergencies, providing life safety education, conducting inspections, or supporting community outreach efforts, their professionalism and dedication continue to define this organization. I could not be prouder of the hard work, sacrifice, and compassion shown by our members each and every day.

We are equally grateful for the continued trust and support of the residents, businesses, and visitors we proudly serve. The Greater Naples community is truly exceptional, and it is a privilege to serve alongside people who value public safety, community partnerships, and service to others. Your confidence in our organization motivates us to continually improve and strive for excellence in all that we do.

As one of the largest independent fire districts in the State of Florida, Greater Naples Fire Rescue remains committed to protecting our growing community through highly trained personnel, operational readiness, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and forward-thinking planning for the future. Our mission remains steadfast: to protect life and property by providing emergency response services and education for the residents, businesses, and visitors of our community.

Our core values — Professionalism, Integrity, and Compassion — continue to guide every aspect of our service. These principles are more than words; they are the foundation of our culture and the standard by which we hold ourselves accountable.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on increasing response effectiveness, enhancing professionalism and operational efficiency, and continuing to earn the trust placed in us by this community. We are honored to serve the people of Greater Naples and remain committed to delivering the highest level of fire rescue and life safety services possible.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the privilege of serving this remarkable community.

Sincerely,
Chris Wolfe



Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Command Staff



Chris Wolfe
FIRE CHIEF



Chris Diaz
DEPUTY CHIEF



Josh Bauer
DEPUTY CHIEF



Forrest Campbell
ASSISTANT CHIEF



Andy Krajewski
ASSISTANT CHIEF



Shawn Hanson
ASSISTANT CHIEF
FIRE MARSHAL



Mark Stirns
ASSISTANT CHIEF



Dennis DiSarro
EMS DIVISION CHIEF



Nicole Chesser
CHIEF OF STAFF



Tiffany Wood
PIO/PE



David Wildman
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

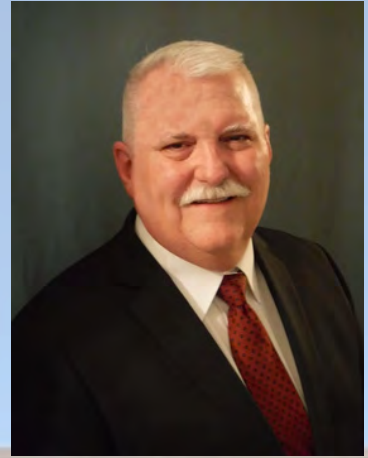


Dr. Scott Dunavant
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Board of Fire Commissioners



Nick Biondo
Chair



Mark Cherney
Vice Chair



Patrick Dearborn
Commissioner



Brian Cross
Secretary



Al Duffy
Treasurer

The Board of Fire Commissioners consists of five elected officials who represent residents of the District. They ensure the District meets community needs and manage resources responsibly.

While the Fire Chief oversees daily operations, the Board approves the annual budget, safeguards District assets, and monitors progress toward organizational goals.

Operations

Total calls in 2025

28,381

Calls per month

2,365

213

Firefighters

Calls per day

78

Operations

Station Incidents in 2025



Operations



Busiest Station
Station 21
11121 Tamiami Trl E.
4,815 Incidents
in 2025

Busiest Apparatus
Engine 75
4590 Santa Barbara Blvd.
3,958 Incidents
in 2025





We have nine battalion chiefs, a role that is vital to the daily operations of the District. They oversee the fire stations within their assigned zones: Battalion 20 supervises six stations in the southern part of the county, Battalion 70 oversees five stations in the central area, and Battalion 73 manages five stations in the northern region. Battalion chiefs must operate at the highest level to ensure the efficiency and safety of personnel within their battalions. They also serve as incident commanders at emergency scenes.



We have five fire captains, each assigned to strategically located stations throughout the District. Captains provide leadership and supervision for daily station operations, ensuring their teams are prepared, efficient, and safe. They exercise sound judgment and decision-making in alignment with GNFR's mission and core values and may assume command at emergency scenes until a battalion chief or higher-ranking officer arrives.



We have 63 lieutenants who provide frontline supervision for the daily operations of their assigned fire stations. They exercise broad decision-making authority, initiative, and leadership in alignment with GNFR's mission and core values. Lieutenants also take command at emergency scenes until a chief officer arrives, as dictated by the nature of the incident.



We have 60 driver engineers who are trained in all aspects of firefighting, though their primary responsibility is managing assigned apparatus and equipment. They are tasked with safely operating emergency vehicles to and from incidents, performing hydraulic operations to supply water for fire suppression, and ensuring that all apparatus equipment is fully operational and ready for use.



We have 75 firefighters dedicated to protecting life and property. They accomplish this through fire suppression, rescuing individuals from dangerous situations, providing emergency medical care, mitigating hazards, and conducting marine, dive, and technical rescue (TRT) operations. Their work often takes place under challenging conditions and requires sound judgment, as well as the ability to make rational decisions in stressful or emergency situations.



Training

24,000

Hours of Fire Training



7,200

Hours of Monthly Company Training

500

Hours of Live - Fire Training

Training

- ◆Two CERT Trainings
One CERT Drill

- ◆Stop the Bleed
Course

- ◆Over 300 hours of
Dive, Hazmat, MERT
(Marine Emergency
Rescue Team), and
TRT (Technical
Rescue Team)
Training

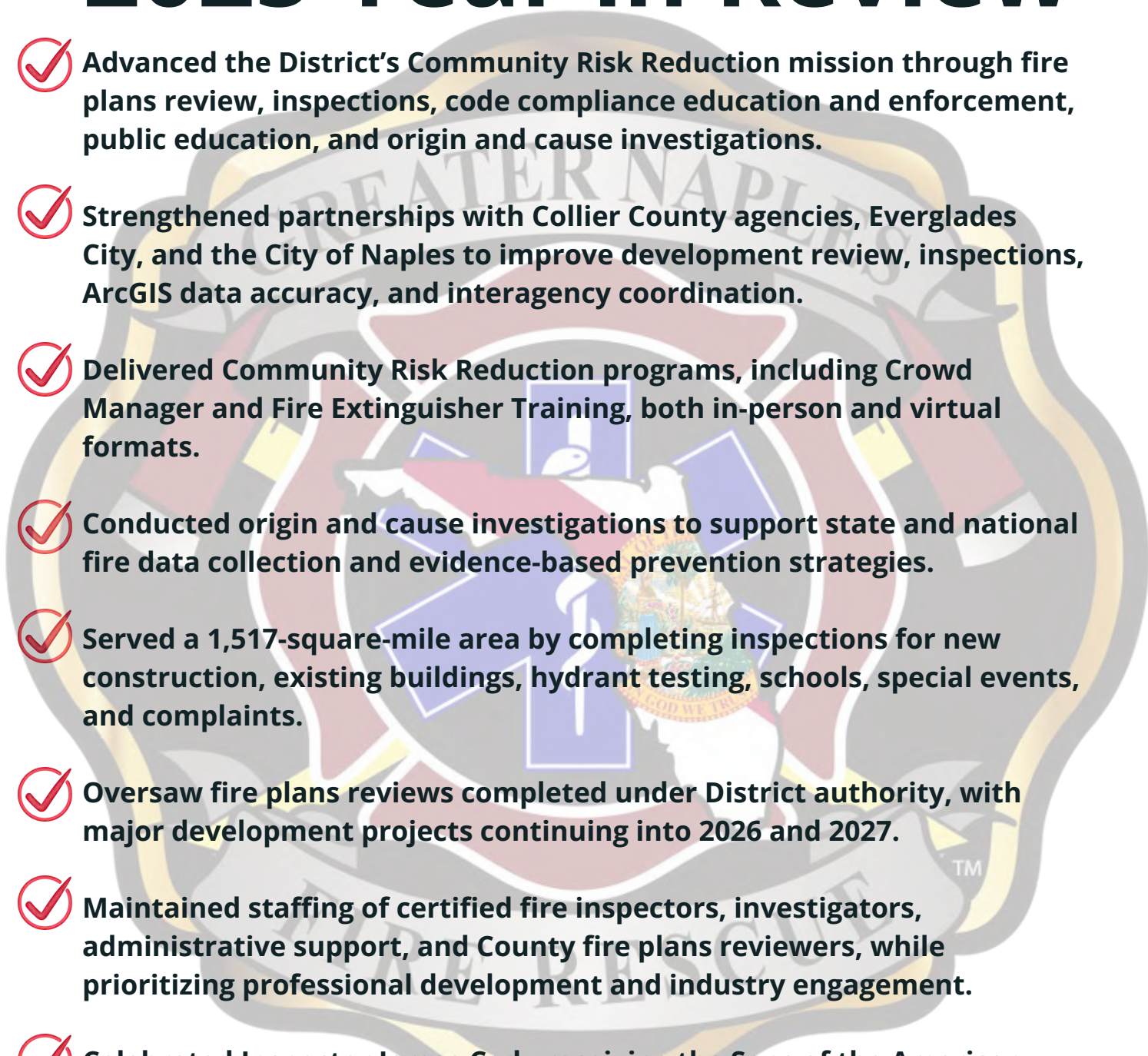
- ◆Approx. 100 hours of monthly
EMS training for District personnel

- ◆1st Responder
Career Day at Lely
High School

- ◆Community CPR
taught in 12 locations

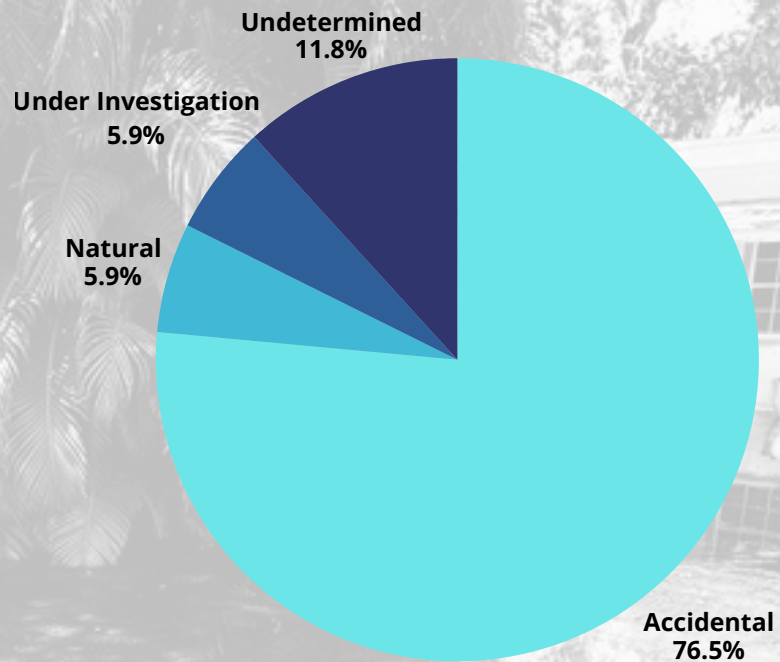
- ◆Two-week
Paramedic Academy
and Bi-annual
EMT-B & Paramedic
Training

Fire & Life Safety 2025 Year in Review

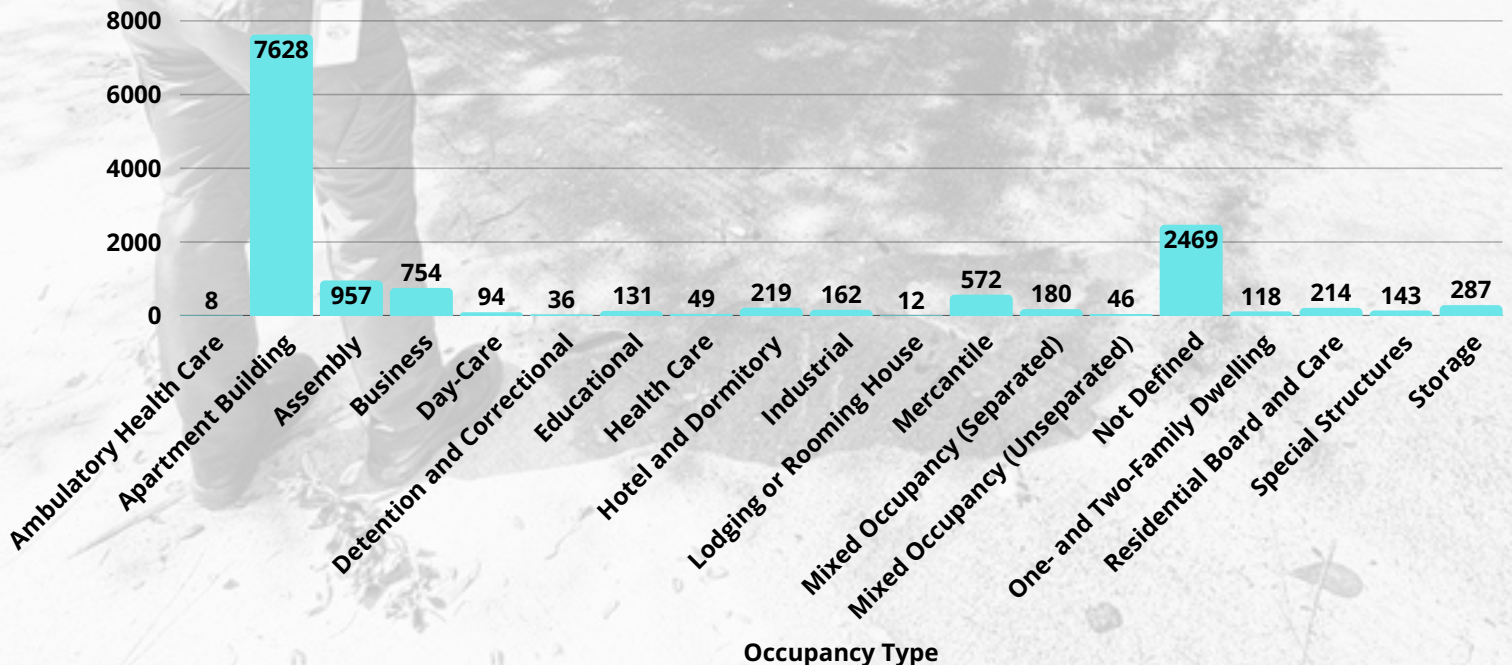
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- ✓ Advanced the District's Community Risk Reduction mission through fire plans review, inspections, code compliance education and enforcement, public education, and origin and cause investigations.
 - ✓ Strengthened partnerships with Collier County agencies, Everglades City, and the City of Naples to improve development review, inspections, ArcGIS data accuracy, and interagency coordination.
 - ✓ Delivered Community Risk Reduction programs, including Crowd Manager and Fire Extinguisher Training, both in-person and virtual formats.
 - ✓ Conducted origin and cause investigations to support state and national fire data collection and evidence-based prevention strategies.
 - ✓ Served a 1,517-square-mile area by completing inspections for new construction, existing buildings, hydrant testing, schools, special events, and complaints.
 - ✓ Oversaw fire plans reviews completed under District authority, with major development projects continuing into 2026 and 2027.
 - ✓ Maintained staffing of certified fire inspectors, investigators, administrative support, and County fire plans reviewers, while prioritizing professional development and industry engagement.
 - ✓ Celebrated Inspector James Cody receiving the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation Award for service and leadership.

Fire & Life Safety

Investigations by Cause & Determination



Inspection History by Occupancy Type



Finance

In addition to Ad Valorem, which totaled \$54,037,827 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, the District also receives revenue through Impact Fees. Impact Fees are collected by Collier County on the development or expansion of new construction and are remitted to the District. Per Florida Statute 191.009(4), Impact Fees collected by the District are tracked separately from other revenue sources and must be used exclusively to acquire, purchase, or construct new facilities.

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, the District collected \$2,194,935 in Impact Fees.

Expenditure	Amount	% of Total
Personnel Costs	\$50,173,661	81.59%
Operation Costs	\$7,434,188	12.09%
Capital Outlay	\$1,392,227	2.26%
Debt Service	\$2,494,436	4.06%
Total	\$61,494,512	100%

Finance

Revenue Source	Amount	% of Total
Ad Valorem	\$54,037,827	79.5%
Intergovernmental	\$4,962,250	7.3%
Fire & Life Safety Fees	\$1,309,874	2.0%
Grants	\$1,122,578	1.7%
Impact Fees	\$2,194,935	3.2%
Interest	\$1,412,574	2.0%
Other Income	\$2,931,525	4.3%
Total	\$67,971,563	100%

Support Services

New Equipment

- SCBA packs & equipment
- Lift bags
- Forklift
- Water Tender 71 replacement
- New ladder truck
- New LMTV high water truck
- Two (2) new brush trucks

Maintenance Calls
1,623

Facility Repairs
353

Equipment Repairs
452

Vehicle Repairs & Service
818

Annual Testing

- Hose testing completed per NFPA 1962
- SCBA flow testing per NFPA 1981
- Protective gear inspections per NFPA 1981
- Testing of hydraulic tools per NFPA 1936
 - Tool testing
 - Lift bag testing

Support Services

Support Services ensures personnel have the equipment, supplies, facilities, and operational support needed to serve the community effectively.

The division oversees:

**Procurement & Contractual Services
Logistics (Station Supply) Services
Fleet & Equipment Repair and Maintenance
Facilities Repair and Maintenance.**

Responsibilities include managing station and medical supplies, maintaining district facilities and apparatus, and procuring and repairing firefighting equipment to keep operations mission-ready.

2025 Major Projects

Station 20 – Sewer line replacement; appliance upgrades

Station 21 – Roof repairs; appliance upgrade; new radio room workspace

Station 22 – Generator tank replacement and painting; appliance repair

Station 23 – Appliance upgrades

Station 60 – Hurricane Helene repairs; generator and appliance repairs

Station 70 – Bunk room ceiling fan replacement

Station 71 – Water heater replacement

Station 72 – Air conditioning and appliance replacement

Station 73 – Ice machine replacement

Station 90 – Ordered new Boat 90; water heater replacement

Fire & Life Safety – Paver driveway repairs; new training room chairs

Administration – New command room chairs

Warehouse – Construction of new office space; HMGP grant activities supporting station hardening

From the Chaplain

In 2025, we continued building the chaplaincy as a steady, trusted presence within Greater Naples Fire Rescue. As our department grows, now about 300 members strong, it's clear that the way we care for our people has to grow with it.

One of the highlights this year was attending our second annual Florida Fire Chaplains Conference in Ocala. What started last year as a strong first step continues to gain momentum. Chaplains from across the state gathered again to share stories, compare notes, and learn from one another. The statewide chaplain network is getting stronger, and we're benefiting from the experience and lessons learned by other agencies. Bringing those insights back to GNFR helps us stay thoughtful and proactive in how we support our crews.

Here at home, 2025 was marked by consistent presence. We conducted several Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) diffusions and follow-ups throughout the year, responding after difficult calls and helping crews process what they experienced. Regular station visits, one-on-one conversations, and informal check-ins remain a core part of the role. Often, the most meaningful moments happen in simple conversations around the kitchen table.

I was also honored to participate in awards ceremonies recognizing the outstanding work of our members. Celebrating wins matters just as much as walking through hardships. Being present in both reinforces that the chaplaincy is here for the full scope of the job. Throughout the year, I attended several regional mental health training seminars to continue sharpening skills and staying current in supporting first responder wellness.

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the cultural shift around reaching out for help. With the steady support of our command staff, Battalion Chiefs, and Lieutenants, conversations about mental health are becoming more normal. The stigma continues to decrease, one conversation at a time. Leadership support makes a real difference.

Looking ahead, we've begun laying the groundwork to expand the chaplaincy team in 2026. As our agency grows, our support structure needs to grow with it. Adding additional chaplains will help us maintain a meaningful presence across all stations and ensure that no one feels overlooked. It remains a privilege to serve this department. The men and women of Greater Naples Fire Rescue continues to demonstrate professionalism, courage, and genuine care for one another. I'm grateful to walk alongside them.

-Chaplain David Wildman





Recruit Class 25-01 "Hose Monkeys"



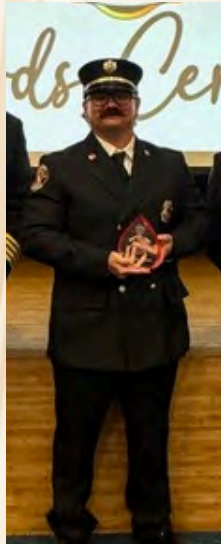
2025 Awards

**2025 Firefighter
of the Year**



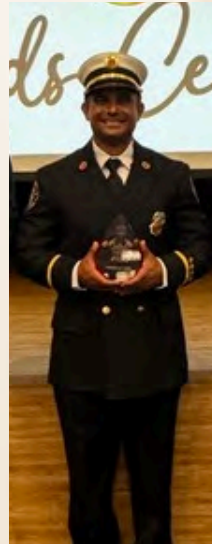
Yadiel Enriquez

**2025 Driver Engineer
of the Year**



John Delashmet

**2025 Lieutenant
of the Year**



Jose Santana

**2025 Civilian
of the Year**



Derek O'Connell

Years of Service Awards

25 Years of Service

LT Robert Campbell
Capt Scott Hogan
LT Robert Mayberry
LT Todd Nugent
LT David Perez

5 Years of Service

FF Briant Cardeso
Insp. Early "EJ" Floyd
DE Hanna Hullibarger
FF Victoria Trapani
Admin Asst. Lyndsay Tomlinson

30 Years of Service

LT Michael Lowe

10 Years of Service

Accountant Mercedes Carrillo
Insp. James Cody
Facilities Tech Charles Heweker
FF Stephen Keene
LT Insp. Kristen King
LT Anthony Marrero
DE Christopher Mercier
DE John Pipitone
LT Insp. Aaron Stewart
DE Marta Soto
LT Michael Zmejkoski

20 Years of Service

LT Albert Anzualda
LT Insp. Michael Bays
LT Jordan Boutilier
Chief of Staff Nicole Chesser
Asst. Chief Shawn Hanson
LT Ray Kilmer
LT Scott MacQuarrie
LT Anthony McGee
LT Jason Michael
DE Manuel Morales

15 Years of Service

LT Blaine Brisson

Promotions

Deputy Chief -Chris Diaz
Training Captain - Vaughn Palmateer
Lieutenant - Jesse Temperilli
Lieutenant - Robert Oxar
Lieutenant - Justin Leal
Lieutenant - Greg Arbogast
Lieutenant - Michael Zmejkoski
Lieutenant - Bradley Packard
Lieutenant - Juan Flores
Driver Engineer - Hanna Hullibarger
Driver Engineer - Andrew Dominguez
Driver Engineer - Robert Pavlinovic
Driver Engineer - Shane Barron
Driver Engineer - Cody Callanan
Driver Engineer -Thomas Rosen
Driver Engineer -Nico Pavone
Driver Engineer -Kristopher Kubay
Driver Engineer -John Delashmet
Driver Engineer -Alexander Ivanisevic
Driver Engineer -Alejandro Martinez
Driver Engineer -Hunter Close
Driver Engineer -Lee Kidder, Jr.
Driver Engineer -Mark Gonzalez
Driver Engineer -Thomas Norman
Driver Engineer - Jeremy Ballard

Military

Emanuel Arroyo	Stephen Keene
Andy Krajewski	Daniel Wilcox
Todd Nugent	Matthew Donovan
Devin Prio	Jesse Temperilli
Gregory Baker	Levi Conroy
Albert Anzualda	David Ramis
Brian Mading	William Wilkie
Ben Krick	Jeremy Ballard
Blaine Brisson	Dylan Ricard
Paul Pernak	Dustin Vanderploeg
Justin Nichols	Brian Morejon
Aaron Stewart	Logan Phillips



Degrees & Certificates

Bachelor's Degree

LT Gregory Baker
Deputy Chief Joshua Bauer
Capt. Scott Brewer
Batallion Chief Aaron Fly
Driver Engineer Hanna Hullibarger

Associate's Degree

Inspector Jared Taylor
Firefighter Demetrius Williams

In The Community



We attended **194** public programs



Patty Baker Humane Society Calendar Shoot



2025 Brotherhood Ride



Fire Prevention Day





MDA Fill The Boot Campaign



2025 Candy Cane Run



2025 Retirees



**LT. David Perez &
LT Todd Nugent**



LT Brian Hennessy



LT. Eric Dilyard



LT. Inspector Michael Bays



CAPT Scott Hogan



LT Mike Lowe

Orange to Black Ceremony



Held in the bay of Station 73, Greater Naples Fire Rescue Recruit Class 24-01 celebrated their Orange to Black Ceremony, marking their transition from probationary firefighters to full firefighters on the line. During the ceremony, they replaced their orange probationary helmet shields with black shields, symbolizing the completion of their first year of service and the end of their probationary period.



1-800-BOARDUP



We're grateful to 1-800 Board Up for sponsoring a First Responder Breakfast at Perkins on the first Friday of every month. Supporting mental health is essential, and these monthly gatherings bring together both active and retired first responders to connect and support one another. We truly appreciate their continued support of our first responder community.



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, developed by FEMA, provides a standardized, nationwide framework for training and organizing volunteers that first responders can depend on during disasters. Within the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, four dedicated CERT teams serve the communities of VeronaWalk, Naples Reserve, Island Walk, and Winding Cypress.

These committed volunteers take part in ongoing training throughout the year, sharpening skills such as self-deployment, damage assessment, first aid, and fire extinguisher use—making them a vital resource during emergencies.

The VeronaWalk CERT Program is led by Program Manager Barry Gerenstein, who coordinates training and supports the teams alongside Lt. Josh Grimm, PIO Tiffany Wood, and other District personnel.



Holiday Festivities



Administrative staff gathered at our Fire & Life Safety Facility for a holiday celebration, enjoying games, a fun “Left-Right” gift exchange, and brunch together as one fire family.

A FaBOOulous Office Halloween

