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Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Fall 2026 Awards Ceremony



Celebrating Years of Service!
We recognized some of our amazing team members and celebrated their years of dedication and service to Greater Naples Fire Rescue District.

25 Years: Aaron Fly
15 Years: Justin Raymond
10 Years: Judy Schlieffer
10 Years: Suanne Woeste
5 Years: Lycurgus Kidder, Jr.



Each year of service represents a commitment to our team, our organization, and the communities we serve. We are grateful for the experience, hard work, and dedication each of you brings to GNFR.



Congratulations

Some of our team members were unable to attend the ceremony, but their service and contributions are just as important! If you see any of these honorees, please take a moment to congratulate them on reaching this special milestone.

20 Years: Brian Quinn, Justin Beasley, Brian Mading, Stephen Thigpen
10 Years: John Rickey, Mark Records, Daniel Wilcox, Romain Favier, Justin Leal, Robert Oxar, Nicholar Taylor, Gregory Arbogast
5 Years: Jeremy Ballard, John Delashmet III, Justin Graeve, Jace Perkins, Dylan Ricard, Dennis DiSarro, Hunter Close

Lieutenant Promotions



Please join us in congratulating our newest Lieutenant promotions at Greater Naples Fire Rescue District!

LT Damon Fleming

LT Zolan Henderson

LT Jose Alvarado

LT Billy Cipriano

LT Steve Lawrence (not pictured)

Earning a promotion is an important milestone that reflects hard work, dedication, and a commitment to serving our team and community. As Lieutenants, these members take on new leadership responsibilities and play an important role in supporting their crews and continuing GNFR's mission.

We're proud of each of you and look forward to seeing you succeed in your new roles!

Congratulations



Congratulations to our newly promoted Driver Engineers!



Jason Johnson
Daniel Heredia
Devin Prio
Connor McQuade
Christopher "CJ" Bright
Edward Flores
Yadiel Enriquez

(Not pictured: Cameron Bowling, Corey Neilsen, Justin Graeve, Gustavo Vasquez)



9/11 Memorial Events



Golden Gate City



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Mission BBQ



**Florio Family
Drive-Thru
in Verona Walk**

Boys & Girls Club Hero Lunch





9/11 Stair Climb



Greater Naples Fire Rescue firefighters joined first responders from across Collier County for the 5th Annual 9/11 Stair Climb put on by the Brotherhood Ride.

While September 11 marked the 25th anniversary of 9/11, this event gave our first responder community an opportunity to come together and honor the 343 members of the FDNY and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice that day.

We climbed together, remembered together, and carried their legacy with us every step of the way.



ASHER Training



The Naples Police Department recently led our firefighters, along with crews from Naples Fire-Rescue, North Collier Fire Rescue, and Collier County EMS through Active Shooter Hostile Event Response (ASHER) training. This important training brings multiple public safety agencies together to prepare for one of the most challenging emergencies we could face. While law enforcement has a critical role in stopping the threat, fire and EMS have an equally important role in saving lives once it is safe to enter and provide care.

Firefighters and EMS train to quickly locate and treat injured patients, provide lifesaving medical care and coordinate rapid transport, communicate effectively with law enforcement and other responding agencies, understand each agency's roles and responsibilities, practice working together in a high-stress, rapidly changing environment

Training together before an emergency happens helps build familiarity, communication and coordination between the agencies that may one day be called upon to respond together.

We hope we never have to use this training. But if that day comes, we want to be ready.

A special thank-you to the Naples Police Department for leading this important training and to our partners at Naples Fire-Rescue, North Collier Fire Rescue, and Collier County EMS for training alongside us.

Train together. Communicate together. Respond together.



Making a Difference Through Kindness

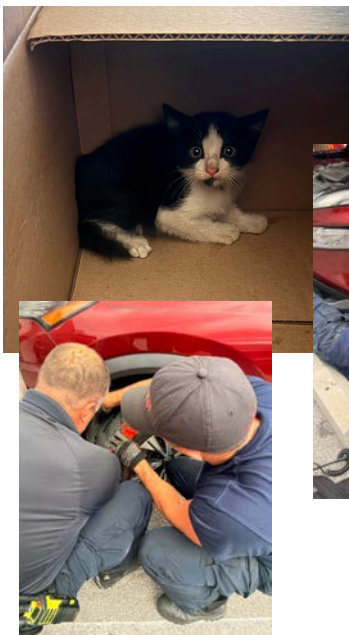


The 5th graders at Lake Park Elementary took the time to color and create thank-you cards for our firefighters, and we are so grateful for their thoughtful gesture.

Building strong relationships with our local schools is such an important part of being connected to the community we serve. Whether we're teaching fire safety, visiting classrooms, or receiving special surprises like these, we love connecting with the next generation.

Thank you, Lake Park Elementary 5th graders, for thinking of our firefighters and brightening their day!

Little Kitten Rescue at Founder's Square



Our firefighters were called to Outback at Founders Square for a kitten who had managed to get himself stuck inside an engine compartment.



This little guy was not making it easy on us! He was tough to find and had our firefighters crawling underneath the vehicle to track him down. After some patience, teamwork and a little persistence, we finally found him!

And let's just say... he was spicy!



Collier County Domestic Animal Services came out to pick him up and make sure he gets the care he needs.

Another day, another unusual rescue for our crews!



Ladder 70 Helps Rescue Cat Stuck in Tree



On September 1, 2026, Ladder 70's crew responded to assist Collier County Domestic Animal Services (DAS) with rescuing an orange cat stranded high in a tree behind a local medical facility. With DAS and the Collier County Sheriff's Office on scene, our crew extended the aerial ladder and safely brought the feline down to the ground.

The cat has since been identified as Snickers, and DAS successfully located his owner, who will be picking him up soon!

We're glad our crew could help Snickers get back to safety and on his way home. We hope he stays out of trouble in the future, but with an orange cat, we can't make any promises!



A Little Spice Goes a Long Way



A big thank-you to Bill the Spice Guy, owner of Key West Seasonings, for donating a generous assortment of spices to Station 74!

Station 74 is brand new, and the firefighters noticed one important thing was missing from the kitchen—spices!

Thankfully, Bill came to the rescue.

At a fire station, the dinner table is the heart of the house. It's where crews talk about everything from a tough call, to weekend plans, funny stories, family vacations, and, of course, what's for dinner!

We appreciate Bill's generosity and helping make Station 74 feel a little more like home. Thanks for bringing the flavor!

Because Purpose Doesn't Retire



We recently hosted our first Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Legacy Initiative meeting, focused on Retiree Inclusion, Wellness & Continued Service.

It was great to reconnect with some of our retirees and have an open discussion about ways we can continue to keep our retired members involved, included, and connected to their fire family. Retirement may mark the end of a career, but it doesn't have to mean the end of the relationships, purpose, and sense of belonging built over a lifetime of service.

Mental health and wellness are especially important during the transition into retirement for first responders, and we are committed to finding meaningful ways to support our retirees and keep them connected.

Thank you to 1-800 BOARDUP^{OBJ} for providing donuts and coffee for the meeting!

We're excited to continue growing the GNFR Legacy Initiative and ensuring that once you're part of the fire family, you'll always be part of the fire family.

"All First Responders Matter" Breakfast



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.



Fire Scene Photos

