



THE BOTTOM LINE

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

9/11 Memorial Events

Golden Gate



Mission BBQ



9/11 Memorial Events Continued

NYFD FF Florio Family Drive-Thru in Verona Walk



9/11 Stair Climb at Naples Grande



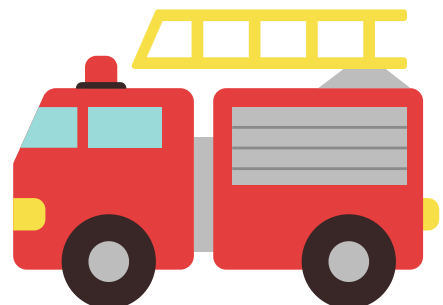
— HAPPY — Retirement 47 YEARS

Assistant Chief Alan McLaughlin



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RETIREMENT!
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Officially  
Retired  
Congrats!



# Years of Service Awards

# Congratulations



**LT Aaron Cline**



**LT Jay Crouse**



**CAPT Rusty Godette**



Thank you!



We appreciate all that you do



# Promotions



**Mark Records to  
Fleet Director**



**David Ramis to  
Driver Engineer**



**Aaron Arts-Kottke  
to Driver Engineer**



# Accolades



**We'd like to take a moment and express our gratitude and appreciation for IT Manager Brad Sprowls. He has helped us with a several technological transitions recently and has worked very hard to make sure we're always up and running tech-wise. Thank you Brad!**



**Executive Assistant Kristy Ivanisevic is now a Certified District Administrative Professional. We value her commitment to the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District. Way to go Kristy!**

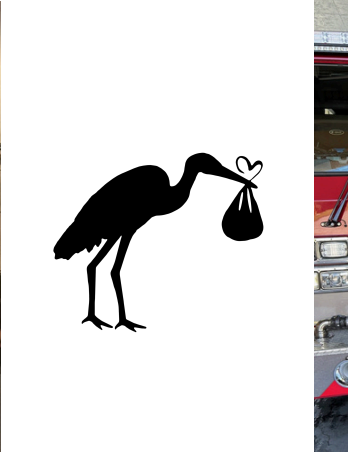
**#WeAreGreater**



# Stork Awards



**FF Bright  
&  
FF Castro**



**FF Arts-  
Kottke**



**FF Rosen**



**LT Buczko**

# Spray Downs!







# Project Fire Buddies



**Our Fire Buddy, Noah, came to visit and take a tour at Station 73!**



## Wildlife Visits at GNFD Stations

61



73





# First Day of School '24-'25



## Crew at Station 90 Rescue a Kitten

Engine 90 rescued a kitten from a storm drain. He was subsequently named "Catfish" by the crew for his color & where he was found. CCDAS took him in for treatment and adoption.





# Dinner at the Firehouse



## DINNER AT THE FIREHOUSE

Greater Naples Fire Rescue Fire Station 21

### AMUSE-BOUCHE

SEARED FRESH U-12 SEA SCALLOP WITH BACON JAM

### SALAD

Fresh organic rocket greens with watermelon, feta, purple onion, and cherry tomatoes finished with white balsamic

### ENTREE

Filet mignon "Oscar style" 6oz filet mignon joined by fresh crab, and roasted asparagus, finished with tarragon infused bearnaise

### DESSERT

Butter griddled glazed doughnut "Firehouse" sundae with hot fudge, caramel sauce, whipped cream and a cherry



Station 21 hosted a "Dinner at the Firehouse" experience for Difilippo & Pica PLLC, who won this special dinner at an American Heart Association auction event. The meal was paid for, planned and prepared by FFs Ivanisevic & Hogue. The group got to ride in the engine, took a tour of the station and had a delicious four-course meal. Everyone had a wonderful time and a wonderful meal! Special thanks to BC Weinbaum for giving us this opportunity and for Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's support!





# Building Personal IAPs: Lessons from Hurricane Milton

By: Chaplain David Wildman



As I reflect on the recent impact of Hurricane Milton on Southwest Florida, it strikes me how similar our approach to emergency management is to how we could approach the unpredictable events in our personal lives. Watching our department in action during this storm, I was struck by the lessons we can all take away from the experience.

During the early stages of Hurricane Milton, I had the privilege of sitting in on a command staff meeting. The storm was still hundreds of miles away, and while we knew the general trajectory, there was uncertainty about its exact impact on our area. Would it glance past us, or would we face a direct hit? The command staff was prepared for every possibility, and I was impressed by the detailed planning and coordination. One tool that guided us daily was the IAP, or Incident Action Plan. Each day, a new IAP was issued with specific directives, helping us anticipate various scenarios and prepare for whatever came next.

It made me think: what would an IAP look like for our personal lives? Life can be as unpredictable as a hurricane. We never really know if the storm heading our way will turn out to be nothing or if it will be the equivalent of a Category 5 event, hitting us square in the face. We can, however, be prepared by adopting some of the principles that guide us in emergency management.

Here are three ways we can create our “personal IAPs” to be ready for life’s challenges:

## 1. Identify the Risks

Just as we assess potential hazards during an emergency, we must recognize what’s at stake in our personal lives. Whether it’s our health, relationships, family, or career, understanding the risks helps us prioritize and take action. When we clearly know what’s at stake, it becomes a powerful motivator to prepare. In the same way our department evaluated every possible outcome of Hurricane Milton, we must take an honest look at what could affect our well-being and make a plan.

## 2. Bring the Right People to the Table

In the command room, each member brought a wealth of knowledge, perspective, and resources to the table. Surrounding ourselves with the right people in life is equally important. Who are the individuals who have faced similar challenges and can provide wisdom, support, and practical help? Whether it’s a mentor, a trusted friend, or a professional advisor, having the right people in your “command staff” can make all the difference when life throws you an unexpected storm.

## 3. Document and Commit to the Plan

One of the critical aspects of an IAP is that it’s documented. It’s not just an idea—it’s a written plan with specific steps and responsibilities. In our personal lives, documenting our goals and plans can turn dreams into reality. Whether it’s a financial goal, a health goal, or a relationship goal, writing it down creates accountability. The documentation process helps us commit to the actions we need to take, just as our daily IAP guides us through each stage of emergency management.

As we reflect on Hurricane Milton’s impact as a department and as individuals, let’s take these lessons to heart. By identifying risks, surrounding ourselves with the right people, and documenting our plans, we can face life’s storms with greater resilience and confidence. Let’s be as prepared in our personal lives as in our professional roles; the results will speak for themselves.

As the Chaplain, I’m incredibly grateful and proud of every team member. They have gone above and beyond, as usual, in times of crisis. Our values of professionalism, integrity, and compassion were indeed shown during every response.



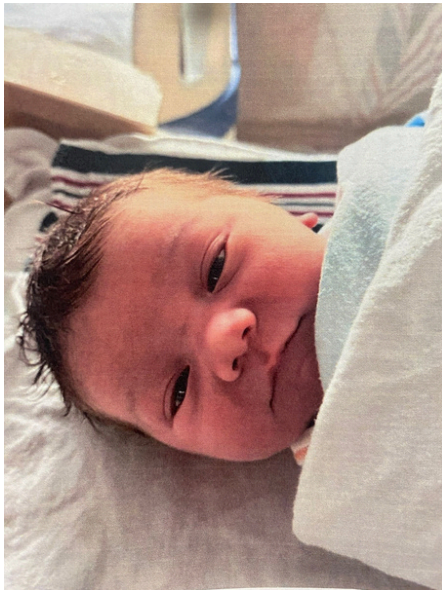
# Birth Announcements



**Lexi Rose Ivanisevic**  
**Born 9/29/2024**  
**6lb. 5oz./19.5 in.**



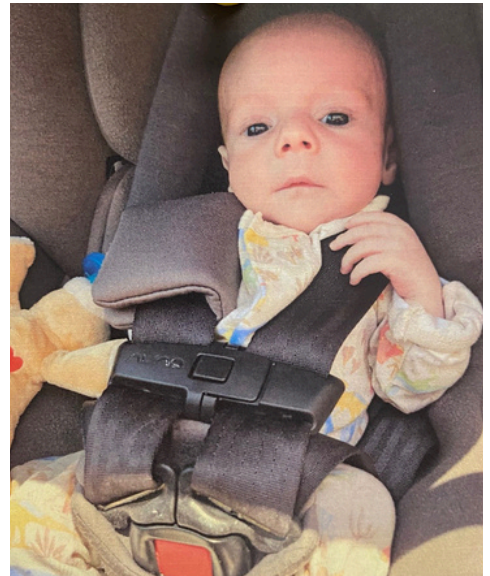
**Harper Toccoa Kennedy**  
**Born 9/15/2024**  
**8lb. 4oz./19.5 in.**



**James David Callahan**  
**Born 9/8/2024**



**Valentina Rose**  
**Dominguez**  
**Born 10/2/2024**



**Cody Trea Hogan**  
**Born 7/16/2024**

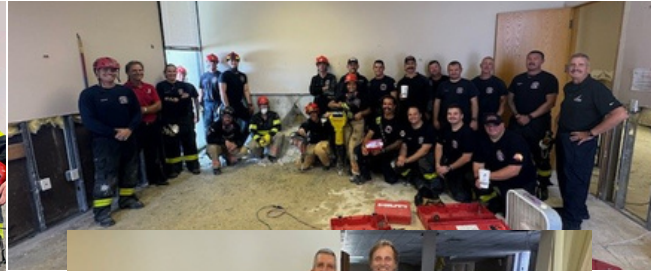


**CONGRATULATIONS**





# Training in City of Naples



**Naples Fire Rescue offered their acquired structure at 1010 Fifth Ave S. for everyone to utilize for TRT Training. There were two portions to the training; search camera operations and breaching/breaking operations. Special thanks to 1-800 Board-Up for providing lunch!**



## Mission BBQ Donates Lunch







# Dive Team Training



## 4th of July Parades



**Engine 22  
participated in the  
City of Naples parade.**

**Engine 73  
participated in the  
City of Bonita  
Springs parade.**





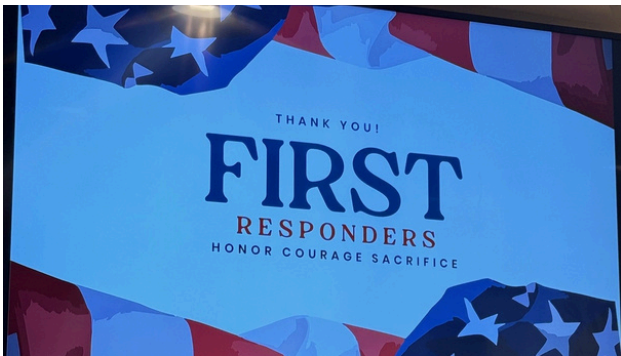
# In memory of Brian Beauvais



**Retired DE Brian Beauvais served Golden Gate Fire Rescue District for 28 years and GNFD for two years. He retired in May of 2016 after serving 30 years in the fire service. His life was honored at a memorial on August 24th, 2024. We are very thankful for his service and dedication to this community.**



## First Responder Sunday at Capri Christian Church



**Capri Christian Church invited crews to a special service honoring them and afterward enjoy a nice BBQ lunch they prepared for the entire congregation. PIO Tiffany Wood spoke to a group in between services about Hurricane Preparedness while CCSO Crime Prevention spoke about Frauds, Scams & ID Theft. We appreciate their kindness and generosity.**







# Aerial Ops Course in Bonita

**Firefighters Cardeso, Ivanisevic and Prio completed an Aerial Ops class at the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.**

**We're very proud of their accomplishment and hard work dedicated to finishing this course. Great job gentlemen!**



## Greater Naples Community Passes Referendum

**Due to YOUR hard work and dedication to Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, the referendum passed with 56.2% of the total votes in favor of it.**

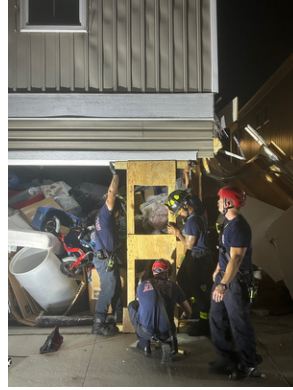
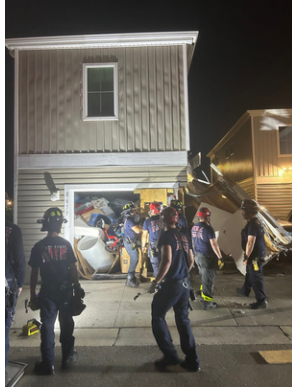
**The funds will be utilized for capital improvements to improve the living conditions inside our ageing stations. This will free up additional funds in the Operations Budget to provide more firefighters to staff new stations in our areas of growth. We are working on diversifying our revenue so we can offer more services and products to our residents.**





# GNFD Notable Incidents

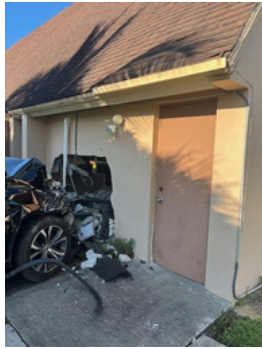
## Linda Drive - Single Vehicle Crash into a structure



## Coconut Circle North - Structure Fire



## Evangelical Free Methodist on Sunset Road - Single Vehicle Crash into a structure



## Vehicle Fire on I-75





# MARC Unit 6 & EST 1601 Deploys after Hurricanes Debby & Helene (Live Oak, Sarasota & Orlando)





# GNFD CERT Team Training



**GNFD CERT has two new teams; Island Walk and Winding Cypress. They completed two 8-hr courses in late August and are now CERT Certified. Our very own PIO, Tiffany Wood, also attended the classes and is now CERT Certified herself. We are thankful for the CERT Teams around our district and we appreciate the hard work Barry Gerenstein puts into CERT to make it a cohesive and educated team.**



**Have a good idea for a social media post?  
Have cool pics from training or an incident?  
Send it to your PIO, Tiffany Wood!**

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