



THE BOTTOM LINE

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

Awards & Promotion Ceremony



We're getting back to having award/promotion ceremonies at GNFD! This time around was pretty special; Fire Chief Wolfe was sworn in by Joanne Rice (Director of the FL Division of State Fire Marshal), DC Bauer was pinned by his brother (LT w/ MFD), Leadership and Motivational Speaker John Huffman was our keynote speaker, and we had several members attend with their families to be recognized.



We appreciate everyone taking time out on their Saturday to attend.

Special thanks to 1-800-Board-Up for sponsoring the event and donating refreshments.

We're starting to plan for the next awards/promotion ceremony (probably mid-April), so please keep an eye out in your emails for the invitation! We'd love to see everyone there!

Also, special thanks to Chaplain Wildman and GROW Church for allowing us to use their beautiful facility.

LT. Manny Arroyo Retires



Please join us in wishing LT Manny Arroyo a wonderful retirement! He served in the Fire Service for more than 27 years and we appreciate his hard work and dedication!



We wish Manny the best of luck in retirement!

— HAPPY —
Retirement

Pink Heals Fire Engine Visits HQ



We had the Pink Heals Fire Engine visit HQ! Our front desk administrative assistant, Judy, has been battling cancer and we all wanted to show her our love and support as she is an integral part of our staff at GNFD.



2024 Brotherhood Ride



Station 20 hosted the 2024 Brotherhood Ride Send-Off Ceremony on October 22, 2024. The group traveled from Naples, FL to Live Oak, FL; a total of 630 miles.

The Brotherhood Ride consists of Firefighters, Police Officers and Emergency Medical Personnel who ride bicycles to HONOR Emergency First Responders who have died in the line of duty. We are proud to say we had three GNFD Members riding their bicycles on the journey; CAPT Scott Wilson, LT Justin Diaz, and FF Robert Pavlinovic. Great job gentlemen!



Mission BBQ Donation

Mission BBQ donated a check for \$2,849 to the Collier 100 Club from the sales of their Hometown Heroes Cups. Chief Wolfe & District Chief Campbell were in attendance.



Collier 100 Club's Mission is to financially assist first responders and their families in times of tragedy. We appreciate their support in our time of need!

Greater Naples Chamber Distinguished Public Service Awards



The Greater Naples Chamber recognized first responders for their heroic efforts at the plane crash on I-75 in February 2024 at their Distinguished Public Service Awards. Seven agencies were given an award for their amazing teamwork following the crash. District Chief Campbell was there to accept the award on behalf of the district. We appreciate the chamber's support and are thankful to work alongside some of the best first responders in the country!



GNFD Newly Credentialed Paramedics



Congratulations to our newly credentialed Paramedics! We are proud to have you on the GNFD Team and appreciate your hard work & dedication.

Special thanks to EMS Chief Dennis DiSarro & Dr. Dunavant for their time and efforts working to get these seven members credentialed.



(Pictured: Chief DiSarro, FF Callanan, FF Tsachev, FF Matamoros, FF Callahan, FF Gonzalez, FF Delashmet, FF Ivanisevic, LT Donovan & Dr. Dunavant)



MARC 6 Unit and Hurricanes Helene and Milton Response



Our MARC 6 Unit, along with several other GNFD Members, responded to different parts of Florida after Hurricanes Helene and Milton hit the state. They assisted with communications efforts and responded to multiple fires in the areas they were assigned. We appreciate their willingness to leave home and go serve other communities after a hurricane devastated the area.



Post Hurricane Fires



GNFD Crews responded to multiple structure fires around the district following the hurricanes that hit our area in October. They did a great job preserving the property, as much as they could, and no injuries were reported. Great job everyone!

#WeAreGreater

Nest Preschool Visit



Engine 75 Crew visited Nest Preschool and showed the children the engine. At the end of their visit, the children had a song performance planned to show the crew. The crew enjoyed the song and the children loved singing to them. Check out our social media to see our firefighters singing & dancing along to the children's performance.



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Spray Down at Naples Classical Academy



Engine 73 Crew attended the Naples Classical Academy Color Run, which was followed-up by a spray down so the kids could be "washed off".



Everyone enjoyed their time and were thankful for the spray down!

HALLOWEEN IN GREATER NAPLES



GNFD Admin and Fire & Life Safety had a costume contest and IT Tech Josh Williams took the win! GNFD Crews attended several Halloween events around the district and gave out candy to the children that came by.

On 10/14/24, GNFD Crew on Ladder 72 was dispatched to a vehicle fire at 10130 Market St. They arrived on scene and found a pickup truck on fire. They applied water and it was extinguished. Shortly after, a fuel leak ignited yet another fire. Engine 75 crew arrived on scene to assist and foam was applied, which extinguished it completely. Great job!



Leadership Collier at Naples Airport



Chief Wolfe, along with NCFD Chief Ricardo and Naples Fire Rescue Chief Pennington participated in a Leadership Collier chat at the Naples Airport where they spoke about the different fire districts within Collier County and how we all work together. Afterwards, Engine 22 was there to show the participants all the tools in the engine and answered any questions they had about the job and their everyday life at the firehouse.

Great Wolf Lodge Grand Opening

Great Wolf Lodge had their Grand Opening event and invited GNFD to attend. Former NFL Star, Rob Gronkowski “Gronk”, was the headliner and everyone was excited to see him and the new water park. Fire Chief Wolfe, Lt. Bays, Lt. King, Inspector II Cody and Commissioners Cherney & Duffy attended. Our inspectors have been there from ground-breaking to grand opening and it was nice for them to see the fruits of their labor. **We are very proud of their hard work and dedication.**





Phoenix Awards



On Dec. 2, 2024, more than 170 Collier County First Responders were honored at the Phoenix Awards after their successful resuscitation of a cardiac arrest patient. GNFD had 25 members awarded a Phoenix Award and we are so proud of them!

**DE Torrence Andrews
FF Shane Barron
FF Horace Carr
LT Aaron Cline
DE Manual Correa
DE Jose Garcia
FF Nicolas Gutman
FF Trent Guttery
LT Justin Humphrey
DE John Pipitone
LT Lycurgus Kidder Sr.
LT Trenton Mading
FF Alejandro Martinez**

**LT Robert Mayberry
LT Ryan McGinnis
FF Thomas Norman
LT Thomas Pecora
FF Tyler Polidore
DE David Ramis
LT Brian Rasmussen
DE Justin Raymond
LT Daniel Sawyer
DE Daniel Wilcox
FF William Wilkie
FF Demetrius Williams**



Mason stopped by Station 73 to drop off donuts! He came up right as Engine Crew 73 was about to head to a call, so he got to see & hear the lights and sirens. We appreciate Mason and his family's support.



DE Moyer leaves a little sparkle wherever he goes...



DE Kenny Moyer recently had a very special visitor stop by his station for a tour. Stevie is DE Moyer's best friend's daughter and she calls him "Uncle Kenny". DE Moyer made sure Stevie had an extra special visit.

Stevie got to sit in the driver's seat and DE Moyer even bedazzled a special GNFD helmet for her to wear. Make sure to contact DE Moyer for all of your bedazzling needs, as he is quite talented!



Community School 1st Graders Visit Station 73

About 50 1st grade students from the Community School of Naples came to Station 73 for a Station Tour. While half of the students got a tour of the station, the other half was shown the engine. The children loved being able to see what living and working in a fire house is like. They even all got a chance to spray the hose at the end!



GNFD Veterans

We are very proud of the veterans that are members of GNFD.
We are thankful for their service and honored them on Veterans Day.



CCPS First Responder Career Fair



Fire & Life Safety, along with Engine 73 Crew, attended the CCPS First Responder Career Fair at the CC Fairgrounds. The students asked some great questions and info was available for them to grab as to how to become a GNFD Firefighter. They all enjoyed trying on the bunker gear too!



Engine 70 Crew Saves Puppy from Pipe



Engine 70 Crew was dispatched to a puppy stuck in a pipe on November 26, 2024 in Golden Gate City. The crew was able to get the puppy's head out of the pipe with a little elbow grease and a lot of patience. Thankfully the little pup made it out just fine and he was able to go back home to his brothers and sisters, safe and sound.



Project Fire Buddies Thanksgiving Blessings



Our firefighters, along with the support from the Local 2369, blessed our Fire Buddy on Thanksgiving. They purchased Noah a jungle gym and trampoline and put them together on-site. Noah and his family also received a Thanksgiving meal with food purchased by our friends at Naples Seventh-Day Adventist Church & prepared by FF Ivanisevic. We were so happy to bless this family on Thanksgiving!

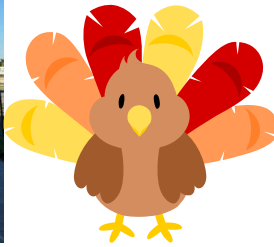


Thanksgiving Blessings

These lovely young ladies prepared an early Thanksgiving feast for the crew at Station 60. Their hearts were full....and so were their bellies!



Happy Thanksgiving



Station 25 visits Peace Early Learning

Station 25 Crew visited Peace Early Learning Preschool for a Truck Show. The students ranged in age from one year old to 4 years old. All the children enjoyed hopping into the cab and exploring the fire engine.



Fleet Update

By: Mark Records



Happy New Year! It has been an extremely exciting time here at Fleet. We have received new Engine 60, Ladder 21, Brush 23, Brush 73, along with fresh staff vehicles. Our EVT Technicians have been hard at work and getting needed training. John Luppy has successfully fulfilled the requirement to be a Level Two EVT; Congratulations John! Both Matt Day and Derek O'Connell received training on the Pierce Apparatus in Electrical and Brakes, in Orlando. We, at Fleet, would like to thank all the staff for understanding all the work that goes into overseeing a twenty-four-hour Fleet Operation. We do our best with the resources that the fleet has available and hope to exceed your expectations.



Dr. Dunavant to participate in “Racing The Planet” for charity

Dr. Dunavant will be participating in a ultramarathon this coming March called “Racing the Planet” to benefit Global Response Medicine (GRM). The Atacama Crossing is a 7-day, 250km/155 mile footrace that takes place in the incredible Atacama Desert of Chile. Through seven days, competitors traverse through salt flats, massive sand dunes, icy cold slot canyons, river crossings and experience starry nights while in the foothills of the Andes mountains as they complete the course. The race goes through the Salara de Atacama, Moon Valley, and Valle de la Muerte, and finally ends in the Town Square of the adobe-like village of San Pedro de Atacama. Dr. Dunavant will have to carry all of his own gear and food for the entirety of the race. He will be wearing dog-tags that commemorate three of GRM’s very important people who were lost in a two-week span, along with dog-tags he made with his kids’ names for the greater motivation he may need. GRM is a veteran founded, international NGO that delivers front line, emergency medical care for people displaced by conflict, war or disaster, for both rapid response and for long-term sustainability.

For more information, please visit

www.RacingThePlanet.com/AtacamaCrossing and Global-Response.org

Naples Christmas Parade



Engine 22 Crew attended the City of Naples Christmas Parade. We decorated the engine with strip lights and everyone loved them!



Sadly, this will (more than likely) be LT Perez's last Christmas Parade with GNFD, so he took full advantage to have as much fun as possible!



Station Holiday Decorations



**Greater Naples Fire-Salvation Army-
Toys for Tots-North Collier Fire Rescue**

TOY DRIVE



The Christmas Cheer Greater Naples Fire-Salvation Army-Toys for Tot-North Collier Fire Rescue Toy Drive was a success! We were able to collect enough toys to bring joy to more than 7,500 children in Collier County this year. Special thanks to our generous donors, volunteers and community partners.

We couldn't have done it without your support! Thank you!





Candy Cane Run 2024



The Candy Cane Run of 2024 was a great success! We handed out approximately 10,000 candy canes to the children who came outside in the nearly 60 communities we visited!



Day Staff Holiday Party

Breakfast was cooked by some of our command staff and some of the staff participated in a small white elephant gift exchange game. We had a special visit from Baby Lexi Ivanisevic and everyone enjoyed their time together! Special thanks to Michelle Bauer for helping cook breakfast for everyone!

