



APRIL 2024

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District

Around 6:15 PM on April 5th, all Pine Island Units were dispatched to a commercial structure fire off Harbor Dr. A large column of smoke was visible to incoming units from all directions. Upon arrival, our crews found heavy smoke and flames showing. The fire was contained to the original structure by the first arriving crews and was kept from spreading to surrounding areas. Units laid 2,500 ft of large diameter hose (5 inch) to a hydrant for water supply. At the peak of the response, we had 10 engines, 3 ladder trucks, 3 water tenders, and command staff from multiple agencies. No injuries are reported.

Thank you for the following agencies for all of their help:

- Cape Coral: Chief 1, Battalion 2, Ladders 6 & 11, Engines 8 & 10, Tender 8, Inspector 4
- North Fort Myers: Engines 1 & 2
- Bayshore: Tender 131
- Fort Myers: Battalion 11, Ladder 16
- Estero: Estero 1, Tender 44
- Iona: Truck 74 and Division Chief 5
- Fort Myers Shores: Fort Myers Shores 1
- South Trail: ST 12
- Lee County EMS: M41, M10, DO 2 and DO 5
- LCSO units



Crews completed an in-house built entanglement course. During this scenario, crews are in full gear and on air with no visibility. Personnel trained on forcible entry, entering and searching a structure, and egress, including window exits. Crews also practiced second-story extractions in case of stair collapse. Our firefighters are well trained and prepared for a multitude of different scenarios!

Did you know we offer CPR classes?

Call us for more information!

- ♥ Learn adult, child, and infant CPR, AED use, and relief of choking
- ♥ Immediate CPR can double the chances of cardiac arrest survival
- ♥ No experience is necessary, classes are open to everyone



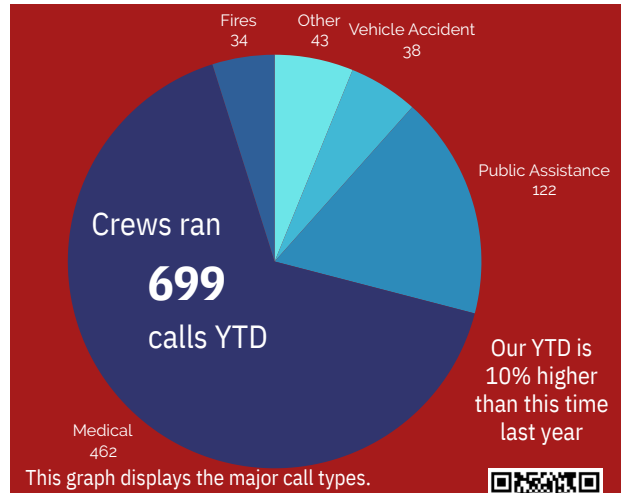
We had two employees participate in the Boat Operations Search and Rescue (BOSAR) course. This course provides public safety responders the necessary skills and tactics to engage in search and rescue operations on the water. This five day/25 hour course, teaches search patterns and rescue techniques with surrounding departments to establish a best practice for real-life scenarios. This class is nationally recognized by both FEMA and NASBLA.



April 17th, E-153, E-151, and Cap-150 were dispatched to a fully involved vehicle fire at the entrance of Jug Creek Marina. The fire was quickly contained and extinguished by the arriving crew. No injuries were reported.



April 26th, our crew had the honor of participating in the Friday Night Lights event at Golisano Children's Hospital for Autism Awareness Month. Representatives from multiple public safety agencies, including fire, EMS, and law enforcement, came together to wish the children a good night's sleep. Our crews were able to provide families with a fun, safe experience to see the apparatuses from around the county.



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