



JUNE 2024

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District



This month, crews ran scenarios to practice their Basic and Advanced Life Support skills. Training is a key element in providing the best services to the community. The Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District strives to provide the highest level of medical care possible to the community. In the past, the fire department was able to provide basic, life-saving medical interventions such as CPR, AED administration, oxygen therapy, epinephrine for anaphylaxis, and reversal of opioid overdoses. However, in September 2023, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District became an advanced life support (ALS) agency, allowing for responders to provide more advanced methods of emergency care. The department now has 16 licensed and credentialed paramedics. In addition to the important basic life support interventions, the crews can provide advanced medications, procedures, and treatments to those in need. These capabilities wouldn't be possible without the time and dedication of the crews, the elected board of fire commissioners, and, most of all, our community!



On June 20th, crews visited the library to give children an exciting and educational experience. They showcased their gear, explaining the purpose and function of each piece, and allowed the kids to explore the fire truck. This aimed to familiarize the children with fire safety.



June 29th, crews joined in on Ace Hardware's 100th anniversary party to show off equipment and provide fire safety demonstrations.

We are the first fire department in Florida that has received PFAS Free (Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl) structure fire gear from LION. PFAS has been known to increase the risk of cancer. This is a huge accomplishment by the district to protect our firefighters. This new gear replaces our 10 year old structure fire gear. Thanks to the Gary Sinise Foundation for their donation of funds that paid for a large portion of this purchase.

