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# BOCA FIRE RESCUE NET

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## Fire Chief Report

By:  
Thomas R. Wood  
CFO

### Bryan Walton Firefighter of the Year 2009

On November 16, 2009, Ladder Truck 4 responded to a medical call along with several other units. This was a challenging incident reminiscent of an EMS competition scenario involving the premature birth of a baby and a mother that was in serious condition as well. It was determined later that the baby was 10 weeks early and only weighed 2 pounds. While this response was a team effort, **Firefighter/Driver Bryan Walton's** performance stood out and made the difference in the outcome for the baby.

When Truck 4 arrived (first due), Bryan entered the apartment and found a premature baby still in the amniotic sack, full of liquid on the bathroom floor next to the mother. It was impossible for the baby to breathe, and the placenta had already been delivered so the baby was getting zero oxygenation. Bryan quickly recognized the critical nature of the call, opened the amniotic sack and pulled the baby out. He suctioned the airway and began ventilations with our smallest Ambu bag mask. Bryan determined that our neonatal mask wasn't small enough to achieve a good seal, so he began to perform "mouth to mouth"

ventilations. After checking the pulse and determining that it was too slow, Bryan began doing compression too. All this activity was happening in the small confines of the bathroom. The baby responded well and his skin color turned from gray to pink. Bryan turned over the care of the baby to the first arriving Medic Unit at which time he turned his attention to the mother. Both the baby and the mother were transported to the hospital where their conditions were both listed as "critical". The mother was released almost a month later. The baby was released in mid-January 2010 weighing in at 6 ½ pounds and very healthy.

It is with great pride that Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services Department recognizes and honors the commitment to excellence of Firefighter/Driver Bryan Walton. Please join me in congratulating Bryan. Bryan will be our honored guest at the 100 Club of South Palm Beach County Annual Dinner on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

Congratulations are also in order for **Firefighter Chris Owen**, as he was nominated and considered for the award this year.

### Citizen Courage Award – Mr. Matthew Silver

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, while having dinner with family members at Ruby Tuesday's restaurant in Mizner Park, Matthew noticed that his younger brother Andrew was choking. Andrew had swallowed a piece of steak that lodged in his throat causing a complete airway obstruction. Recognizing that his brother could not

breathe, Matthew sprang into action and performed the Heimlich maneuver, a life-saving technique he learned while taking a babysitting course through the Red Cross. Thanks to his quick recognition of the problem, and his equally quick reaction, Matthew is credited with saving his brother's life.



Chief Wood, Matthew Silver, and his brother, Andrew receives the Citizen Courage Award.

For his "willingness to get involved," Matthew Silver was awarded the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services "Citizen Courage Award", which is inscribed with the C.S. Lewis quote: "*Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.*" The award was presented at a ceremony on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

If you are interested in the American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course for youths ages 11-15, call the South County Service Center at 561-994-2060 or go to:

<http://www.redcross-pbc.org/Page.aspx?pid=528> Program description: This course can help you learn how to interview for a babysitting job, choose safe and age-appropriate toys and games, perform



first aid, learn diapering and feeding techniques, handle bedtime issues, and learn tips for having a safe babysitting experience.

**Promotion – Lt. David Eddinger**

David Eddinger was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant effective January 12, 2010. The badge ceremony was held on January 28, 2010. David has been with us for almost 5 years. *Congratulations David!*



**Cold Snap**

The 10 day “cold snap” in early January was unusual for South Florida. Palm Beach County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross opened two shelters for the homeless. At the highest occupancy point the shelters had 187 people. There were a total of 1,054 overnight stays and 2,512 meals were served.

**Haitian Earthquake**

It started with a 7.0 magnitude shock on January 12, 2010, at around 5:00 PM. To date, there have been over 60 after shocks registering at 4.0 and above. The magnitude of this disaster only 90 minutes by air from Miami is staggering with the loss of life probably over 100,000 people. An estimated 45,000 Americans were in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. An estimated 4,500 Americans are still unaccounted (missing). As of the writing of this article, over 16,400

Americans have been flown by military aircraft (660 flights) back to the USA, most to Homestead Air Force Base. From there they have been provided shuttles to Miami International Airport so they can get home. From our community...eight Lynn University students made it home safe. Four Lynn University students and two faculty members are still missing. Our prayers are with the impacted families and the Lynn University community. Assistant Fire Chief Dave Woodside took two weeks of “annual leave” and traveled to the Dominican Republic to help transport relief supplies. On a preliminary note, we know his group was able to purchase at least 50,000 pounds of food and move them in 7,000 pound lots by truck. Each round trip from Santo Domingo to the Haitian border took 12 hours, then re-stocking, three hours sleep, and then start again. Hopefully, Dave will give a full report upon his return. Please keep all those suffering from this disaster and all those trying to overcome this disaster in your thoughts and prayers.

*Until next month...be safe.*



**REMINDER**  
**City Picnic**

**Saturday**  
**March 6th**  
**10AM—4PM**

**RSVP to Kim Bunting**  
**By February 26**

**Employee & 1 Guest — Free**  
**Children 12 & Under — Free**  
**Additional Guests — \$10 Each**



**Administration**

By:  
Glenn Joseph  
Deputy Chief

The first order of business is to recognize and applaud Assistant Chief Woodside’s personal efforts in the relief operation in the island nation of Haiti. He showed his commitment to the alleviation of the pain and suffering in Haiti by spending 10 days in a very physically difficult and psychologically demanding environment. I am inspired by his example and can only hope that if I get the call that I can follow his example.

The 2010 budget process is almost here; ideas for the next budget year should be finalized and submitted through the chain of command for consideration by the Fire Chief and his executive staff. Suggestions should include a detailed description of the item with a well articulated statement to justify the purchase of the equipment for the Fire Department. Each suggestion will be reviewed and a written response will be sent to the person submitting the suggestion to explain the outcome of the evaluation process.

**Let’s do the numbers for**  
**December, 2009:**

<b>Total EMS Incidents</b>	<b>887</b>
Average Resp. Time	5.43
Min	
EMS Unit (most alarms) Med2	229
<b>Total Fire Alarms</b>	<b>168</b>
Average Resp. Time	6.17
Min	
Fire Co. (most alarms) Trk1	142
Station 5 (most alarms)	432
<b>Other Incidents</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Total Alarms</b>	<b>1,277</b>



**Operations**

By:  
John Johnson  
Deputy Chief

As we start the New Year, there are several new challenges ahead of us. The new ladder truck was received and went into service, and new protective bunker gear will be issued. We also have two new fire engines, and we will be putting into service new power stretchers and cardiac monitors this year.

Our training site has gone through several changes and continues to develop into what we all knew would be a premier facility for advanced firefighting training. **Division Chief Pat Kelly** has also received the *Instructor of the Year Award* from the State of Florida. Please congratulate him for all his hard work and dedication.



Chief Tom Wood and Captain Pat Kelly

I hope all who are eligible, take and pass the Lieutenants Exam. This is an opportunity to advance in the Department and gain additional knowledge and job skills. The Department will also conduct three more exams this year for Senior Fire Inspector, Captain, and EMS Captain. This is the time to start

looking at the position requirements and make sure that you meet all the job requirements if you are planning to take the exams.



**Planning & Emergency Management**

By:  
Raul Travieso  
Assistant Chief

It gives me great pleasure to announce that through the untiring efforts of Mike Barker, his application for "Assistance to Firefighter Grant" (AFG) Program was approved and awarded. This application was submitted to off-set costs for our cardiac monitor replacement program. The application was based on replacing 14 cardiac monitors at an estimated cost of \$24,000 each. Total cost of the project is \$336,000 and the award monies came to \$268,800 based on an 80/20 split. This life-saving equipment is used by our paramedics to evaluate heart rhythms and detect possible heart attacks. This state-of-the-art medical equipment will also be used to defibrillate those patients who are in cardiac arrest.

Assistant Chief Mike Barker is deserving of "thanks" and "appreciation" from both the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Service and the citizens of Boca Raton for this outstanding achievement.

We held our first planning meeting for this year's "**Fire Rescue Expo**," which is scheduled for **Saturday, March 20, 2010**, at Town Center Mall. We have received approval by Mall management to hold the event

on their grounds. This year's Expo promises to be the biggest and best in our history. We are promoting and attracting children and parents by emphasizing the ACTION FILLED exhibits. In addition, we will be introducing our newest fire fighting and paramedic equipment.



**Fire & Life Safety**

David Woodside

By: Matt Welhaf  
Acting Assistant Chief

Hello to everyone. Due to Assistant Chief Woodside's absence, I have been asked to submit an article for your enjoyment. The big news from the Fire and Life Safety Division is our efforts along with the Building Department in facilitating the Certificate of Occupancy at the 1000 South Ocean Condominium. Construction began on the site approximately four years ago with the revitalization of the Boca Beach Club, and it will culminate with the completion of the condominium building. Our Division has been working seven days a week for the past two weeks to ensure all life safety systems are 100% compliant prior to anyone occupying the building. I estimate it may take up to an additional two weeks to complete all requirements.

Several of the Operations crews have recently visited the site in an effort to familiarize themselves with the building's features that will affect fire operations. I strongly rec-



commend that all crews request an opportunity to do this. The vehicle access road should be completed by the first week of February. The access road and entry deck have been engineered to handle a 32 ton load. Our new ladder trucks are 26 tons; the aerial truck, our heaviest apparatus, is 30.5 tons. The road design provides access to the West, South, and East sides of the building. The East side has an area designed to allow a 3 point turn.

There are still some issues we are attempting to resolve with the developer and the general contractor that affect fire ground operations. From my view, they have been cooperative in addressing our needs. Communications within the building is difficult. Our radios and cell phones do not work in the two below-grade parking decks, and they work intermittently in the balance of the building. Fire phone connections are available at all levels in the exit stairways, elevator lobbies and in the elevators, but with communications being of paramount importance on the fire ground, we do not feel this meets our operational needs. Therefore, we have requested that a repeater be installed in the building to alleviate this situation. I feel confident this will be completed in the near future.

The fire sprinkler control valves are installed differently than in most other buildings in town. Riser 2 supplies fire sprinkler water to all above grade floors. Most buildings alternate risers on every other floor to supply sprinklers. With that being said, crews should only need to access the stair with riser 2 to control all sprinklers. All other risers are only for fire hose connections. Obviously, familiarization is the key to a quick and successful response,

so we will work with the Training Division to arrange for crews to tour the building as soon as time allows.

An update regarding our old friend Bio-Test Pharmaceutical; they will soon be submitting permits to add a tank farm to the site at 5800 Park of Commerce. The two largest tanks will hold 12,000 gallons of ethanol and 15,000 gallons of diesel. Additionally, they will be altering an interior portion of the building to use as storage for some hazardous materials needed for their operations. Our division looks forward to helping them complete their facility, so they can operate as safely as possible. Once they are fully operational, we again will work with Training and Haz-Mat to arrange for all crews to tour this unique facility.

Finally, I want to thank all Operations personnel. During the last three years of my six in this division (yes, I like 40 hours), I have noticed an increase in your input and assistance in letting us know of problems you discover while running calls. We really do appreciate this, and we pride ourselves on responding in a timely manner when you raise a concern. As a division, our primary purpose is to ensure you go home to your families after each shift; please continue to help us help you. Be careful and stay safe.



Introducing  
*Kyle George Ward*  
 January 10, 2010

Sammie Ward was happy to bring his new baby brother home to his parents, Scott and Jamie Ward.



**Logistics & Support**

By:  
 Michael Gergora  
 Assistant Chief

During the month of February, we will add two new additions to our fleet of fire apparatus; the new bunker gear will be issued, and the ISO will have conducted the re-inspection of our fire department. The Logistics and Support staff has been hard at work in preparation for these events.

I would like to thank Tom Sova, Dave Hobson, and Carlos Vidaurretta for the outstanding job they did on our new ladder “Truck 5”. They were able to install all the necessary equipment, fabricate specialized mounting brackets, and finish the work four days ahead of schedule. I think the most amazing accomplishment for Tom and his staff was that they were able to maintain their sanity while fielding a “bazillion” inquiries from me on how they were progressing on the project. They were assisted by Captain Ken “Hey Bud” Bailes on the equipment inventory and Captain Mike “Backbone” LaSalle along with FFs. Evan Gaub and Jesus Barrera with loading all the hose. Bob Owens provided his expertise in the installation of the SCBA equipment. This was a great team effort. Job well done!!!

Other outstanding Fire Rescue issues:

***Apparatus:***

***New Pumpers:***

The two new pumpers will arrive about 10 days apart this month. The



first Pumper should arrive during the second week of February.

**Medic Units:**

Water leaking from the air conditioning unit in the patient compartment appears to be an ongoing problem on the new medic units. We are working with the manufacturer to resolve these issues.

**Special Operations:**

The specifications have been completed and sent to purchasing for review.

**Equipment:**

The Uniform bid will be awarded this month and we will be placing orders immediately after City Council approval. Thanks for your patience.

**Facilities:**

**Miscellaneous:** I will be making station visits during the first week in February as part of the budget preparation process. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on making improvements to your station during my visits.

**ISO:**

The re-inspection by the ISO was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am confident that we will maintain our Class 2 rating.

On a personal note I wish to thank all of you for the kindness and compassion given to me and my family during the passing of my father.

Please stop in my office anytime that you are at Fire Administration.

Until Then - Stay Safe and Professional!



**EMS**

By :  
Michael O'Neil  
Division Chief

**Code Ice**

Have you ever wondered what the meaning of some of the announcements were that you heard at the hospital while you were visiting someone? The local hospitals in our area have a new phrase, "Code Ice". This alerts certain medical professionals that there is a candidate for Induced Hypothermia. There is a tremendous amount of medical procedures and equipment to be set up in providing the patient the best possible outcome.

Our Department has activated our Induced Hypothermia Protocol. Induced hypothermia is a process wherein the body is cooled down to a certain temperature. When a person suffers sudden cardiac arrest, metabolic changes in the body start to occur. The treatment for a cardiac arrest involves early CPR, administering certain medications, defibrillation and oxygen administration. This is known as Basic and Advanced Life Support given by our Fire Rescue Department. Our crews induced hypothermia after working a cardiac arrest on December 18, 2009, and used this protocol. The patient is still in very critical condition, and it is too soon to determine the outcome.

Early bystander CPR and calling 911 is the key to resuscitating a victim of cardiac arrest. When a victim's heartbeat is restored, and this depends on many variables, the victim has a chance for recovery. This is where Induced Hypothermia may

assist in reducing brain damage by cooling the body temperature down in a controlled process. The main damage to the brain occurs in the immediate hours after the heart has been restarted. Our firefighters and paramedics administer chilled IV fluids and administer several medications for victims of cardiac arrest that have been resuscitated. This is started in the field and the process is continued by the hospital. Studies have found that cooling the patient down and then re-warming the patient later greatly improves the chance for recovery with reduced brain damage.

The cooling of a patient is not new. It has been done for some time in certain open heart procedures.

**New Equipment**

We will be receiving new power stretchers during the last week of January, and will be training all personnel the first week of February. There should be minimal mounting installations, and they should be in operation by February 5, 2010. In conjunction with the power stretchers and proper lifting techniques class, we should see a reduction in associated lifting type injuries.

Palm Beach County EMS has recently been awarded an EMS Grant for \$465,000. Video Laryngoscopes will be purchased from this grant for all agencies in Palm Beach County. The total numbers of Video Laryngoscopes that will be provided to Boca Raton Fire Rescue and the other agencies have not yet been determined. Each laryngoscope is estimated to cost \$10,000. Another grant will be applied for next year to issue video laryngoscopes to units that did not receive one this year. The brand selected will be the GlideScope®, which is presently in



use with several agencies in the county and by the US Military. A special thanks for the EMS Providers Association and Sally Waite from Palm Beach County EMS in obtaining this much needed state of the art equipment



**Training & Safety**

By:  
Pat Kelly  
Division Chief

Hello once again. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those taking the Lieutenant Promotional Exam the best of luck. The process is very demanding but well worth the effort.

The next time you encounter one of the three probationary firefighters, please congratulate him for passing the Ten Month Test, which was administered on February 2, 2010.

In an effort to include the rank and file in training issues, we would like to extend an open invitation for all personnel to attend our weekly Training Meetings. These meetings are normally scheduled for Tuesday afternoons at 1300 hours, and are held in the Library beside Room 211. If you would like to attend, please call ahead to confirm the date and time.

Within the next two months, we will be revising all the Step-up Competency Packets and will be looking for individuals from each rank to provide input. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Division Chief Pat Kelly.



**Special Operations**

By:  
Scott Johnston  
Division Chief

**New Equipment**

Bunker Gear: By the time you read this article, you will have received your new bunker gear with a built in harness system. Over the years we have looked at several systems, and I believe by purchasing this style of Globe bunker gear with the built in "DC" style harness systems bridges all the gaps and provides us with the most versatile harness system available to the Fire Service.

Our main concern was a harness that when worn every day would be basically unnoticeable but also functional with the available attachment points while meeting the requirements for a Class II Harness. This type of system will allow you to rappel in an emergency bailout, perform a high angle rescue, or lock into an aerial platform / ladder or ground ladder. Training in all of these areas is being developed and will be conducted in the near future.

Con-Space Escape Air Paks: This year we funded a project to replace our present escape paks and harness with an all-in-one escape pak integrated right into a full body harness. The advantage of the new Scott Ska Pak "AT" is that we will no longer need to turn our bottle on in the event of an emergency. The "AT" stands for "automatic transfer," which means you turn your bottle on and go into the con-space. In the event there is a disruption in the air supply, the air's supply "auto transfers" over to the bottle without the need to do anything. This is ex-

tremely important under stressful situations. The additional benefit to the integrated harness is the ease of donning this system. We will no longer need to untangle the harness and don two separate systems: air / harness. We should have the new units in service and ready for our upcoming refresher training.

Vehicle Extrication Struts: We have placed the order for additional struts, which will be placed on each and every front line fire apparatus. This will give us the ability to deploy struts immediately in order to stabilize not only vehicles on their side, but also structural members on buildings which have been compromised. Additional training will be scheduled in the near future.

Search Rope Bags: We have already received two FRC search rope bags, which were graciously donated to us by the Woodfield Country Club H.O.A, and Woodfield Country Club. We owe our Fire Department Photographer, Jay Bell, a huge "Thank You" for presenting this to the residents of Woodfield CC and showing them the need for such a toll. We will be purchasing an additional 6 bags so each fire apparatus will have the ability to deploy this system. As soon as we receive them all, we will immediately schedule the training so they can be assigned.

As you can see, things have been busy. The one thing I can tell you is in order to fund these projects, we need to think about them a year in advance in order to justify and get funded in the fiscal budget. Please forward any suggestions you may have along with the justifications and the research, and I will be more than happy to run them up the flag pole.





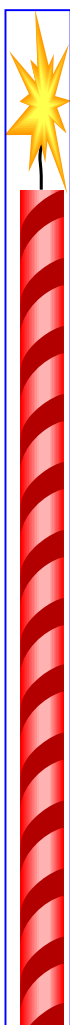
**Planning & Emergency Management**

By:  
Joe Majhess  
Division Chief

In last month's newsletter, I stated that we are looking for any suggestions to improve the CPR program. Based on this input and observations made in scheduling procedures, we are exploring the implementation of a 48 hour cut off for course enrollment. The course roster will be sent to Gail Jordan for instructor adjustments one business day ahead of the scheduled course, allowing us to meet the recommended instructor / student ratio more accurately, and give our instructors advanced notice when they are not needed to teach. We are waiting to hear back from BRCH management on this proposal and will keep all informed.

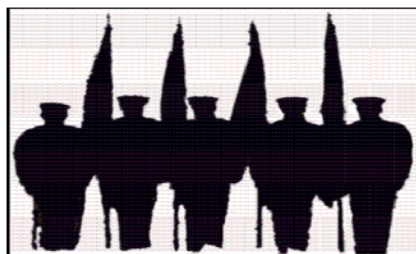
Capt. Stewart and the Building Survey committee met to analyze the current content of our building survey forms. The goal of this committee is to update the required information on the survey to assure the first arriving Company Officers have quick and easy access to that which is pertinent to initial operations. We are working on finalizing these forms. Once this is done, Chief O'Neil will make the necessary software changes and test it prior to implementation.

All personnel are welcome to bring suggestions or concerns regarding these matters forward. Until next month, in light of the situation in Haiti, please remember to take every opportunity to celebrate what you have while you can.



**February Birthdays**

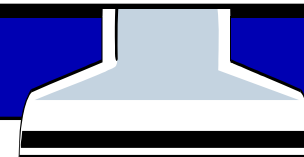
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- 02/03 Erik Solensten
- 02/04 Curt Berryman
- 02/05 Patrick Rea
- 02/05 Scott Shadoin
- 02/05 Carmen Aragona
- 02/08 Amy Ross
- 02/09 Bob Owens
- 02/09 Marcus Cooper
- 02/10 Victoria Osborn
- 02/10 Jason Owens
- 02/12 Eric Alexander
- 02/15 Joseph Idelfonso
- 02/18 Christopher Neville
- 02/18 Jeffery Lazzeri
- 02/20 Brunna Ward
- 02/25 Jay Sumner
- 02/28 Joseph Henry
- 03/01 Shannon Frederick
- 03/02 Lenny Marraffino
- 03/05 Chad Kozlowski
- 03/05 James Barry



*The Department extends its sympathies to our brothers:*

Brian Shapins on the death of his father, Dr. Frank Shapins, who passed away on January 15, 2010; and

Mike Gergora on the death of his father, Mitch Gergora, who passed away on January 15, 2010.



**MEMO**

Service List

Ken Clark	33
Phil Strasser	33
Ed Thompson	28
Dan Vaudo	28
Bruce Angier	25
Ron Hartley	25
Donnie Craig	22
Norm Engel	22
Cheryl Freeman	22
Mitch Greenberg	22
Randy Hunsinger	22
Scott Johnston	22
Gary Keidel	22
Bob Lemons	22
Michelle Murphy	22
Bob Nelligan	22
Jerry O'Brien	22
Jim Pingrey	22
Bob Schade	22
Gary Swedenborg	22
Doug Webb	22
Bob Yard	22
Shaun Fix	21
Mike Gergora	21
Lenny Marraffino	21
Lange Jacobs	20
Jeff Matheson	20
Scott Brooks	15
Pat Rea	15
John Treanor	15
Don West	15
Jay Sumner	14
Eric David	12
Phil Santa Maria	12
Raul Chacon	11
Scott Shadoin	11
George Fox	10
Don Horn	7
Keith Miller	7
Ryan Cihowiak	6
Chris Innerst	6



## Thirteen Year Old Receives Citizen

### Courage Award from Fire Chief

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As Reported By:

Frank Correggio  
Public Information Officer



Chief Wood, Mathew Silver, Andrew Silver



Andrew Silver, Tracey Sussman – American Red Cross, Mathew Silver, Emmitt Crenshaw – Shift Leader, Ruby Tuesdays, and Chief Tom Wood



Division Chief of Training Patrick Kelly received an award for being chosen as the **Fire Service Instructor of the Year** by the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. He was honored in Daytona Beach at the Fire Rescue East Fire Service Conference on January 21st.



Fire Chief Tom Wood presented ***Firefighter / Paramedic David Eddinger*** his badge for being promoted to Rescue Lieutenant.



*Vehicle Crash On I-95 Causes Fuel Spill*

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at approximately 9:15 am, Boca Raton firefighters responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash on I-95 with a fuel spill. Firefighters arrived within minutes to find that a Chrysler PT Cruiser and a tractor trailer pulling a car carrier had collided on southbound I-95 near Palmetto Park Road. The vehicle crash caused a light pole to be knocked down and one of the 100 gallon fuel saddle tanks on the tractor trailer to rupture. Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services' Hazardous Material Response Team arrived to find approximately a 6" gash in the fuel tank and that the fuel had spilled along the interstate, the on-ramp, and ran into a storm drain which empties into the swale area along the highway. Firefighters closed off two southbound lanes of traffic and the southbound on-ramp at Palmetto Park Road, and put an inflatable plug into the storm drain to keep any additional fuel from spilling onto the grass. Fire officials notified the Environmental Protection Agency who was in charge of the clean up operation. There were no injuries, and the incident is being investigated by Florida Highway Patrol. Fire crews remained on scene to keep the southbound lanes of the interstate and the on-ramp closed until the clean up operation was completed.



*Boca Raton  
Fire Rescue Services  
Helps With Relief  
Efforts In Haiti*

During the Month of January, Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services at Fire Stations 1, 4, and 5 became collection points for donations of **non-perishable food, water and medical supplies** for the Haitian relief effort.

Through the Leadership Group of Palm Beach County, the above three stations were the focal point for the collections, however all eight of the City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue Stations accepted donations. The donated items were picked up by students and faculty from Palm Beach State College (formerly PBCC) and transported to the Port of Palm Beach to be shipped to the ongoing relief efforts in Haiti.

Those citizens wishing to donate clothing were referred to the Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army.

**Who Said It?**

1. Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
2. Courage is very important. Like a muscle, it's strengthened by use.
3. The man who has no imagination has no wings.
4. Getting people to like you is simply the other side of liking other people.
5. You can't shake hands with a clenched fist.

1. Mark Twain
2. Ruth Gordon
3. Muhammad Ali
4. Norman Vincent Peale
5. Golda Meir