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Fire Chief Report

By:
Thomas R. Wood,
CFO

Citizen Courage Award Assistant Chief Dave Woodside

At about 5:30 PM on January 12, 2010, I approached Assistant Fire Chief Dave Woodside in the parking lot of the 6500 Building. I interrupted his conversation with Wayne Anderson to let him know that I had just received an email from the United States Geological Survey office saying that a significant earthquake had occurred minutes earlier in Haiti. From the look on his face, I knew Dave was concerned for the many people he knew in Haiti.



Chief Wood presenting the Citizen Courage Award to Asst. Chief David Woodside

By January 14th Dave had organized our Department's effort to collect and store needed relief items for later shipment out of the Port of Palm Beach.

On January 20th after requesting "annual leave," Dave took a commercial flight to the Dominican Republic. While there his church group purchased 50,000 pounds of food and other supplies, and made daily round trips from Santo Domingo to the Haitian border. Exhausted, with less than 3 hours of sleep each night, Dave returned home on January 30th.

For his "willingness to act and his selfless dedication to humanitarian needs," Dave 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.**" Dave has done extremely well at the "testing point." Congratulations!

Excellence Award Firefighter Chris Owen

Division Chief Scott Johnston has relied heavily on Firefighter Chris Owen and his vast background in the areas of hazardous materials, rope rescue and confined space rescue. Chris has undertaken projects in these disciplines and trained employees as well. Chris has been Division Chief Johnston's "go-to-man" whenever there was work to be done. Chris's projects include:

- Research and traveling to other agencies, and development of the specifications for the new Haz Mat truck.
- Created and manages the "Calibration Gas Inventory Matrix."
- Training others on the use of advanced Haz Mat monitors.

- Organized and handled the replacement of all our "Lifelines (rescue ropes)".
- Very proficient with the "Hazardous Materials Safe Site Monitoring System" and has taught others on its use.
- Taught many other classes including: Confined Space Rescue 3 times, Emergency Firefighter Bailout 3 times, and the Rope Refresher Class 1 time.



Chief Wood presenting an Excellence Award to FF Chris Owen as Special Operations Division Chief Scott Johnston looks on.

For all these efforts, Chris was given the Department's Excellence Award. Congratulations!

Excellence Awards Firefighter Marcus Cooper Firefighter Matt Grunke & Supply Officer Brunna Ward

Firefighter Marcus Cooper, Firefighter Matt Grunke and Supply Officer Brunna Ward were recognized for their commitment, dedication, and effort during the field testing evaluation of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) samples, which were submitted in the bid purchasing process.

Firefighter Cooper and Firefighter Grunke personally and independ-



Photos by Jay Bell

Chief Wood, Marcus Cooper, Brunna Ward, & Matt Grunke

ently evaluated the PPE and rated the ensembles from five different manufacturers. They ranked the manufacturers' products based on safety, protection, range of motion, flexibility, and comfort. The sample PPE was tested during execution of essential firefighting related tasks in a simulated environment with four categories:

1. Advancing hose up the 5-story training tower, rope haul, climbing stairs, and using the forcible entry simulator.
2. Raising a 24-foot ladder, extending the ladder, leaning and securing the ladder, climbing the ladder and making a leg lock, then restoring the ladder to the ground.
3. Flashover Simulator evolution, which included deploying 150-feet of 1" and 3/4" hose line, attacking the seat of the fire, performing mechanical ventilation, and restoring the equipment.
4. Search and rescue maze procedure, which included entering a simulated partially collapsed room and searching for victims,

finding a 150-pound manikin and dragging it out the hazard.

Supply Officer Brunna Ward also independently evaluated the PPE during each of five-cycled washings, which were conducted after each simulated task. She rated the material for the following: wash ability, stitching quality, Velcro retention, and fading.

With their tireless efforts and careful evaluation, we were able to select the safest and best personal protective equipment for our personnel. These three employees can be proud of the fact that they assisted in selecting this "state-of-the-art" firefighting gear which created the "NEW LOOK" of our personal protective equipment. Congratulations.

Higher Education
Assistant Chief Mike Gergora

Assistant Chief Mike Gergora recently completed his Bachelor degree from St. Thomas University with an outstanding 4.0 grade point average. Congratulations.

Until next month...be safe.



Operations

By:
 John Johnson
 Deputy Chief

The Operations Division has been busy this month with the posting of the Lieutenants Exam, working on the hiring process, receiving new apparatus, and the new station assignments after the bid process.

On March 15, 2010, 5 new employees will start working, and fill vacant firefighter positions. The Operations Division will then be fully manned for the first time in quite awhile. This hiring process started back in December 2009, when the department received just over 220 applications for the firefighter/paramedic positions.

Over the years, the hiring process has expanded. The process starts with an on-line City of Boca Raton application and a Fire Recue Services 30-page background packet. Next are the swim test and the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). Once they successfully pass the swim test and CPAT, they must then pass both a practical fire skills test and an EMS scenario. The skills testing is followed by an oral interview. Upon successful conclusion of the interview the potential candidate would then have to complete a polygraph and a psychological evaluation. The Department then conducts a thorough background investigation of each candidate. If there are any open firefighters positions, the potential candidates are then called into the Fire Chief's Office for a conditional job offer pending the successful completion of a medical exam.

Please introduce yourself and welcome Mark Lacho, Manny Nuno, Jonathan Santana, Scott Hauss, and Steven Wright into the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services Family. As you can see they have gone through a lot. Their career officially begins on March 15, 2010, when they begin their 7-week orienta-



tion program.

Until next time, stay safe.



Planning & Emergency Management

By:
Raul Travieso
Assistant Chief

“EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING”

The word is out - this will be the “BIGGEST and BESTEST” Fire Rescue Expo in Boca Raton’s history. This event will take place at the Town Center Mall’s northwest parking lot on **March 20th** from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Our plans for the event include “ACTION FILLED” exhibits such as vehicle extrication, simulated extinguishment of a car fire and an apartment fire, a fire sprinkler demonstration, and a demonstration with our Combat Challenge Team.

We will have plenty of exciting things for the kids to do and learn. Folks from the Hospital and Red Cross will provide lessons on safety. Our ‘state-of-the art’ Fire Trucks, Medical Units and even “Old Betsy” (1927 vintage engine) will be on site for display.

Boca Raton Fire Rescue Expo 2010 will be successful with our Firefighters’ assistance and continued support volunteering for this huge event. We also hope members of the Explorer Post and our CERT volunteers join us in making this a great success. We ask that everyone participate with us to make this action filled Expo the biggest and best

ever. Be advised our Administration civilian staff have all stepped-up to the plate and will be there to help.

All those who intend to volunteer, please call Victoria Osborn at 561-982-4010.

**KIDS —
BRING YOUR PARENTS!**



EMS News

By:
Michael Barker
Assistant Chief

The EMS Division, with the assistance of Capt. John Treanor is currently developing and evaluating a medical protocol training program. I anticipate the program will be successful and will soon be incorporated into the monthly training schedule. You can also look for monthly medical skills training to begin in April. Each month the EMS Captains will assist with refresher training on a designated medical skill or piece of equipment. This will ensure that all personnel are current with proper techniques and procedures required to effectively perform the numerous medical skills utilized in the field, and with the operation of the specialized equipment carried on our Medic Trucks. Our EMS service is among the finest in the country and this training is designed to help maintain that status.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of EMS Division Chief Mike O’Neil, the annual physicals have progressed with few problems. As everyone knows, we have a new city

physician conducting this year’s physicals, and logistically there have been some challenges. The most notable issue has been the time frame allowed to complete the physicals. In accordance with the agreement between US Health-Works and the City, our physicals were scheduled over an eight week period instead of the four week period we’ve had in the past. The physical exam is also more extensive and detailed this year, which, as expected, has taken more time. The reports I have received indicate most are very satisfied with the physical exam and process.

The new Stryker Power Stretchers were received and placed in service in January. Overall they have been well received with very few problems. As of this writing, we are in the process of resolving one issue regarding the stretcher height. Prior to placing the stretchers in service, Jeff Pounds, the area rep for Stryker conducted an excellent training session with each shift. I especially want to thank everyone at Fire Support who assisted with the assembly and installation of the new stretchers. The team effort made the conversion a seamless transition.



If you missed it, you missed an excellent seminar. “First In, Last Out” by **FDNY Battalion Chief John Salka** was the third in

a series of exceptionally good seminars the Department has provided since this program began. These events are supported by the Benevolent and the Union, and gives our Department exposure to nationally known fire service experts. Special thanks to B/C Brett Lea, and all who assisted with the registration, set up, and success of this event.



Fire & Life Safety

By:
David Woodside
Assistant Chief

ISO Update

Even though we have received our ISO rating, the work for ISO continues. Thanks to the entire team for their work to help the City maintain its **Class 2** rating. ISO field representatives are currently in the city assessing 241 buildings. The division has two Fire Inspectors assigned to the ISO field representatives to help facilitate the process. The focus is on water supply related to sprinklers and sprinkler system maintenance. ISO representatives are expected to be in the city for the next six weeks as they assess these 241 buildings, as well as new buildings that have not been rated.



The **Keith C. & Elaine Johnson World Performing Arts Center** is scheduled to have its dedication on March 18, 2010. This new center is located in the northwest corner of Lynn University. It will be a world class performing art center with more than 32,000 square feet of space. It is scheduled to have its first public show on April 17 and 18, 2010. The bright red box seats provide an excellent view for all of the performances. The theatre houses a platform (stage) and all the associated fire protection features. From the outside, it is a four story building at different locations. It has limited combustibles on the roof with only one FD roof access at the west and north side. The fire pump is located on the northwest side of the building and the fire alarm room is located on the west side of the building marked with a fire alarm horn strobe. The Knox box will also be installed near this location. The building is also equipped with a generator on the northwest corner that will provide power to the entire building in cases of FPL power failure.

MEMO

Years of Service

Frank Montilli	22
Donnie Mullens	22
Jack Culligan	20
Jim Muro	20
Scott Clark	16
James Cuomo	16
Craig Montgomery	8
Jason Stout	8
Alejandro Callegari	5
Jesse Duffy	5
David Eddinger	5
Adam Elliott	5
John McClain	5
Daniel Rush	5
Ryan Cole	3
Joe Johnson	3
Raul Reyes	3

March Birthdays

03/01	Shannon Frederick	03/25	Joseph Brooks
03/02	Lenny Marraffino	03/27	Mike Gressinger
03/05	Chad Kozlowski	03/27	Brian Shapins
03/05	James Barry	03/29	Jeffrey Rupp
03/10	Michael Francis	03/30	Scott Ward
03/17	Dave Hobson	03/31	Dan Coine
03/19	Donald West	04/01	Mike Barker
03/21	Daryl Scott	04/01	Dave Woodside
03/21	Michael Brown	04/05	Mitch Greenberg
03/23	Warren Hunt	04/09	Robert Diaz
03/24	Raul Chacon	04/09	Eric David
03/25	Keith Metcalf	04/09	Jose Santana
03/25	Tom Sova		



Logistics & Support

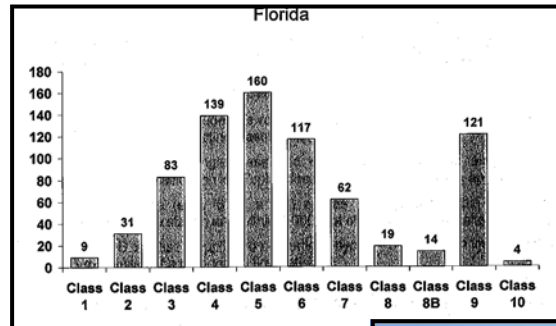
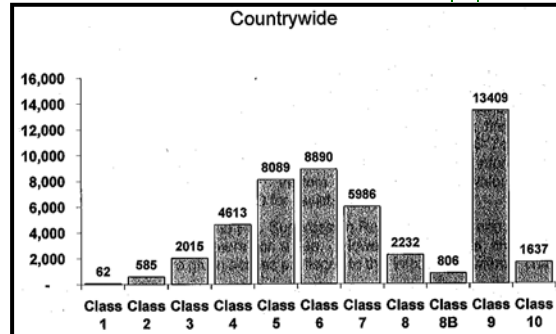
By:
Michael Gergora
Assistant Chief

February was an extremely busy and exciting month for Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services. We issued the new turnout gear, the ISO conducted our retrogression inspection, and we received our two new pumpers.

I would first like to thank Brunna Ward for all her hard work that resulted in a successful distribution of the turnout gear to our personnel. Amy Ross and Dave Rosenthal set up an inventory control system for tracking the gear that meet all of the Department's expectations and will assist us in managing these assets. Division Chief Scott Johnston and Firefighter Marcus Cooper did a great job with the familiarization and training of personnel with our new "duds" (clothes for those of you born post 1970). This was a major undertaking that went off seamlessly due to a coordinated "TEAM" effort. One project completed, and then it was on to the ISO.

I am proud to announce that Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services has received the highest score to date (80.82), and has achieved a Class 2 Public Protection Classification (PPC) from the ISO. The ISO PPC rates fire departments on a scale from 1 to 10, with Class 1 being their highest rating. This places our Department among an elite group within the fire service. According to the ISO's 2010 report, our PPC Class 2 rating rank us in top 1.3%

out of 48,424 fire departments nationally and in the top 5.3% out of 759 fire departments in Florida that were rated (the charts below were provided by the ISO).



nel, have done an amazing job with the apparatus, while simultaneously installing the equipment for the new Stryker Power Stretchers. Please thank them the next time you see them. *Thank you* to the City for providing us with over \$2,000,000 in new fire apparatus in order to serve our community.

Other outstanding Fire Rescue issues:

Apparatus:

New Engines and Ladder Truck:

The Hazardous Materials Technicians will be providing input on the setup of Engine 6 to meet their special needs. Engine 2, Engine 6 and Truck 5 have 35' soft suction LDHs in-

Once again TEAMWORK is what made it possible for our Department to excel to the top! Oh yeah – that was me doing cartwheels down Military Trail last week. Speaking of celebrating – we move on to our two new Sutphen pumpers.



The latest additions to our fleet are Engine 2 and Engine 6. Engine 2 proudly accompanied some of our personnel to the funeral services for Battalion Chief Brian Nolte of Davie Fire Rescue on March 2, 2010. It will be placed into service on March 3rd. Engine 6 (see picture) arrived during the last week of February, and is scheduled to go into service after our Fire Expo on March 20, 2010. Tom Sova and company, along with the assistance of some very dedicated operational person-

stalled in the hose wells next to the fire pumps.

Medic Units: We are hopeful that we have resolved the problem of the roof A/C units leaking in the patient compartments of the new Horton trucks. Please let us know if you experience the A/C units leaking.

Replacement Vehicles: I met with Tony Remige and Sterling Castellano from Municipal Services to



finalize the order for seven replacement vehicles. They were very helpful and I appreciated their guidance and expertise in selecting the appropriate vehicles and related options to fulfill our needs. We may be receiving our first alternative fuel vehicle in this order. These vehicles are scheduled to be delivered during the month of July.

Equipment:

We have been issued the Purchase Order for uniforms and we will be placing an initial order by March 9th. Personnel will receive 4 Polo Shirts and 4 pairs of pants unless you have notified Brunna Ward by email of your request to change the quantities. For example, if you want 6 shirts and no pants etc. instead of the 4 and 4 order. You still have the opportunity through March 8th to contact her by email ONLY. I am working on replacement foul weather jackets as well. I invite you to send me any suggestions as soon as possible.

Facilities:

Miscellaneous: Assistant Chief Daryl Scott and I will be conducting the “Quarterly Station Inspections” on April 5th (Stations 1, 3, & 8), April 12th (Stations 2, 4, & 5), and April 19th (Stations 6 & 7). I will provide a detailed memo to all personnel later this month that will include inspection criteria, sequence of inspections, and times. Please make sure your house is in order.

Until Then - Stay Safe and Professional!



WHAT: St. Patrick’s Day Parade
WHERE: Delray Beach
WHEN: Saturday, March 13
All the county fire departments will be marching. Wear your green and join the fun.



Special Ops

By:
 Scott Johnston
 Division Chief

Haz Mat 26 Upgrades

The upgrade to the Hapsite carried on HM26 has been completed, and we are now backing up and running with our abilities to identify a wide range of unknown chemicals, compounds, toxic atmospheres and substances linked to WMD.

The upgrades to this monitor included updates to the software and working components of the instrument, an upgraded library for identification of a vast amount of chemicals and compounds, and the most important upgrade being a new “touch screen” application, which now makes this instrument extremely easy to operate.

The Hapsite is a “Gas Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometer” (GC/MS) instrument that will analyze the vapors being produced from the chemical / compound and produce a chemical “footprint,” which can be read by a scientist trained in reading spectra. The Hapsite basically has its own scientist built inside the instrument that reads the footprint and then matches it up to a similar footprint held within the extensive library and identifies the unknown on the screen.

This instrument can be used in either a fixed setting within the rear of HM26, or removed and taken down range to take readings which can then be sent back to the research group via Bluetooth.

Another way we can begin to utilize this instrument is clearing the atmosphere of buildings in the overhaul phase after a structure fire. As you know, two of the big toxic vapors we look at are Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Cyanide, which can present problems anywhere from headaches to sudden cardiac arrest. Above and beyond these two individual gases, there is a whole cocktail mixture of toxic vapors which are released by combustion of different man-made objects such as furniture, floor coverings, counter tops and various other components of the structure. We will be able to go in and take a sample of the atmosphere within the structure in order to determine the need for our personnel to wear their SCBA or not during this phase. Our plan is to expand our use and response of HM26 to any incident involving any type of “unknown,” whether it is a Haz Mat call or structure fire in order to have the Hapsite on scene ready to go.

Recently we trained a selected group of personnel at Station 6 on the use of this equipment. Our plan was to have at least one person per shift trained to respond and run the instrument with the intention of then training additional personnel. The individuals presently trained are: Capt. Tom Carroll, Capt. Phil Santa Maria, FFD Mike Lucas, and FF Chris Owen. Presently in South East Florida, the only agencies utilizing this type of technology are the Miami Dade Fire Rescue Haz Mat Team and Boca Raton Fire Rescue Haz Mat Team.

Until next month, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.





Training & Safety

By:
Pat Kelly
Division Chief

Hello once again.

Training

We will be starting a class of 5 probationary firefighters this month. As always, they will be completing about 3 ½ weeks of fire training and about 3 ½ weeks of medical training during the orientation program. I would like to extend an open invitation to any of our personnel wishing to participate in any of this training. Once completed, we will post the schedule on the “Q” drive in the Training Folder. Please refer to this document to locate the class that you are interested in. Please confirm the date and time and clear your participation with the Training and Safety Section prior to attending.

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. The meetings are normally scheduled for Tuesday afternoons at 1300 hours and are held in the Library beside Room 211. Please contact a member of Training and Safety to confirm the date and time if you would like to attend.

Safety

There have recently been an increased number of vehicle accidents, several of which were backing related. Remember to always use a backer and stop immediately if you lose sight of the backer. BRFRS has developed a standard

set of hand signals for use at incidents and the city has adopted a standard set of hand signals for backing all city vehicles. These city-wide backing signals are included in our document. A CD with these standardized signals is being placed in the library at each station. Please review and become familiar with its contents.

Till next time, be safe.



Planning & Emergency Management

By:
Joe Majhess
Division Chief

We are proud to announce that we have submitted the data required to complete the annual Fire Experience Survey to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Data entered throughout the year by Fire Rescue personnel completing National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) reports is used to show trends in fire related incidents, accidents and injuries to personnel. This information is used by fire departments to identify trends that need to be addressed proactively through training and fire prevention and public education efforts. Additionally, fire departments use this statistical data for planning and justification of future purchases of apparatus and equipment used by firefighter / paramedics to mitigate the variety of hazards they encounter daily. A special thanks goes out to all who assisted in completing this survey, including Deputy Chief Glenn Joseph, Cindy Cevallos / Police Services, Matt Graham / Human Resources, John Shipley / Safety Officer, Diane

King / Assistant City Clerk, and all other supporting personnel.

Last month, Assistant Chief Travieso, Assistant Chief Daryl Scott, all Battalion Chiefs and myself had meetings with Communications Center staff. The purpose of these meetings was to gain a better understanding of the needs and abilities of Fire Rescue, Police, and Communications Center personnel working together to handle and properly process calls for emergency response. Together, we identified issues of concern as well as issues that showed potential for improvement. Fire Rescue personnel were asked to bring any Communications related suggestions or questions to myself or Assistant Chief Travieso through the Chain of Command so that they may be addressed appropriately. It is through efforts such as these that solutions will be identified and implemented in order to improve responder safety and efficiency.

Until next month, enjoy every day safely.



1967—2010
*In Memory of Jennifer Miller,
who left her Fire Family all too soon.
We all miss her.*



Come! See! Take Part!
BOCA RATON
FIRE RESCUE
ACTION FILLED
2010 EXPO



WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM



WHERE: TOWN CENTER MALL
6000 West Glades Road
(NW Corner Parking Lot)

DISPLAYS ♦ ***ACTION DEMONSTRATIONS*** ♦ REFRESHMENTS

Meet YOUR Firefighters and Paramedics

VIEW HOW WE SAVE LIVES
ACTION FILLED EXHIBITS

***Giveaways
For Children***

Bring your camera for personal photos





As Reported By:

Frank Correggio
Public Information Officer



Lessons in Leadership for Fire Explorers

Sixteen Boca Raton Fire Explorers attended a two day seminar on Leadership on January 30th and 31st. The lectures and hands-on workshops were held at the Fire Support and Training Facility. Firefighter Paramedic Jesus Barrera headed up the event preparing lectures on pride and ownership, the history of the fire service, brotherhood and some hands-on skills. Other instructors included Firefighter Paramedic Jonathan Vought, Deputy Explorer Chief Zane Smith, Advisors Kevin Zimbrick and Vanessa Vought. On Saturday night after lights out, the alarm sounded and Explorers responded to the tower to handle a search and rescue on the second floor and a vehicle accident. At 0530 the next morning, the alarm sounded again and Explorers handled two additional emergencies. Food was brought in as Tomasso's donated pizza, Explorer parents brought in snacks and Debbie Correggio cooked a nice Italian meal of pasta, meatballs and sausage, salad, bread and homemade cheesecake. Muvico donated some movie passes and the Post went to a movie on Saturday night. Fire Explorers meet every Thursday evening at the Fire Support and Training facility.



Tractor Trailer Fire Closes Down Lanes on I-95

On February 24th, emergency dispatchers received numerous calls for a tractor trailer that was on fire on I-95. The vehicle was traveling south when the driver pulled over just past Congress Avenue on the west shoulder and noticed smoke in the cab. When Boca Raton firefighters arrived minutes later, they found the 1998 Freightliner cab pulling a 53 foot trailer on fire. Fire crews closed down two lanes of traffic as they battled 30 ft. high flames, which engulfed the engine compartment and the cab of the vehicle. Heavy rains poured down as firefighters used water and foam to extinguish the fire. There were no injuries reported. There was no damage noted to the trailer. Boca Raton fire officials who investigated the fire believe the cause to be mechanical.



The Explorers respond to a vehicle accident and "rescue" the injured party.




Explorers climbing the tower to the second floor while dragging up hose and equipment in a search and rescue for a victim.



Photo by Frank Correggio

Fire Explorers Get a Lesson in History


On February 25th, Boca Raton Fire Explorer Post #315 was honored when Mr. Ezra Hill stopped by to speak. Mr. Hill was a member of the famous group of flyers, the Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black fighter squadron trained in Tuskegee, Alabama. During WWII, the group of dedicated heroes gained recognition for the support their fighter squadron gave to the bombing missions in Europe. The “Red Tailed Angels” as they were known, never lost a single aircraft that they escorted during the war. Mr. Hill spoke with the Explorers about the history of his group and what they achieved. He stressed continuing their education and following their dreams. After his talk, Mr. Hill autographed copies of his book and showed his Congressional Gold Medal, which was presented to the Tuskegee Airmen by President George Bush in Washington, DC.



It's a Girl!
Hadley Marie Rednour

Keith and Tammy Miller welcomed a new baby girl into their family on March 2nd, 2010, at 1:26 p.m.

Hadley weighed in at 8 lbs, 4 ozs, and was 19.25 inches long. Everyone is doing well.



It's a Boy!
Brady Robert

Diane and Adam Elliott welcomed a new baby boy into their family on Feb. 25, 2010, at 9:32 a.m.

Brady weighed 7 lbs, 10 ozs, and was 20.5 inches long. Everyone is getting acquainted and doing well.



Front Row: Lt. Kim Puchalski, FF James Haag, Officer Janine Pratt, B/C Brett Lea, and Officer Kristi Alsop
Back Row: FF John Elliott, B/C Scott Ward, FFD Warren Caan, FF Jeff Rupp (hidden), Chief Tom Wood, Officer Nicholas Campo., Sr. Inspector Matt Welhaf

The 2010 Annual Sweetheart Ball was held early this year on Saturday, February 6th at Banyan Place. This is an annual Valentines Day event wherein members of Fire Rescue Services and Police Services put on their dancing shoes and “cut up the rug” with the residents at Banyan Place. We thank everyone who participated and made this such an enjoyable day for the residents.



St. Andrew’s Residents

Show Their Gratitude

Residents of the St. Andrew’s complex wanted to show their gratitude to the firefighters who man Fire Station 5 located on Glades Road, and knowing how much firefighters love to eat, they took up a collection of food items.

Representatives of St. Andrew then brought the food to Fire Station 5, where as you can see, enough food was gathered to provide 3-4 meals.

The residents of St. Andrew often write letters of appreciation whenever our firefighters respond to calls for assistance, and we appreciate their continued support of our Department.