



May 2010

BOCA FIRE RESCUE NET

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Photographed by Jay Bell



Fire Chief Report

By:
Thomas R. Wood,
CFO

Two Brush Fires

April is historically our busiest month for brush fires and this April was no exception. We had two significant brush fires in the Pond Hawk Natural Area. Easter Sunday morning was the setting for "Act One" at Spanish River Blvd. and Military Trail. This fire only burned about 2 acres, but it seemed bigger. "Act Two" occurred

on the following Wednesday around 12 Noon and when it was done, 20 acres had burned. We were very fortunate that the "Drought Index" was very low (a good thing, a high drought index is bad). During the second fire, embers blowing downwind set at least one fire in front of the "head". Engine 2 was assigned to the Preserve neighborhood to patrol for spot fires downwind. We were also very fortunate to stop the fire at the dirt road across from the Preserve's east driveway. The crews of Engine 1, Engine 4, Brush 4 and Truck 7 made a stand at this location, tapping a hydrant just inside the Preserve gates and stretching a 5" line across Military Trail. The fire managed to jump the dirt road in two spots, but our crews quickly knocked it down. The eastern side of

the fire was handled by Engine 5, Brush 5 and Engine 6. The south side was handled by Engine 8 and Brush 54 (PBCFR). The "Fire Watch" was lifted four days later. Thank you to all that fought both fires.

Five New Firefighters

Congratulations to new Firefighters Scott Hauss, Mark Lacho, Manny Nuno, Jonathan Santana and Steven Wright. They completed their seven week "Orientation Program" and the "Badge Ceremony" was held on April 30th. They were joined by family and friends as they celebrated their successes. Please welcome them to our family as they now are assigned to shift duty.



Boca Bash – Lake Boca Raton



Sunday, April 25th proved to be a challenging day for EMS activity on Lake Boca Raton. Hundreds of boaters had gathered at the lake for a party. We handled 13 EMS incidents on the lake during the afternoon, with 5 of those requiring transport to the hospital. Fire Boat 3 was very busy, along with Ocean Rescue, our police boats, and law enforcement boats from other agencies. There are indications that this type of event may repeat on the Memorial Day weekend. We will have additional Medic Units on-duty should that occur.



American Red Cross Donations

The “4th Annual Heroes Campaign” to support our local American Red Cross efforts has started. Battalion Chief Aide Curt Berryman will be visiting the stations and requesting one-time cash donations. Last year Curt was able to collect \$447. These funds assist victims of fires in our community. Please be generous and let’s see if we can beat the 2009 donation level.

Until next month...be safe.



L to R: Catherine Vanden Broeck, Councilwoman Susan Haynie, Jay Bell, Mayor Susan Whelchel, and City Manager Leif Ahnell

Last year an award was created in honor of Mr. Morton Rosen, a very special man who volunteered at City Hall as a greeter. This year, ***The Morton Rosen Award*** was given to Mr. Jay Bell. Jay began his volunteer career in 1995 at Police Services, became a CERT member for Boca Raton Fire Rescue and has not stopped since. Jay volunteers a majority of his time at Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services putting in over 950 hours. His talents as a photographer have helped fire, police and other departments throughout the city. It is with great pride that the City of Boca Raton gives this award to Mr. Jay Bell.

MEMO

Service Years

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Ellen Beckman | 17 |
| John Luca | 17 |
| Mike Lucas | 17 |
| Erik Solensten | 14 |
| Michael Sklark | 13 |
| Joanne Barnes | 11 |
| Kim Puchalski | 10 |
| Amy Ross | 8 |
| Shane Leon | 5 |
| John Meunier | 5 |
| Paula Ursini | 5 |
| Francine Chokanis | 2 |
| Jesus Barrera | 1 |
| Evan Gaub | 1 |
| Jonathan Vought | 1 |

May Birthdays

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|--------------|------------------------|
| 05/01 | Bob Graffam |
| 05/01 | Neil Duffy |
| 05/05 | Dr. Terry Cohen |
| 05/05 | Raul Travieso |
| 05/06 | Pastor Joe |
| 05/08 | Mark Lacho |
| 05/13 | David Covert |
| 05/14 | Todd Stewart |
| 05/14 | Norman Engel |
| 05/17 | James Pingrey |
| 05/17 | Gerry O’Brien |
| 05/21 | Joseph Hauck |
| 05/21 | Patrick Lao |
| 05/21 | Jonathan Vought |
| 05/22 | Daniel Rush |
| 05/23 | Chris Burden |
| 05/27 | Thomas Carroll |
| 05/30 | Michael McBrien |
| 06/01 | Anthony Armijo |
| 06/02 | Tom Karbowski |
| 06/09 | Ryan Hardy |





Operations

By:
John Johnson
Deputy Chief

The Lieutenants Promotional Exam will be given this month. The written exam was given by JTS Associates on May 4th with the Assessment Center to follow a week later. We wish the best of luck to all that are competing in the examination process.

The five new hires will start the second phase of their probation, which places them on shift on a fire apparatus. If you are fortunate to have one of these individuals at your station, please welcome and assist them in completing their probation.

Last month we experienced one of the largest brush fires that we have seen in a long time. This taxed the resources of our Department. The largest fear was that the fire could jump the fire breaks, and extend to other areas with large homes. Fortunately, we were able to contain the fire to where the fire breaks were established. The Department remained on scene for several days thereafter to ensure that the fire was completely extinguished.

The hotter weather has arrived and it is time to make sure that we are all aware of the effects of heat stress on our bodies. Make sure that you keep hydrated not only at work, but on your days off as well; if you become thirsty, it is too late. Make certain that you have water and ice on your units when you check them out in the morning. In addition, at an emergency scene, rehab in accordance with the SOP #408 to ensure your safety.



Administration

By:
Glenn Joseph
Deputy Chief

In a speech in Cape Town, South Africa, on June 7, 1966, Robert F. Kennedy said: "There is a Chinese curse which says, 'May he live in interesting times.' Like it or not, we live in interesting times..." Given the projected short fall in revenue for the next few years, we do indeed live in "interesting times" and they are about to get "more" interesting, especially during the budget process for the next few years.

Our goal this year is to keep costs as low as possible while maintaining the level of service that the community expects. Although ascetic, the budget for fiscal year 2010/11 contains funding for all our current commitments. The last hurdle in this process is the stamp of approval by the City Manager and his staff. The approval process is scheduled for the second week of June.

I would like to congratulate our probationary firefighters on successfully completing the seven-week orientation program. Their success is due to their hard work, and in no small part the result of the leadership of Patrick Kelly and his core of very committed and talented staff and adjunct instructors. Thanks you for your effort and hard work!

**Let's do the numbers
for March, 2010:**

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Total EMS Incidents | 946 |
| Average Resp. Time | 5.36 Min |
| EMS Unit (most alarms) | Med5 - 229 |
| Total Fire Alarms | 166 |
| Average Resp. Time | 6.14 Min |
| Fire Co. (most alarms) | EN3—180 |
| Fire Sta. 5 (most alarms) | 298 |
| Other | 266 |
| Total Alarms | 1,379 |



**Planning &
Emergency
Management**

By:
Raul Travieso
Assistant Chief

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The 2010 Hurricane Season is rapidly approaching and as such we are preparing our annual review and update of the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Nicole Gasparri and I are presently working closely together to complete this project prior to June 1st – the start of the Hurricane Season.

Early indications predict that turbulent hurricane season storms for 2010 are eminent. Predictions released by the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University have stated that they anticipate above average activity for the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season. They are anticipating as many as eight hurricanes, four of which will become major weather systems with hurricane winds in excess of 111 miles per hour, which is classified as Category 3 storms.

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. It is our immediate responsibility to prepare our families and homes for the hurricane season, which runs until November 30th.

This year's Hurricane Preparedness Week will be held May 23rd through May 29th. The goal is to inform the public about the hurricane hazards and provide knowledge, which can be used to take ACTION. This is the ideal time to conduct your personal family disaster plan, your home's shutter drill, and to complete your stock of hurricane supplies. Remember: you are identified as essential employees and you want to be sure your loved ones are prepared in case you have to report to work.



NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER TERMS

TROPICAL STORM WATCH

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified coastal area within 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.

HURRICANE WATCH

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the

hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

HURRICANE WARNING

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

The internet has many informative sites that can be researched for more helpful information regarding hurricanes, including NOAA, FEMA, and NWS. The City's website is also an excellent resource for hurricane information. The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes is launching the GreatHurricaneBlow-out website, an outreach campaign

created to encourage and inspire residents in hurricane-prone states to be proactive about their personal hurricane preparedness during the storm season. This new interactive, family-oriented website promotes fun-filled, informative disaster preparation.

Enclosed is a Hurricane Supply checklist which should be followed by you and your family to be fully prepared.

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 10AM-12PM, we are hosting our first "Annual Open House" at all of our fire stations. We are opening the stations for visits from neighborhood families to showcase our state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Department volunteers and members of the Executive Staff will participate and be on-hand at each fire station. Please see the attached flyer.

BOCA RATON FIRE RESCUE

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE



**Saturday, May 22, 2010
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

You are cordially invited to visit **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE STATION** and meet your local Firefighters and Paramedics. Your invitation includes a complete tour of our ultra-modern facility and a demonstration of the latest in firefighting and emergency medical vehicles and equipment.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Station #1 | 1151 North Federal Hwy. (& Glades) | <input type="checkbox"/> Station #5 | 2333 West Glades Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Station #2 | 903 West Palmetto Park Road (east of I-95) | <input type="checkbox"/> Station #6 | 1901 Clint Moore Rd. (west of Military) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Station #3 | 100 South Ocean Blvd. (south of Palmetto) | <input type="checkbox"/> Station #7 | 3001 West Yamato Rd. (west of Powerline) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Station #4 | 351 NW 51 st St. (Yamato Rd. east of I-95) | <input type="checkbox"/> Station #8 | 190 S.W. 18 th St. (west side of Dixie Hwy.) |

KIDS -- BRING YOUR PARENTS!



EMS News

By:
Michael Barker
Assistant Chief

Once again talent, desire, and hard work converged to create another outstanding EMS Challenge. This year, 17 teams participated, including several local teams and teams traveling from Temple Terrace (outside of Tampa) on the west coast, St. John's County and Flagler County to the north, and

Miami-Dade from the south. The "Challenge" was extended to a two-day event with extremely challenging scenarios. **My hat is off to the team led by Capt. Pat Bayne and Lt. Jamie Smith** that created the event and worked hard to make it our most successful ALS Competition to date. The trophy for high score in the preliminary scenario went to Delray Beach Fire Rescue. The top six scoring teams came back to participate in the final scenario with Miami-Dade finishing third, Davie second, and Pembroke Pines taking first place.

Thank you, to all who assisted in making this event a success.

Our new LifePak 15s arrived on April 30, 2010, and training with the new monitors was conducted on May 4th – 7th by Debbi Stanfield with Physio-Control. At the conclusion of training on Friday (May 7), the 15s were placed in service. This purchase was partially funded by a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The new monitors/defibrillators provide the latest technology for pre-hospital care of cardiac patients and should provide years of service for our Department.



The Margate Fire Rescue Team working through a scenario.



Fire and Life Safety

By:
David Woodside
Assistant Chief

FAU

Construction is booming on the campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU). This newsletter article will be a quick overview of four projects that are currently underway on the campus. FAU has recently completed the new outdoor swimming pool, which is located adjacent to the recreation center on the south side of Lee Street. On the south side of the pool complex, there is an equipment room that houses a 1000 gallon tank of liquid chlorine with built-in containment in the event of a spill.

A new School of Engineering Building is being constructed on the east side of the campus just south of 20th Street. This building when completed will be considered a green building housing offices and classrooms. Some of the construction features are: solar panels on the roof to assist with energy systems, high efficiency lighting, high efficiency HVAC using natural water from the nearby lake, an individually controlled room for better energy management, recycle material used throughout the construction, and diffusers and shades on each window to prevent direct sunlight from entering the building. A kitchen and cafeteria are also designed into the building. A clean agent suppression system is scheduled on the plans along with a diesel fueled generator. The building will have a full sprinkler system

At the Henderson school, a single story 16,000 square feet addition is currently under construction. The addition is on the north side of the school and proceeds outward to envelope part of the current soccer field. The building will



Photo by Dave Woodside

be used to expand student enrollment at the school and will house classrooms, multimedia rooms and offices for the school. Also under construction is the parking lot located on the west side of Henderson school. The improved lot will be used by the staff of Henderson school.

The third project located at the northwest corner of Lee Street and FAU Boulevard is the new student dormitories. Two dorms are being constructed on the corner, one seven stories and the other eight stories high. Concrete casting for the walls are occurring on site. The contractor has set up three casting beds on the property and a significant amount of concrete material is currently on site. St. Lucie Blvd. has been closed to vehicle traffic as well as the south entrance to/from the Palm Beach State College. A temporary roadway has been constructed just west of the St. Lucie Avenue that would allow access to Palm Beach State College. Entrance into the construction site is on FAU Boulevard just north of Lee St. The construction is expected to be a year-long project that will have various road closures during this time frame.

The fourth project underway at FAU is the new Media Center being constructed adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. The center is located between Brevard Court and Palm Beach Avenue. The new media center is a 70,000 square feet, three story building that will also house the FAU Graduate Center. The new Media Center will also have classrooms, office spaces as well as four performing arts stages.



We forgot last month....

...to acknowledge Volunteer Jay Bell for leading the effort to obtain the donation of the rope search units from the Woodfield County Club and Woodfield Country Club Homeowners Association

...and Stan Friedman, who did a wonderful job of videotaping the Department's Expo 2010, and finally,

...to thank Deputy Chief Johnson, Assistant Chief Barker, and Volunteer Jay Bell for taking the photos at the Expo.



Logistics & Support

By:
Michael A. Gergora
Assistant Fire Chief

Ladder and fire pump testing will be conducted during the week of May 24th. We have contracted the testing of our ground ladders for years, but this is the first time the contracted service will include our fire pumps. The new pump testing procedure will allow units to stay in service instead of being tied up during the testing as we have been in the past. We are always looking for opportunities to improve our delivery of service, and we believe this will be one of those opportunities. Speaking of improvements; the Department will be purchasing new jackets.

The new jackets will replace our current "winter" jackets. The jacket is compliant with NFPA 1999, Standard for Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations. The exterior is 100% windproof, waterproof, and blood borne pathogen resistant. It has lots of pockets, including one for our portable radios. The removable inner lining provides versatility to personnel in deciding comfort level in varying temperature ranges. Personnel will be fitted for the new jackets during the training being conducted on the new LifePak 15 defibrillators. The change in type of jacket is a direct result from receiving your suggestions. I know things may seem to move slowly, but we are listening, and as the saying goes "good things come to those who wait". Keep the suggestions coming!

Other outstanding Fire Rescue issues:

APPARATUS:

Engines & Trucks: We will be providing unit identification (ID) numbers on the front of our apparatus. Once again, this idea came from a member on the

frontline. Captain A. Oatley sent me this recommendation and described the benefits of having the additional unit ID. The Executive Staff agreed with his suggestion and unit numbers will be installed shortly.

Medic Units: The five Horton Medic units have been outfitted with unit ID numbers on the rear of the vehicle. This too should help with unit ID at a glance.

FACILITIES:

Station Inspections: I wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation and professionalism during the recent fire station inspections. I found our facilities and apparatus to have been well maintained by our personnel. The inspection for Station 6 will be conducted this month. We will be working with Facility Services to address wear and tear items. Keep up the good work!

Apparatus Bay Floors: The Department will be striping the apparatus bay floors with your assistance. This is being done to provide the optimum parking location for our apparatus within the station.

Station 4: The small sinkhole located by the storm drain on the north side of the building has been repaired.

Station 5: A new book shelf will be provided for the Captain's office.

Station 7: The circuit board on the automatic transfer switch for the station generator is on order. It should be replaced May 12th.

Last month we recognized employees from other departments for their assistance with various Fire Rescue projects. It is through TEAMWORK that we are able to accomplish our goals and objectives. One of our goals is to provide our personnel with the finest apparatus and equipment with the objective of providing the best possible service to our community. Lynn Kunkel, Purchasing Manager, played an integral part in the acquisition of our newest fire apparatus. Here's a picture of Lynn and the guys with Engine 2, Engine 6, and Truck 5.

Lynn - Thanks for being part of the TEAM!

I would like to wish everyone a "Happy and Safe Memorial Day". Please take a moment to remember and be thankful to all those who served and provided us with the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Happy Mother's Day! I hope that you will be able to spend time with the ones you love on this very special day.

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



From left to right:

FF Dave DiPierro,

FF Jared Vermeulen,

Lynn Kunkel,

Capt. Joe Brooks



Special Operations

By:
Scott Johnston
Division Chief

How many times have we heard from our “truckees” and “nozzlemen” the following quote: “I / We Don’t Do No Haz Mat”!!!! We leave that up to you “Glow Worms”, “Haz Mat Techs”, and the one I like the best, “The Mop and Glow Boyz / Girlz”!!!

Well I am here to inform you that if you are responding as a “First Due Company”, you are the first ones to likely encounter an incident involving a Hazardous Material / Substance way before the “Haz Mat Team” does!

First let’s look at the definition of a “Hazardous” Material / Substance: *A material, substance, or environment which is potentially very dangerous to living beings or the environment.* This definition has a very broad spectrum when it comes to the type of work we do on a daily basis.

On any given day, we respond to medical calls, structure fires, motor vehicle fires, brush fires, and of course, the actual “Haz Mat” call.

During the month of April, we conducted decon training for our whole Department, and we discussed the importance of decon in order to prevent us from bringing “contaminates” -- otherwise known as hazardous materials -- back to the station and ultimately to our homes. During those discussions, we spoke about where we might find these contaminants, and one of the most common Haz Mat calls we run on a regular basis is a medical incident. Blood Bourne Pathogens fall into the category of a hazardous material because they can be potentially very dangerous to us. What about the car fire you ran on last shift? What are cars made of these

days? Unless you are driving a custom Bentley with real “Burl Wood” dash boards and trim, you will not find a natural piece of material throughout the whole vehicle. These man-made materials liberate a host of toxic vapors and particles when they burn and end up embedded in our turn-out gear. *If these particles remain on our turn-out gear, eventually they will make their way thru the layers and be absorbed into our skin,* which is why it is so important to keep your turn-out gear clean.

Then there is the MacDaddy of all Haz Mat calls, which is the routine “Room and Contents”. This is where we actually enter an enclosed box and are fully engulfed in this cocktail of toxic vapors and particles. AT this point, the environment we place ourselves in is no longer considered “*potentially*” dangerous. Now we have entered an IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health) due to a “hazardous environment” full of this toxic brew, and it is critical that we have respiratory protection in order to survive. Then there are all the other hazards we encounter during a structure fire.

So what is the take home message of my newsletter this month? Don’t be in a state of denial and think that “You Don’t Do No Haz Mat”. It is critical in today’s fire service that we remain informed, educated, observant, and most of all vigilant in order to protect ourselves and our crews. Pay attention to your surroundings, gather information as you are responding, and most of all protect yourself with the PPE we have been issued, and remember that “ALL” Firefighters Do Haz Mat whether they want to acknowledge it or not!



Welcome!
Ava Elizabeth Cihowiak
April 19, 2010
4:26 pm
7lbs; 20” long



Ryan said: “Ava is skinny like me.”



Training & Safety

By:
Pat Kelly
Division Chief

Hello once again.

The Training and Safety Section will be receiving some much needed assistance from two new volunteers. Susan Chester and Kimberly Palda will be helping with filing and other clerical tasks. Personnel needing copies of documents from their training files can contact either one of them for help. They will also be the point of contact within the Training and Safety Section for personnel wishing to submit copies of documents for filing or register to attend classes that we host from time to time. To facilitate this process we have created a new e-mail address to which individuals can send documents and other general requests for assistance. This e-mail address is listed as Training, Fire or FRTRAINING@MYBOCA.US and will be accessible by both Kimberly and Susan. The next time you are at the 6500 Building, please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome them to our organization.



Susan Chester



Kimberly Palda

On May 18, 2010, the Fire Training Officers Association of the Palm Beaches is coordinating a “Mock EMS Trial”. This will be a staged court trial based on a real medical call using currently practicing attorneys and a judge at the old courthouse in West Palm Beach. Following the trial, there will be discussion on how and why the attorneys attacked the medical report based on how the report was written. The Department will cover the cost of attendance and participants will receive compensatory time for their attendance. We have a few of the 20 seats that we reserved still available. Please contact Captain Mitch Greenberg ASAP if you would like to attend.

Till next time, be safe.



**Welcome
Austin Michael
Wright**

Steven and Erin Wright welcomed Austin into their home on April 12th at 10:22 pm. He weighed 7lbs 3ozs and is 19 inches big!



As Reported By:
Frank Correggio
Public Information Officer



Fire Displaces Boca Raton Family

On April 14th, Boca Raton firefighters responded to a call for a structure fire at 673 Ipswich Street. The mother, who reported the fire, and her two small children were outside their home when fire crews arrived. Units arrived within minutes to find heavy smoke coming from the residence. Firefighters made their way into the home through the side door and noticed heavy smoke and flames coming from the kitchen area. Crews quickly attacked and extinguished the fire, which had burned the kitchen cabinets up to the ceiling area. There were no injuries reported. Fire officials believe that the fire started when a pot of hot oil was left on a hot burner on the stove. Fire officials estimate the damage at \$10,000.00. The Red Cross was on site to assist the parents and their two small children.

Clockwise:
It takes a team to fight the fires.
Captain Murphy checks the damage.
Kitchen where fire started.
American Red Cross shows up to assist the family.

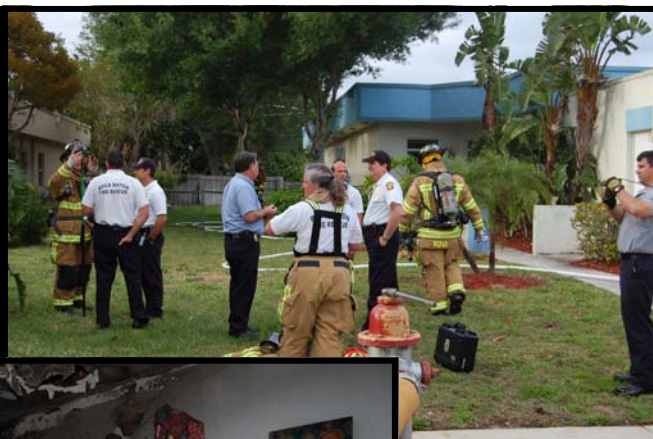




Photo by Frank Correggio

(pictured L.-R)

Front Row – Explorers Corey Lecaroz, Chris Hope, Nick Galiardo, Kimberly Vought, Joe Berry
Back Row – FF/PRM Jonathan Vought, Explorers Mike Harrison, Williams Hidalgo, Chad Watler, Sean Hallman, Ian Berry, Vincent Palermo, Casey Gugliotta, Sara Jacobson, FF/PRM’s Manny Nuno and Jesus Barrera

Boca Raton Fire Explorers Wins Top Honors at CSFA Explorers Camp

Boca Raton Fire Rescue Explorers attended the Annual Explorer Challenge hosted by Margate, Lauderdale and Coral Springs Fire Rescue Departments. The event was held on May 2, 2010, at the Coral Springs Fire Academy in Coral Springs.

The firematic competition brought together teams from Broward to Estero counties to compete in nine different events. These events help to promote teamwork and test the teams’ skills in Hose Deployment, Search and Rescue, Ladder Raise, Combat Challenge, Trauma, First Aid & CPR, and other events. Teams also come to together to share ideas and network on training and education.

Boca Raton Explorers won **2 – First Place, 4 – Second** and **1- Third Place** trophy. They also won **First Place for Overall Points** scored and were awarded the **Sportsmanship Award**. The Explorers practiced three times a week for three months for this competition. This is the first time that Explorer Post 315 has won first place overall at the Coral Springs event.

1st place: Boca Raton Post 315
 Combat challenge
 Barrel Push

2nd place Boca Raton Post 315
 First Aid
 Bucket brigade
 Ladders

3rd Place Boca Raton Post 315
 Hose Roll



Hurricane Supply List



- Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
 - foods for infants or the elderly
 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools / propane fuel
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.**
- Clothing** - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
- Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**
- Flashlight / Batteries**
- Radio and TV** - Battery operated with NOAA weather radio station (Digital TV's)
- Telephones** - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys**
- Toys, Books and Games**
- Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag and placed in a secured environment
 - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled**
- Pet care items**
 - proper identification / immunization records / medications
 - ample supply of food and water
 - a carrier or cage
 - muzzle and leash

ARE YOU READY?