

# FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT



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### **OUR MISSION**

**To Combat Hostile Fires and Treat and Transport the Sick and Injured as well as Provide Multiple Levels of Rescue!**

Dear Citizens,

It is with pride and honor that I present the 2012 Annual Report of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD). Over the years we have used our Annual Report to provide you with highlights of our achievements. The 2012 Annual Report continues this tradition.



We are proud to document our strengths. Additionally, we believe it is our duty to you as the tax payer to acknowledge our areas of needs improvement and comment on the upcoming year's strategic initiatives designed to improve our overall service and performance. These targeted improvement areas will be discussed throughout the 2012 Annual Report.

Our focus is to improve upon Fire, EMS and Prevention which will result in a higher level of service to our community. Our ongoing goal is to provide a foundation upon which we will forge new, innovative and proactive ways to work closer, and more effectively and efficiently, with our community and neighboring Districts. I am very grateful for the hard work and positive contributions of the people who have been involved and engaged with us. I believe that our collective vision for the delivery of our services will better our community. I am proud to be a part of the FMBFCD and I consider it an honor to work with our employees and be of service to you.

My commitment to the people of this great organization and the fine citizens we serve will never waver. I eagerly anticipate the future that lies before us. As we grow within the community, I see unlimited potential to improve upon our services and their results. This is a truly exciting time for the FMBFCD. I look forward to leading the people within our organization and serving our community for many years.

The data outlined in this report is a testament of the hard work and dedication of the members of the FMBFCD.

Sincerely,

*Darren White*

Darren White - Fire Chief

*"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." 'Oliver Wendell Holmes'*

## **Board of Fire Commissioners 2012**

**David Brower**  
**Chairman**

**John Scanlon**  
**Vice Chairman**

**Betty Goodacre**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**

**Carol Morris**  
**Fire Commissioner**

**Theodore Schindler II**  
**Fire Commissioner**

### **BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS** **EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2012**

**David Brower (re-elected)**  
**Chairman**

**Theodore Schindler II**  
**Vice Chairman**

**Betty Goodacre (re-elected)**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**

**Carol Morris**  
**Fire Commissioner**

**John Scanlon**  
**Fire Commissioner**

# OUR TEAM

## ADMINISTRATION

Darren White – Fire Chief  
Jane Thompson – Finance Director  
Joe LaCroix – Information Technology Administrator  
Tammy Peacock – Administrative Assistant

## MEDICAL BUREAU

Captain Randy Kraus – Medical Officer

## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Captain Ron Martin – Fire Marshal  
Reagan Bauman – Fire Prevention Specialist  
William Genevrino – Fire Prevention Specialist

## OPERATIONS

### A-SHIFT

**TOM GROW – BATTALION CHIEF**

Captain  
Terry Brunson  
Chris Morgani  
Dave Reno

Firefighter / Paramedic  
Tom Deslaurier  
Joe Devito  
Alex Gonzalez  
Jake Lamb  
Carlos Miranda  
David Reckwerdt  
Tate Sturtevant

Firefighter / EMT  
Willie Edge  
Everett Glover  
Shaun Jensen  
Paul Russell

### B-SHIFT

**PETE MICELI – BATTALION CHIEF**

Captain  
Mike Brown  
Joe Reed  
Tory Vagle

Firefighter / Paramedic  
Kyra Adams  
David Beers  
Shawn Campbell  
John May  
Rafael Suarez  
Andres Vila  
Todd Williamson

Firefighter / EMT  
Pat Ahern  
Billy Galewski  
Tom Glover

### C-SHIFT

**TOM EDGE – DEPUTY CHIEF**

Captain  
Ivan Bestrom  
Mike Coenen  
John P Duncan

Firefighter / Paramedic  
Cody Chilson  
Jennifer Gordon  
Robert Little  
Mike May  
Troy Mesick  
Dan Miller  
Stephen Reynaert

Firefighter / EMT  
Eric Cook  
Bradley Hartman  
Jeff Plybon



## **OPERATIONS – OVERVIEW**

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In 2012 the Board of Fire Commissioners appointed Darren White to the position of Fire Chief. Chief White oversees Operations and Administration and is responsible for all management aspects of the District.

In 2012 FMBFCD responded to a total of 2823 incidents. These calls range from structure, vehicle, brush and trash fires; hazardous materials mitigation and other special operations such as vehicle extrication, water rescue and technical rescue.

2012 Calls by Stations:	Station #31 - 1,157
	Station #32 - 518
	Station #33 - 660

The District responded to 488 calls outside the District boundary, which is included in the total calls.

Response Times for the District averaged 5.17 minutes for 2012

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September 2012 Tropical Storm Isaac presented an opportunity to implement a live training of the District’s “Hurricane Procedures” in preparation for the possible landfall of the storm.

The Hurricane Committee immediately began to send communications out to District Operations and Administration who worked in unison following briefings from Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to bring in additional staffing and secure stations in the event conditions began to deteriorate. IT Administrator Joe LaCroix along with key committee members began critical transfer of communications to Station 32 which is designated as the EOC for local Fire Control Districts. This painstaking task assured the District would be up and running for business Monday; allowing the District to operate without any interruption of service.

While Isaac did not make land fall, this exercise was very beneficial for the District as it allowed us to assess the essential needs and preparations for pre and post-storm staging.



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL BUREAU

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Medical Officer – Captain Randy Kraus oversees the District’s Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS). In 2012, the District ran a total of 2493 emergency medical calls. The District transported a total of 1501 patients; of which 990 were Advanced Life Support (ALS).

The Ft. Myers Beach Fire Control District’s BEMS saw an 11% increase in call volume in 2012, which seems to be the trend over the last 3 years. We have continued to staff two twenty-four hour ALS ambulances, as well as 3 Fire Apparatus with some of the most highly trained Firefighter/ EMT’s and Paramedics in Lee County. The Bureau continually works in collaboration with the Local Health System, Trauma Services, and the County EMS provider to ensure the best patient care practices.

Calendar 2012 - 2493  
Calendar 2011 - 2190  
Calendar 2010 - 2011

In 2012 we were proud to announce that FMBFCD became a participating organization to Florida’s EMSTARS program. The Pre-hospital EMSTARS Program is Florida's contribution to a national effort to reconcile specific pre-hospital care demographics and treatments. This program makes available to our state's EMS administrators, quality managers, educators, physicians, researchers and public policy makers new facts and new tools to measure and improve pre-hospital medical care for Florida's citizens and visitors. We are one of 150 departments in the State to contribute to this reporting system.

BEMS was honored to present a Pre-Hospital Save Commendation to Firefighter/EMT William Edge and Firefighter/Paramedic Andres Vila for outstanding performance which exemplified professional character and exceptional ability culminating in the successful resuscitation of a patient who is now leading a normal life again with his family.



In 2012, BEMS promoted two Firefighter/EMT’s to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic; Cody Chilson and Stephen Reynaert.



## **FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

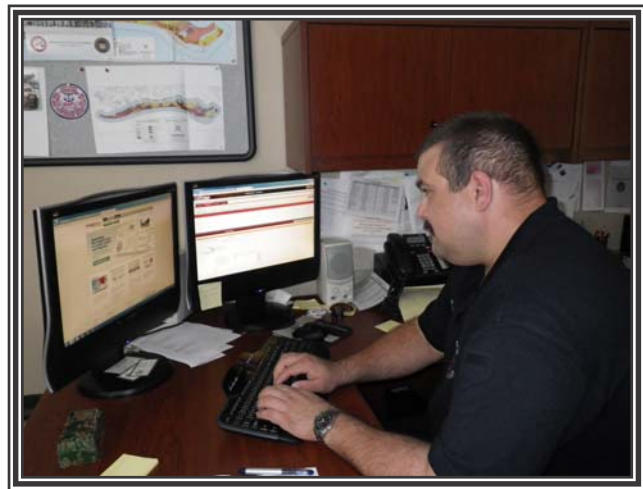
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Fire Marshal – Captain Ron Martin oversees the District’s Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB). In 2012 the FPB inspected 1,134,600 Square feet, issued 330 Fire Code Violations; and issued 60 Certificate of Occupancy Inspections.

The FPB oversaw plans review and completion of two (2) multi-million dollar projects in the community, ensuring plans were reviewed in a timely and accurate manner in compliance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 633 of the Florida Fire Prevention Code for the following properties: Diversified Yacht and the FMB Library Expansion.

The FPB Investigated (3) Fires: (one was ruled as incendiary, the others were ruled as accidental); and provided mutual aid for investigation to a complex fire investigation case in Iona McGregor which was ruled accidental.

The FPB introduced new Fire Inspection Software which aids in the inspection process, along with, providing clients with real time feedback on fire code violations. This new software allows Field Responders to have access to critical information that can be used to help mitigate emergencies by the Operational Division.



The FPB also introduced a new method for conducting Pre-Incident Planning. The Smart Draw program allows a more professional drawing of facilities within the District to aid Firefighters to effectively and safely respond to structure fires when moments count.

Throughout the year, the FPB participated in several public / community education events; training of community members in basic CPR and AED usage and Fire Prevention Week which was geared toward electrical safety.

In December the FPB welcomed two (2) Fire Prevention Specialists; William Genevrino and Reagan Bauman. Both individuals bring to the District a variety of construction and fire protection skills.



## PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

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Captain Ron Martin is promoted to Fire Marshal and Mike Brown is promoted to Captain.



The District hires 3 Firefighter / Paramedics Robert Little, Carlos Miranda and Rafael Suarez.



The District hires 2 Fire Prevention Specialists William Genevrino and Reagan Bauman.

Paramedics are promoted to Paramedic II positions to assist the Medical Officer in training of new hires, Paramedic Preceptee, and perform duties assigned for Community Health Initiatives. Tate Sturtevant, Alex Gonzalez, Joe Devito, Captain Randy Kraus, Dan Miller, Jennifer Gordon and David Beers.



## **PUBLIC / COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

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In 2012 through public education and community outreach the District realized the following accomplishments.

Over 150 community members were trained in basic CPR and AED usage during 2012.

The Fire Prevention Bureau worked alongside Semmer Electric to construct a new public education tool; an electrical safety board that is fully interactive and provides participants the opportunity to be educated on electrical hazards and safety.



On February 6, 2012 a proclamation was signed by Mayor Larry Kiker of the Town of Fort Myers Beach along with the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District that annually, the second Saturday in February be designated as Fort Myers Beach Heart Disease Awareness Day. Residents and visitors were invited to join in the pledge to raise awareness by screening, educating and prevention in fighting cardiovascular disease.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The District was proud to supply the reserve Engine 30 for the Surfers with Autism event held in November 2012. This is the 2nd year the event has taken place at Fort Myers Beach. Families with children of ASD were invited to spend the day at the beach in the sun, sand and surf and were able to capture their artistic side using Engine 30 as their canvas. A special thanks goes out to B-Shift for their hands on participation!



*(photo supplied by Magi Foster – Thanks!)*

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: This year the “Easter Bunny” had an overwhelming attendance of young and “young at heart” ready to do a “search and rescue” of Easter Eggs filled with lots of treats stuffed by District employees and the Red Coconut.



Throughout the year District employees gave freely of their time to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, The First Day of School, Toys for Tots, Spirit of the Holidays, MDS Drive; just to mention a few. We would like to thank those employees for taking pride and ownership in giving back to the Beach Community!



**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2012  
Budget and Actual for All Fund Types**

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 7,610,528	\$ 7,730,604	\$ 120,076
Impact fees	15,000	17,447	2,447
Federal & State Grants	16,800	18,040	1,240
Fees for Services	471,700	596,513	124,813
Miscellaneous Income	48,000	110,641	62,641
Total Revenue	8,162,028	8,473,245	311,217
Fund Balance Brought Forward	5,601,625		(5,601,625)
Total Revenues & Funds Brought Forward	13,763,653	8,473,245	(5,290,408)
 <u>Expenditures</u>			
Personnel Services	6,790,700	6,581,796	208,904
Operating	1,464,318	1,343,012	121,306
Capital Outlay	6,400	-	6,400
Debt service	157,610	157,610	-
Designated Reserves	5,344,625		5,344,625
Total Expenditures & Designated Reserves	13,763,653	8,082,418	5,681,235
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ -	390,827	\$ 390,827
Fund Balance October 1, 2011		5,601,624	
Fund Balance September 30, 2012		\$ 5,992,451	

