



San Carlos Park Fire Protection & Rescue Service District

As an all hazards agency we have individuals trained to provide service to their community in a multitude of ways. Many of our staff excel at multiple tasks and thus wear several different “hats” throughout a normal work day. No matter who the individual or the “hat” they happen to be wearing when you meet them, their purpose is to serve you, the citizen. We have done our best to provide you with an exemplary level of service before, during, and after your emergencies over the past year. Let’s take a look at some of the memorable moments from 2016.

This has been another busy year for our fire district with response to 3,924 calls. Of those, 90 were fires, and 2,424 were medical calls. We also responded to various emergencies including natural and man-made events, hazardous material incidents, technical rescues, brush fires, and many others. Our District has continued to grow, as we have seen an increase in construction projects and proposed development. With that growth we have seen an increase in call volume. Please know, we pride ourselves in always being prepared for response as our community grows.

The San Carlos Park Fire District family said goodbye to a few employees who retired or chose to move on to new adventures. We also welcomed 8 new firefighters to our team who we are confident will be great public servants. Five members of our staff were honored at the county level for contributing to the successful resuscitation of a patient in cardiac arrest with the Phoenix Award. When not responding to emergencies this year our staff maintained their commitment to our community through fire and life safety education, training 20,508 individuals.

As always charitable giving and community involvement were a big part of the year. In 2016, five firefighters raised money and shaved their heads at the Florida Gulf Coast University St. Baldricks Event, 115 needy children had gifts to open on Christmas morning this year thanks to the Annual Secret Santa Program, 119 children received a letter from Santa himself through the Santa Mailbox program, forty-three manufactured homes were outfitted, at no cost to the homeowner, with new smoke alarms providing those residents with the life-saving extra minutes necessary to escape in the event of a fire, a cat was rescued from a tree by SCPFD firefighters after being stuck at higher than 20 feet for several days, 17 FGCU students received disaster response training and graduated as CERT members, and \$20,111.55 was raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the Annual Boot Drive.

It has truly been a wonderful year of service. I would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for their continued guidance, governance, and support which enable us to offer the exemplary level of services we provide to our community. Thank you to our staff for their continued dedication to service and their willingness to put on different “hats” throughout the day to provide that service at the highest level possible. On behalf of our staff and Fire Commissioners thank you for the privilege to serve you.

Yours in Service,
Fire Chief David Cambareri