



MARCH 2024

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District



March 1st, crews participated in Read Across America at Pine Island Elementary.



March 9th, crews were involved in a face off with LCSO at the Island Fest Mullet Toss.



March 14th, the crew participated in Pine Island Elementary's Spring Fest.

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter of 2024! We're thrilled to kick off the year with a roundup of updates and achievements from March. This edition is packed with highlights of our department's accomplishments, community outreach efforts, training initiatives, and a glimpse into our call volume.

The month of March was a busy one for our department! In addition to our emergency response and community outreach, our department continued its focus on training and skill development. March saw our firefighters participating in various medical and fire related training sessions and simulations to enhance their capabilities and readiness to handle any situation effectively.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of March, we're grateful for the unwavering dedication and commitment of our staff. Their hard work and dedication are the driving force behind our department's success and we're proud to serve alongside such an exceptional team.



Our 2023 awards were announced this month:

Employee of the year: Scott Adema
Hot Shot Award: William Stanley



The District was presented with a \$5000 check from Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust for a grant program to assist with our Advanced Life Support (ALS) program. These funds will be used to help cover some of the expenses of our new cardiac monitors.

Our staff completed a three week department-wide competency program that encompassed all the medication, skills, and procedures they are credentialed to perform under their license. These involved items relating to airway, cardiac, neurological, traumatic, OB, environmental, and other medical emergencies to which providers were asked to perform these skills in training simulations.

Easter Egg Hunt & Community Breakfast

Our crews spread well over 10,000 eggs over two baseball fields. It took us a little over an hour to put out all of the eggs, but it took the kids less than 3 minutes to collect! The fire department also prepared 50 lbs. of pancakes, 1,000 breakfast sausages, over 350 goodie bags with fire safety information, and gave away well over 400 stuffed animals and toys.



Thank you to our amazing crew and volunteers. This event would not have been possible without them!

