

Fire Department Actions Items:

- Siren or other audible alert system
- Purchase and store indian pumps, brooms, rakes, shovels
- Create a plan for mutual aid arrivals: rally point, transportation plan, etc
- We need fire commissioners to provide monthly reports on status of equipment. When was equipment last tested? Is there a schedule for how often equipment is tested?
- In collaboration with the Sheriff's office and the Lee county Emergency Management Department, develop a comprehensive Island wide evacuation plan in case of catastrophic fire. Educate islanders.
- Community meeting/townhall in conjunction with the fire dept to:
 - inform all property owners of "the reality of our situation". Make it clear how difficult it is to save your house and realistically we've got to prevent the fire from spreading to other structures/the island as a whole.
 - review the one page island/homeowner plan (see Islander Emergency Response, below, reviewed and agreed upon by the Fire Department).
- Implement a thorough info. campaign to all firefighters to ensure that they are familiar with all geographical aspects (map of the island and the locations of all Draft Points).
- Investigate possible options to purchase mobile/portable ladders that can go as high as the tallest structures on the island.
- Chief to meet quarterly with a committee of islanders, separate from commissioners.
- Fire Code enforcement on this Island: I understand the legal road blocks to suppress the practice of having golf carts parked underneath private dwellings but this must be addressed.
- A comprehensive educational and inspectional program should be implemented immediately from a fire prevention authority from off the Island (Lee county, State of Florida, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.)
- The townhomes in Safety Harbor Club pose the greatest life hazard on the Island and the greatest challenge for the limited number of Firefighters we have on the Island . It would behoove the Chief to inspect the cockloft in these dwellings to insure code compliant fire wall to the roof line in-between units.
- Monitor fire scenes continuously after initial response to prevent the fire from rekindling

Islander Action Items:

- Create an emergency alert text system with a chain of communication. For example, station (or commissioner) to island liaison to islanders.
- Participate in UCFRD meetings and put pressure on the Fire Commissioners to implement a Special Assessment to cover the cost of upgrading equipment.
- Create a social media communication strategy alongside the emergency alert text system, presumably the Facebook, North Captiva Homeowner page.
- Develop a plan for a transportation coordinator at emergency scenes.
- Get sprinkler systems inspected annually.

Islander Education:

- Regular Golf Cart Safety workshops be offered at the firehouse. At least 4x per year. Include golf cart mechanic and electrician? Can include onsite golf cart inspections on the day of the workshops.
- Monthly reminders from homeowners or fire dept to other homeowners about golf cart maintenance. Check water levels in batteries, is charger working correctly? Is outlet working properly?
- Ongoing education/tips for homeowners for fire prevention: removing roadway hindrances/trim, clearing hazardous debris in vacant lots, periodic lot/ground checks during dry season, dryer vents, home addresses clearly marked
- Pre-determined staging area for water, supplies and place to go for info/updates. Homeowners know exactly where to go and what are the most helpful/useful things the firefighters would need.
- Property owners should be encouraged to purchase their own Indian Firefighting Pump Backpack for use on their own property including putting out embers.
- Get educated on and understand islandwide evacuation plan(s) in case of catastrophic fire.
- Understand the liability that homeowners have if a fire originates on their property and spreads to adjacent properties.

Islander Training:

- Homeowners get trained by fire dept on how to help with hoses in case of emergency! Suggest an islanders support the fire dept day. Once a quarter or twice a year where the fire dept reviews with homeowners the emergency plan that we develop and hose training, Indian backpack, how to use brooms, shovels with embers etc.. They could do a cookout afterwards for those that attend.

Islander Emergency Response: (laminated, single page instructions for use by any islander at a fire scene)

- Block road for emergency vehicles and drop off only - get carts out of the roads
- Keep bystanders 2 lots away (collapse zone)
- Send people door to door, downwind, to notify occupants of fire danger
- Stretch lines, at firefighters direction
- Get Indian Pumps, brooms, rakes, shovels from firehouse
- Put out embers: Indian Pumps, brooms, rakes, shovels, watch asphalt roofs
- Send golf carts to the rally point(s) to shuttle mutual aid firefighters
- If you've been drinking or partying, stay away from the fire scene. You will not be helpful.
- Team of islanders/volunteers willing to do site monitoring of the fire in shifts Preferably with radios directly to the fire dept. Should be a minimum of 24 hours.
- A group responsible for bringing a lull to every fire on island once the fire dept leaves and determines fire is out, to get a view from above. Or use of a drone to see fire from above. I understand they can't fight fire from the lull but should be able to see it from above.