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FROM: Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle

DATE: April 24, 2017

REGARDING: Temporary Burn Ban in Effect until Further Notice

Effective today, the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District is issuing a temporary burn ban with the intent to limit fire hazards within Bonita Springs during this period of extreme drought conditions. This temporary burn ban, implemented by the Fire Chief, is in response to Florida Governor Rick Scott's declaration of a state of emergency for wildfires issued April 11, 2017.

It is unlawful for any person to set fire to, or cause fire to be set to, any forest, grassland, wildland, marsh, vegetation, or land in urban or rural areas, including unauthorized agriculture, silviculture, and pile burning. It is also unlawful to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn yard trash, household garbage, refuse, or other debris within Bonita Springs.

Burns that are authorized by the Florida Forest Service, to include agriculture, silviculture, and pile burning, are exempt from the temporary burn ban, providing authorization for the burns have been obtained from the Florida Forest Service.

This temporary burn ban does not prohibit residential outdoor cooking, provided it is done with suitable equipment designed to contain the fire, flames, and heat generated thereby. Furthermore, outdoor cooking may also be done in any public or private place with facilities designed for outdoor cooking which would contain the fire, flames, and heat generated thereby.

The provision of this temporary burn ban shall be enforced as required until the Fire Chief, or designees, declare a drought emergency no longer exists.

Fire Chief Joseph V. Daigle