



2020 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. About you:

1. How old are you? 65
2. In what part of Collier County do you live? Kings Lake, off Davis Blvd.
3. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously? I was born in Amelia Island, Florida and we moved to Naples in 1966. I am a fifth generation Florida native.
4. What is your educational background and past work experiences?

Education, licenses, degrees and certifications obtained from the following institutions:

University of Florida, Florida State Institute of Government,
Gulf Coast University, Florida Institute of Government,
Edison College, Florida Institute of Government,
Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA), Florida State Fire College,
Florida Division of Forestry, Great Florida Fire School, Texas A&M University,
National Fire Academy, New Mexico Tech Research and Testing Center, Florida Fire and
Emergency Services Leadership Institute, University of Miami College of Medicine.

I retired from Collier County Emergency Medical Services in August 2011, after over 30 years of employment, with the last 11 years serving as the Chief. I was elected in 2012 to serve as Fire Commissioner for the East Naples Fire District, and I currently serve as the Chairman of the newly consolidated Greater Naples Fire District.

5. What is your website address and/or any other online information about you (bio, resume, etc.) you would like me to share with voters?

My Bio can be found at the Supervisor of Elections website under my name.

6. Why are you running for this position?

I am running for reelection because since my election, we have facilitated the consolidation of two independent special fire districts (East Naples and Golden Gate) and two county owned MSTU fire districts (Isles of Capri), and District 1, resulting in a lowering of millage rates, reductions in duplicate management positions, negotiation of a single labor agreement and expansion of fire rescue services and programs. There is more work to be done.

7. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected?

1. Add another county owned MSTU fire district (Ochopee) to the combined Greater Naples Fire organization.
2. Build a centralized warehouse facility for the district instead of renting space.
3. Sell the property that the District has on US 41, just South of Thomasson Drive and use that money for a new station site more suited to the needs of the District.
8. Name one past policy decision of the board you are running for that you disagree with that you would like to change if elected. Why?

Have all 5 of the District seats be changed to a District wide election instead of the current East Naples, Golden Gate specific seats. The District has grown since the original consolidation of just the East Naples and Golden Gate fire districts and is currently the largest Fire District in the State. Those citizens living in the expanded areas need to have a chance of having their own representation.

9. What is the most important thing voters should know about you before making their decision in this race?

Since my election in 2012, I have been elected Chairman by my fellow board members five times.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com, no later than September 15, 2020.

Thank you!