

## MAPLE LEAF ASSISTS IN PORT CHARLOTTE BRUSH FIRE



Charlotte County Fire Rescue and EMS battled a six-acre brush fire near Nova Lane and Tangerine Avenue in Port Charlotte. The fire was reported to Charlotte County Fire and EMS around 11 a.m. on March 4, 2017. When firefighters arrived at the scene, they found the brush fire was in heavy fuel and spreading quickly through the area. Mutual Aid agencies sent engines from Englewood Area Fire Control, North Port Fire Rescue, and the Boca Grande Fire Department. Charlotte County Fire and EMS utilized two brush trucks, a helicopter and two tractors to contain the fire. By 2:15 p.m., the fire was estimated to be around six acres and 100 percent contained. The Florida Forest Service and Charlotte County Fire and EMS remained on the scene until 6 p.m.

There were reports that structures were threatened but no reports of any damage to any structures in the area. No injuries were reported in regards to this fire.

A helicopter equipped with a water bucket made multiple trips over a 2 hour period drawing water from the Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club lakes between holes 7, 8 and 10 and ferrying it back to extinguish the fire. Maple Leaf was happy to have an opportunity to help our neighbors in averting what could have turned into a much more serious incident.



Helicopter over lake near Suncoast



Incoming Helicopter over Queensway.