

## Bomberos (Firefighters/EMTs) Raffle

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Is your boat full of water and ready to sink? Call the Bomberos! Having heart palpitations and not sure if it's serious? Call the Bomberos! Need an ambulance? Call the Bomberos! Need a cow...or maybe a duck? Buy a raffle ticket from the Bomberos!

The entire Rio Dulce community, including both local residents and the more transient group of boaters, depends on the Rio Dulce Bomberos. They are highly-trained volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and, literally, lifesavers. Let's show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication by supporting their current fundraiser through the purchase of raffle tickets.

The Grand Prize, a live heifer, may not be at the top of our wish lists, but here's the deal...if we buy tickets, we can "pass it on." When purchasing, if we donate our tickets to Pass It On Guatemala charity and one of them is the winner, Pass It On will sell the cow (valued at a minimum of Q3,500) and split the profits with Casa Guatemala Children's home. So, all three organizations win...and you don't have to clean the poop deck on your boat!

The Bomberos were given a vehicle that needs to be transformed into an ambulance. They have to install cabinets, a floor, oxygen tanks, lights and a siren, for starters.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 29th, at the public basketball court across from the Bomberos station, under the bridge. It will be held in the afternoon (time TBA) and there will be other prizes awarded, before the Grand Prize. That's where the duck comes into the story - a Muscovy, donated by ace mechanic, Diesel John. We have more details about John and his ducks in a story that will be published later this week.

In the meantime, you can get tickets from Rita Rabre, former fire chief and wife of the current director. You can find her at her place of business, Rita's Office, located on the grounds of Bruno's Marina, 8:00-3:00 M-F, 3067-5321. You can also get them from the Director of Pass It On, Julia Bartlett, of SV Haleiva, at Mar Marine, 4019-6677. Finally, Pass It On will be selling tickets, again, at the next Swap Meet, which will be Sunday, October 15, at Bruno's. FIRE / EMS3164-7762 Rita's Personal # She's available to help 24/7 and speaks great English  
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