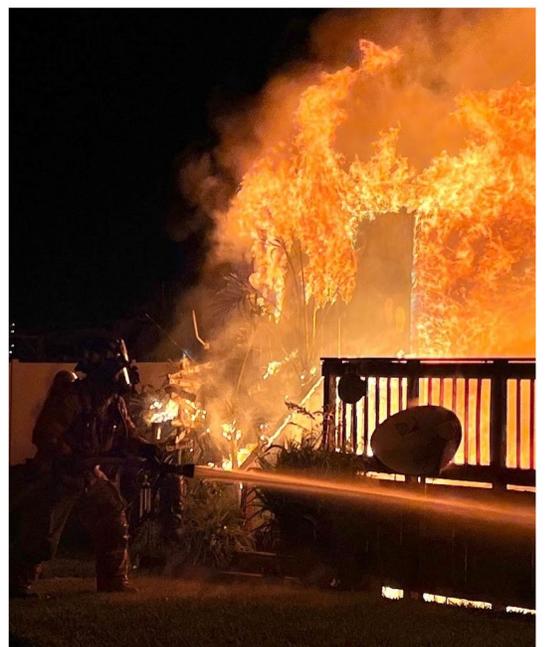


**DAYTONA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**End of Year Report**

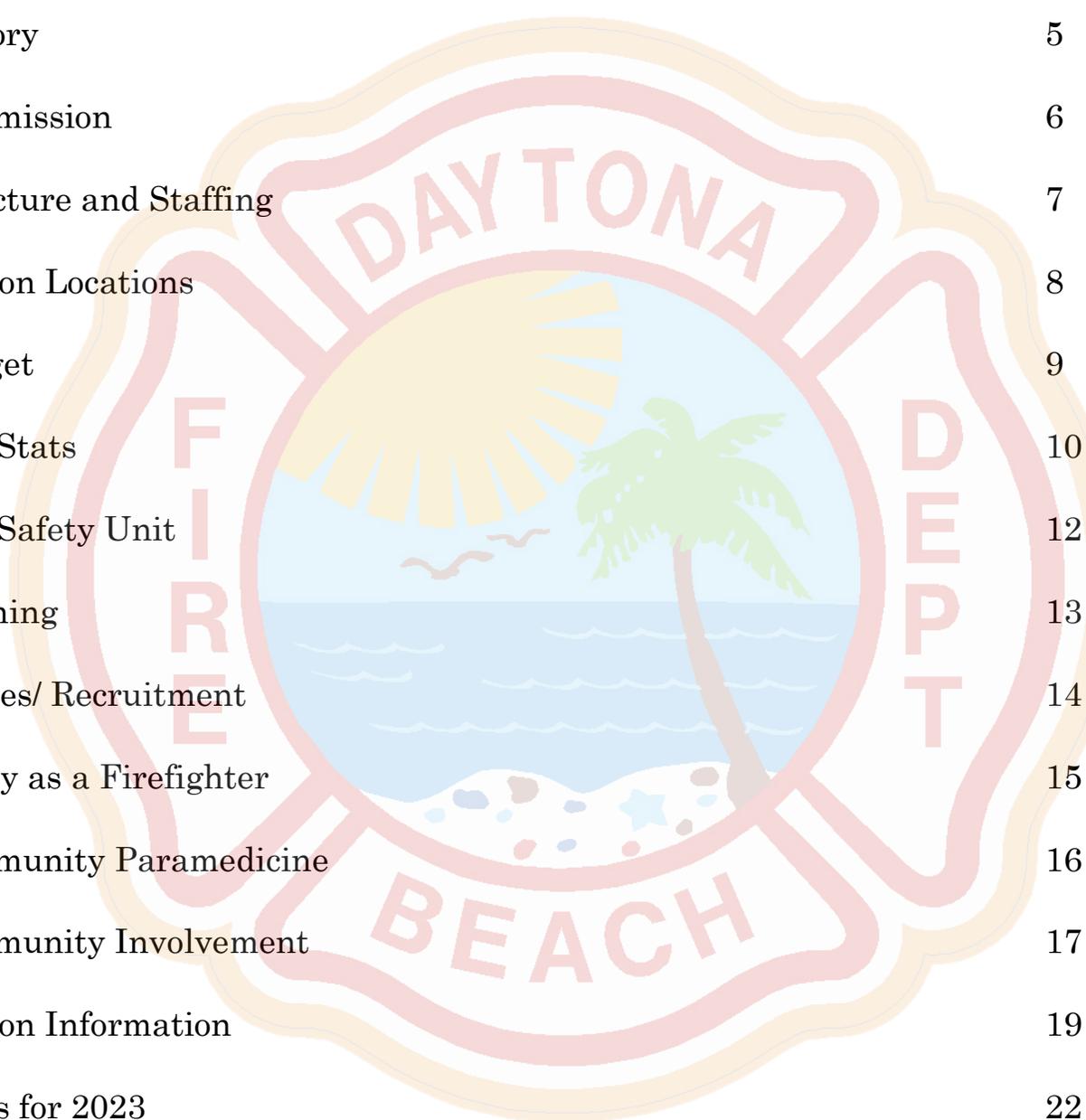


**2022**



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# Chief's Message



Dear Members of our Community,

With a storied history of providing proud professional service since 1909, the Daytona Beach Fire Department strives to serve our community with exceptional honor and compassion. Over the past several years, the Fire Department has made great strides to restructure our various operations in efforts to improve upon the services we provide while remaining fiscally responsible to those we serve.

In keeping with the City Commission's vision for providing an enhanced quality of life to our citizens and visitors, the Fire Department in recent years has established several new services to include our Community Paramedicine program, Drug Abuse Response Team (DART), and our newest addition of an Aviation Unit. As we continue to grow and develop our beautiful City, the Fire Department must also strategically grow and evolve to meet our community's needs in a fiscally responsible manner.

The highly trained and experienced staff of the Daytona Beach Fire Department remain vigilant in meeting the emergency needs of this community "through an unwavering commitment of service to all". I encourage you to visit your local fire station and meet the firefighters. If we may be of any assistance to you or your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Dru R. Driscoll*

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Deputy City Manager / Fire Chief



## Daytona Beach Fire Department Mission Statement:

*"Protectors of life and property through an unwavering commitment of service to all."*

## Vision Statement:

*"The Daytona Beach Fire Department exists to meet the ever evolving needs of the citizens and visitors of our community in a courteous, efficient, and safe manner."*

## Organizational Values

*We are driven by the core principles of compassion, courage, honor, pride, and a commitment to excellence in public service. Our organizational values are intended to govern the ethical responsibilities of all members within our organization. The Daytona Beach Fire Department has identified and defined the following as our Organizational Values:*

*Safety*

*Teamwork*

*Service Excellence*

*Innovation and Empowerment*

*Diversity Health and Wellness*

*Honor and Respect*

*Communication and Relationships*



# History

Daytona Beach Fire Department (DBFD) has a vast history. After the first major fire in 1898, several influential citizens formed a volunteer fire department. In 1902 the city purchased its first chemical fire engine. In 1909 the first paid fire chief was hired overseeing a department with about 65 volunteers. In the beginning, the Light Plant Whistle served as the fire alarm. The amount of blasts determined the district the fire was located. Ten years later, a bell tower was placed at Fire Station One. Today, DBFD uses a central dispatch center at the Volusia County Sheriff's Department that receives the call from the 9-1-1 caller.

The first motorized equipment arrived in Daytona in 1913, and by the early 1930s DBFD had seven pieces of motorized equipment. During the 1950s, an aerial ladder truck arrived and a 90-foot radio tower was added to the main station. Today, DBFD has 26 pieces of equipment including five motorcycles.

The Daytona Beach Fire Department is a proactive fire department establishing standards both regionally and nationally for the fire service. In 1930 the department was the first home of the Florida State Fire College. In 1974, the Daytona Beach Fire Department became the first Basic Life Support emergency medical unit within Volusia County. Shortly thereafter in 1978, the department became the first Paramedic Advanced Life Support provider in Volusia County. This also includes the first Dive, High Angle Rescue, and Confined Space Teams in the area. In 1991, the department established the first Motor Medic program in the United States, placing paramedics on motorcycles to counter the traffic congestion created by the popularity of special events in Daytona Beach. As of 2020, proactive efforts continued when the first Community Paramedicine and Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) programs were created in Volusia County. Continuing our legacy, in 2022 the department established our new drone Aviation Unit to assist in firefighting, search & rescue, and disaster assessment.



# City Commission



**Mayor Derrick  
Henry**

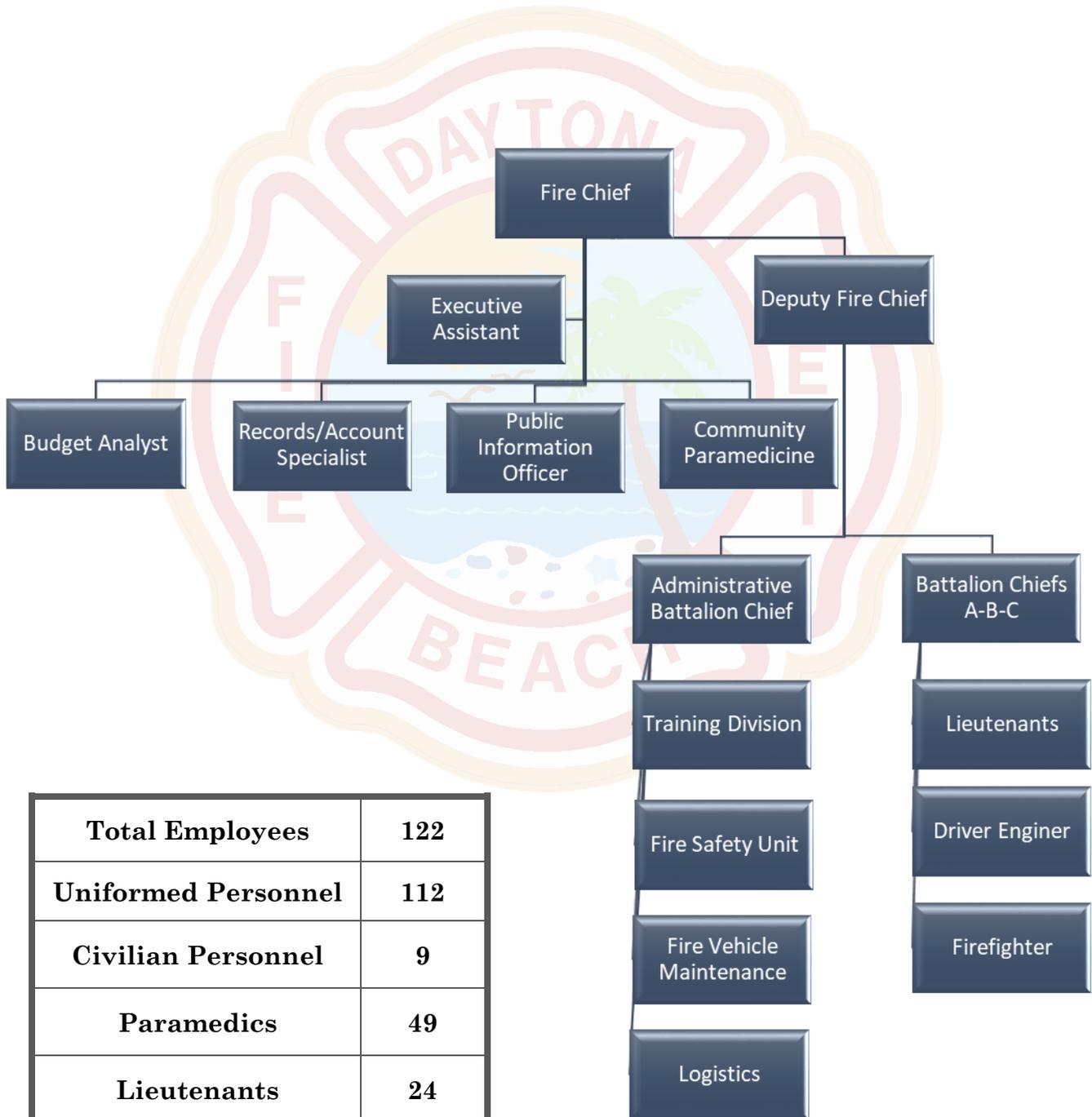


**City Manager  
Deric Feacher**

## CITY COMMISSION ZONES



# Organization Structure and Staffing

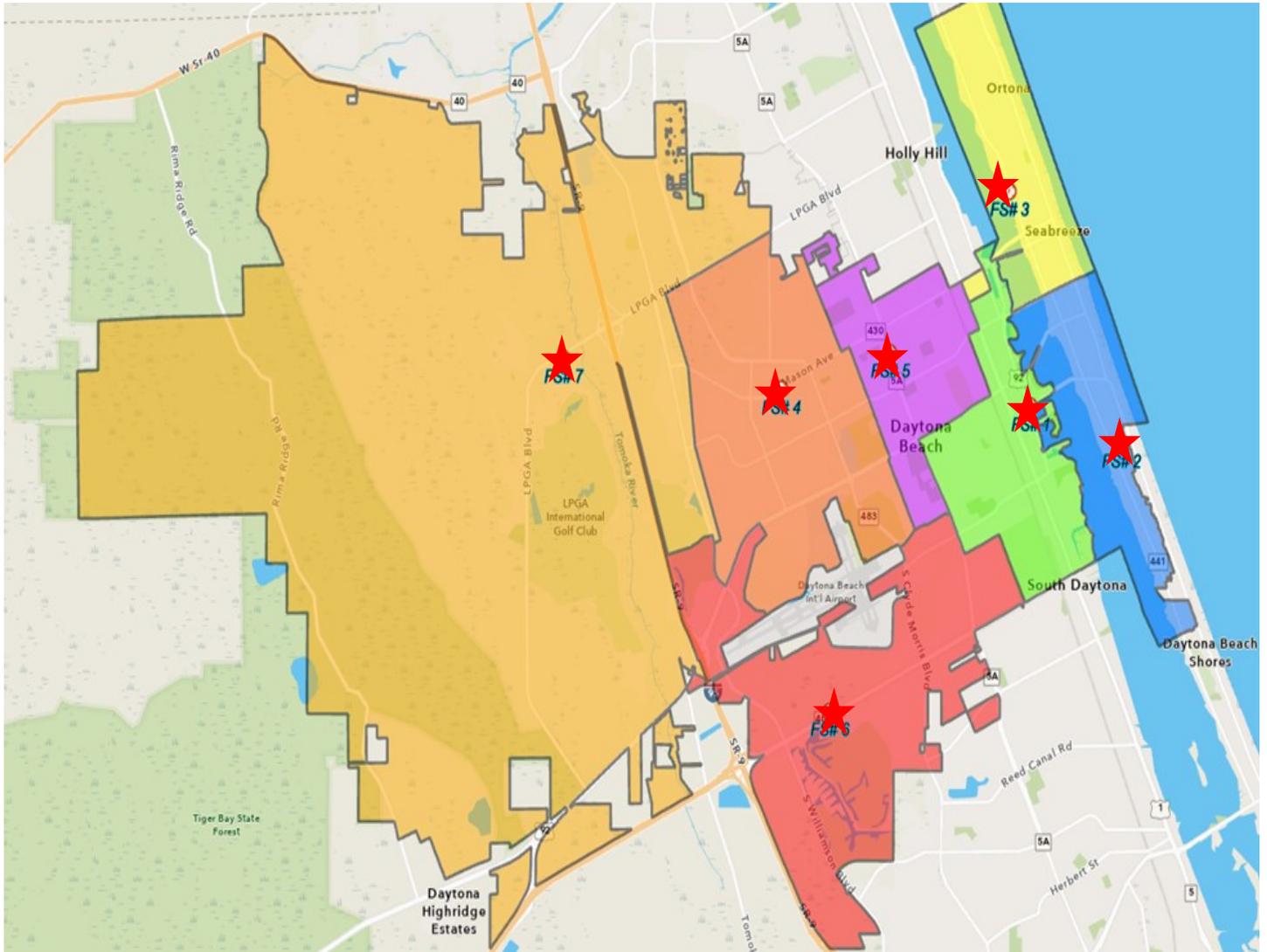


<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Uniformed Personnel</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Civilian Personnel</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Paramedics</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Lieutenants</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Driver Engineers</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Firefighters</b>	<b>51</b>

# Station Locations

<b>Daytona Beach</b>	
Area	68 Sq Miles
Population	74,437 (2021)
Visitors	9.9 million

The City of Daytona Beach serves as the backdrop to several special events annually. During those times the population can peak to over 500,000 visitors. In addition Daytona Beach is home to four different colleges that bring in a variety of students to the area.



**Station #1**

301 S. Beach Street  
386-671-4000

**Station #2**

126 Botefuhr Ave.

**Station #3**

745 N. Halifax Ave.

**Station #4**

1675 Mason Ave.

**Station #5**

627 N. Nova Road

**Station #6**

2020 Beville Road

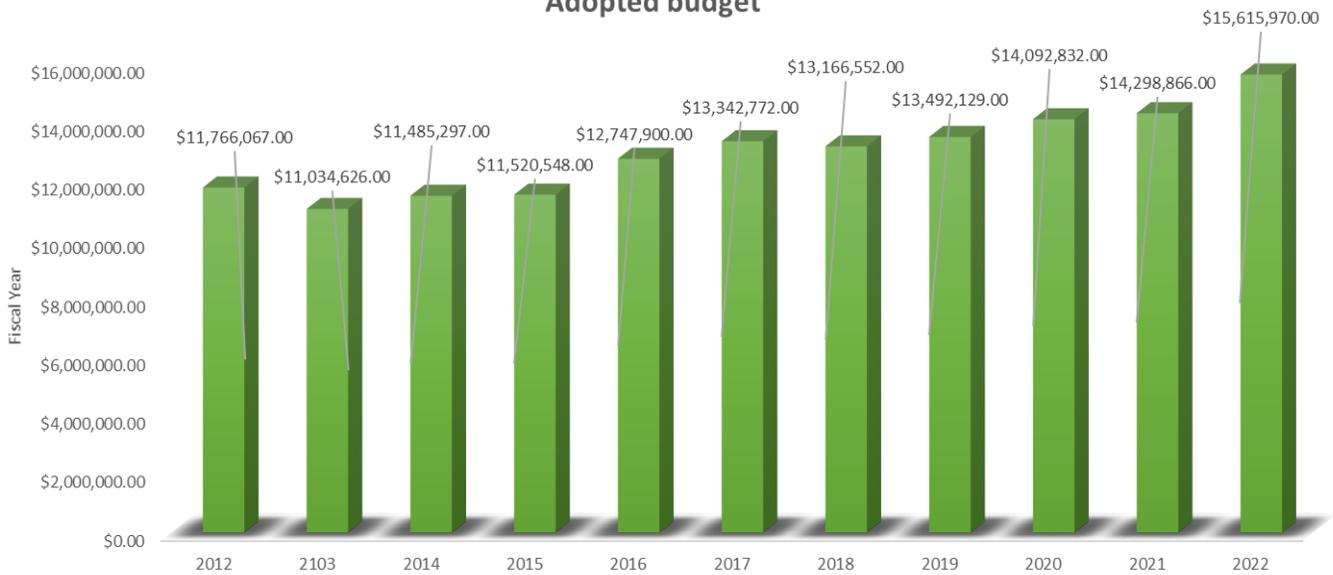
**Station #7**

2545 LPGA Blvd.

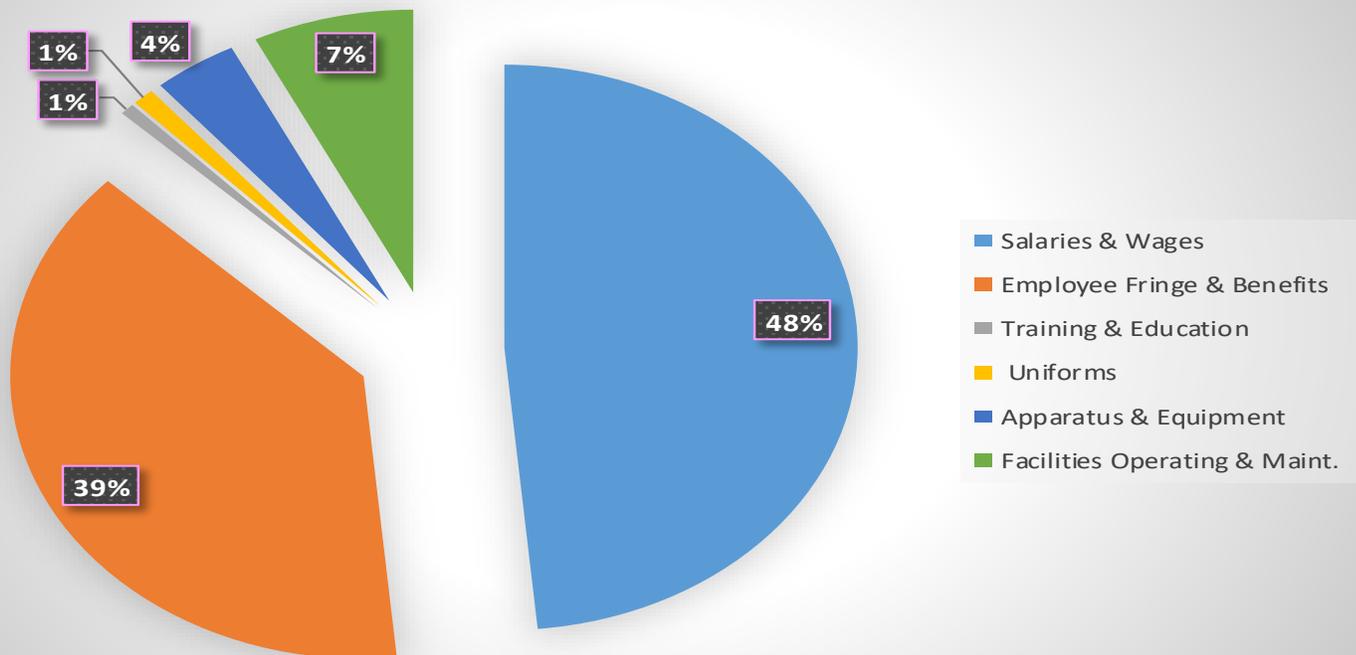


# Budget

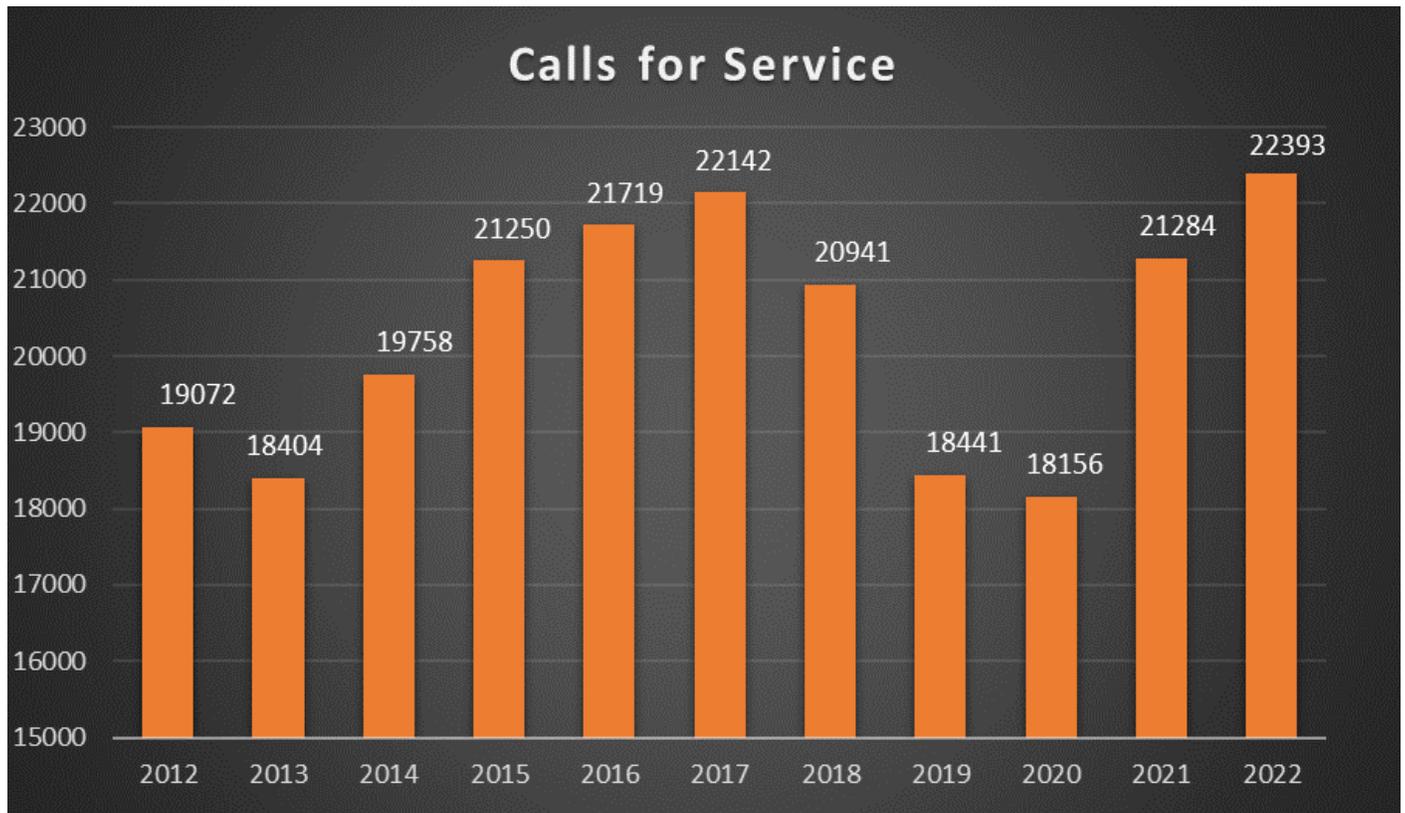
Adopted budget



2022 Planned Expenditures



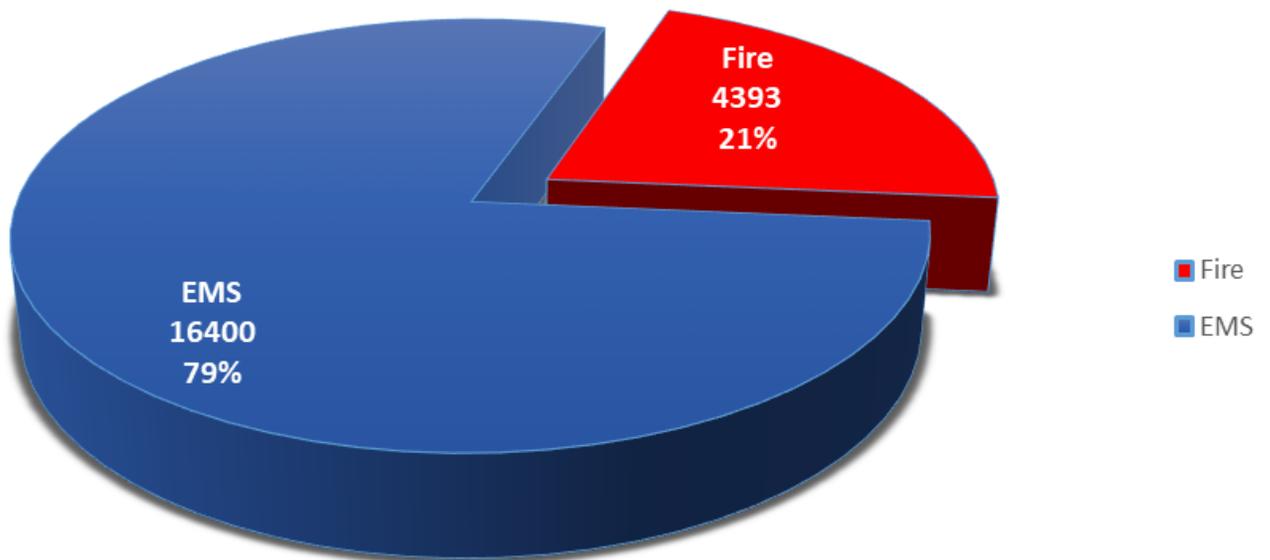
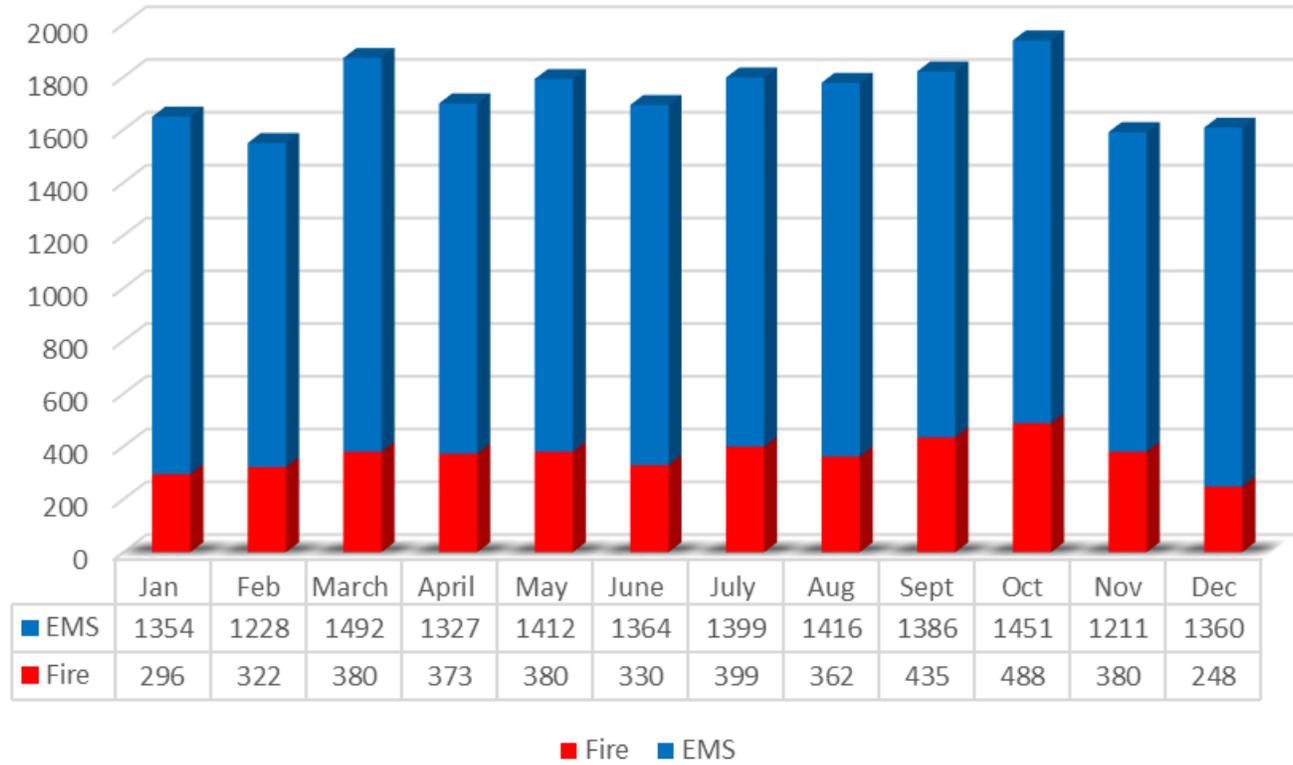
# Calls for Service



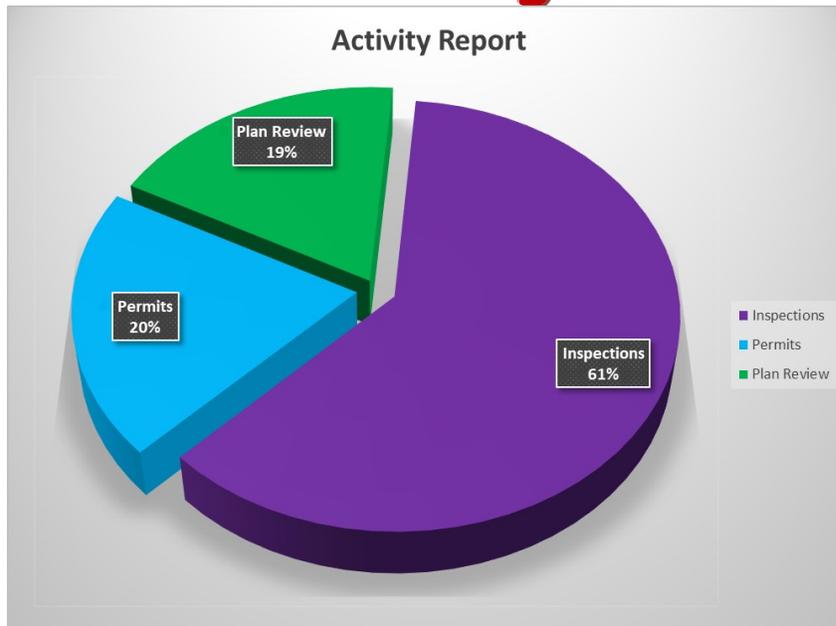
Through the efforts of the Daytona Beach Fire Department's Strategic Plans *Vision 2020 and Vision-26*, there has been a momentary stabilization of service demand due to our call reduction initiatives. This consisted of several programs with a common goal of reducing unnecessary responses in an effort to gain service capacity to absorb additional service demand caused by the growth in our city. The success of our efforts is not a permanent correction only a momentary gain in capacity to afford the department and city time to make necessary improvements for a sustainable future.

In 2013, a program was implemented which eliminated non-emergency responses to skilled nursing facilities. In 2018, there was success in a five-year effort to implement a county-wide Measured Response Program. This program provided a dramatic reduction in unit responses as the program more appropriately tailored the response protocol to the incident type. With this demonstrated success, in 2019 implementation of the next program of the call reduction initiative provided Enhanced Emergency Medical Dispatch (EEMD) protocols alongside the creation of a county-wide nurse triage program. Through EEMD targeted 911 calls are now routed to a nurse which provides callers with self-remedy at home care information as a means of limiting the need for emergency responders to deploy. And in 2020, our Community Paramedicine Program made further significant strides in our overall call reduction initiative.

# Call Stats



# Fire Safety Unit

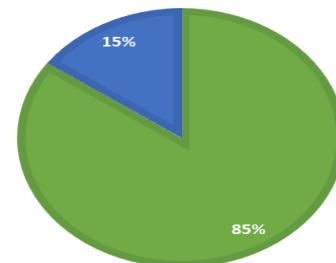


## Highlights for 2022

- 237 New Construction Site Plan Reviews
- Established training opportunity at Bethune Cookman University for our firefighters

## SITE PLAN REVIEWS

■ Businesses ■ Residential



## Knox HomeBox Residential program

- Allows First Responders to enter the home more efficiently.
- Makes re-securing property easier and faster
- Surface and door hanger mounting options
- Weather Resistant
- One-time purchase
- No monthly monitoring fee
- For more information go to [www.knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes](http://www.knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes)

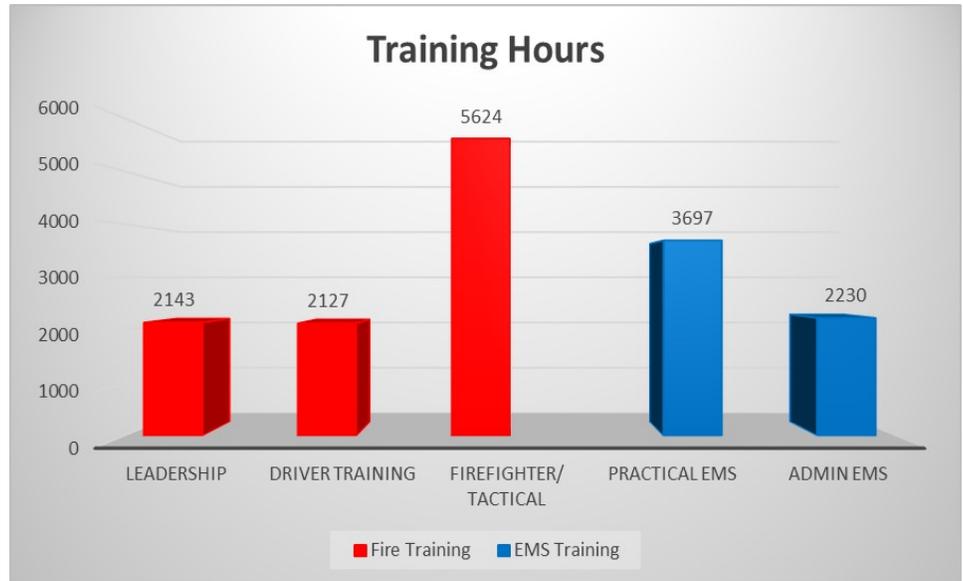


# Training

The Daytona Beach Fire Department continuously focuses on expanding department training, while incorporating new standards and safety measures. In 2022 personnel completed a total of **15,821** hours of online training and as well as hands-on training.

## Training Highlights for 2022

- Extrication Training
- Bunker Gear Survival Training
- Surface Water Rescue
- K-Saw Training
- Search
- Forcible Entry
- Wall Breaching for Emergency



# Drones

In 2022 the Daytona Beach Fire Department established the Aviation Team. The purpose is to assist fire service personnel by operating drones to provide increased situational awareness for enhanced firefighter safety. Since its inception, there have been several calls which the department has been able to utilize this new technology enhancement.



# Recruitment

As the city continues to grow so does the need for personnel with the Daytona Beach Fire Department. As a result the department has established a recruiting committee. The purpose is to reach out to the many schools in our community to share the benefits of this career path.



## Join DBFD !!!!

- ◇ Starting Salary \$53,831\*
  - \* Base Pay \$46,802
  - \* Paramedic Incentive \$5,824
  - \* Halftime Pay \$1,205
- ◇ Degree Incentive
  - Associates \$ 600 yearly
  - Bachelors \$1300 yearly
- ◇ Special Detail Pay \$ 40.00 per hour
- ◇ Incentive Pay for: Fire Officer, Fire Inspector, Relief Driver, SCBA Repair, Technical Rescue Team
- ◇ Shifts 24 hours on/ 48 hours off



# "A Day as a Firefighter"

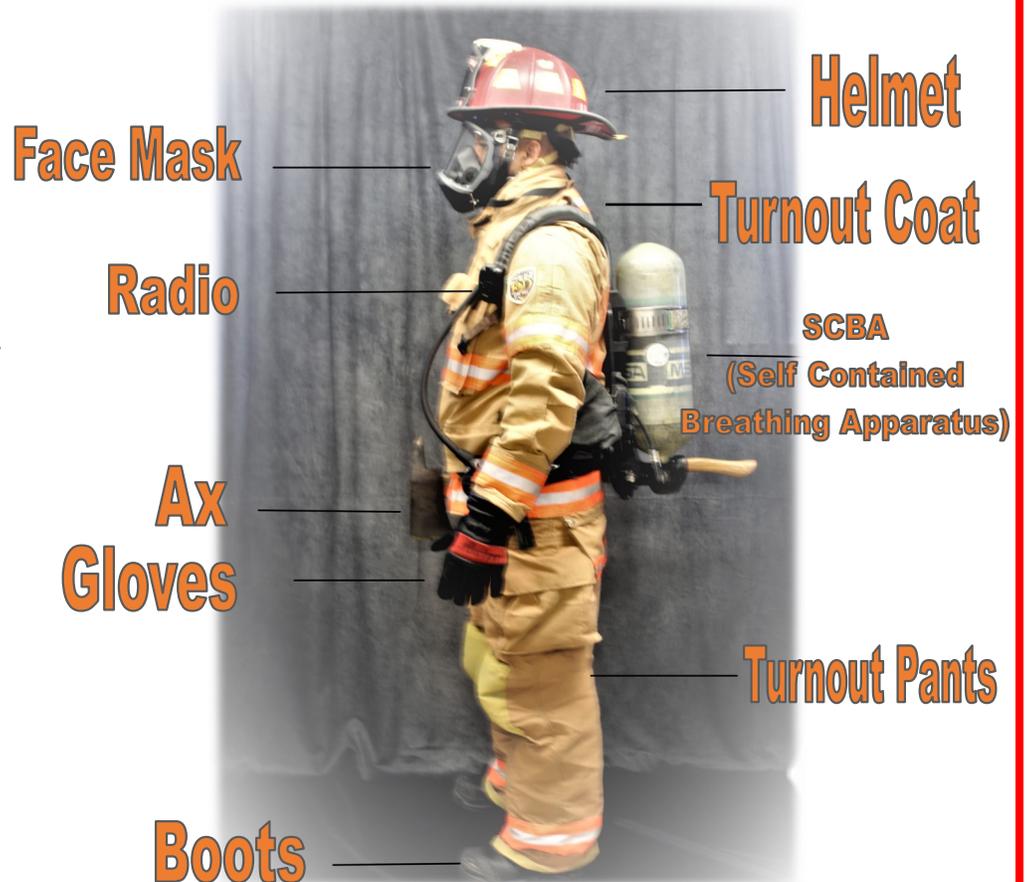
## The Duties of a Daytona Beach Firefighter Include:

- Responds to fire emergencies and answers medical emergencies as part of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit.
- Rescues persons from danger, and administers life-saving rescue procedures to injured or afflicted persons.
- Performs salvage operations
- Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment in extinguishing fires; raises and climbs ladders; works on an aerial apparatus; ventilates burning buildings to remove smoke and gases.
- Daily inspections of apparatus and equipment; cleaning and maintenance tasks .
- Aids in the mitigation of other emergencies as directed by supervisor.
- Attends instruction sessions in firefighting methods, equipment operation, rescue procedures, hazardous materials mitigation, and related subjects.
- Incident reporting.

## Uniform

A firefighter's uniform is referred to as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or Bunker Gear. The coat and pants are several layers of special fabrics to protect the individual from heat and flames. This uniform weighs a total of approximately 50 lbs.

Firefighters commonly respond to medical calls and are seen in Class D uniform (Standard Duty Uniform), this consists of regulation issued pants with a department approved shirt.



# Community Paramedicine

The Daytona Beach Fire Department has entered its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Community Paramedicine Program. As a result of the success of the program the department has had to expand available personnel. With the addition of a second officer, there has been more flexibility in assuring timely visits to those referred to the program. The Community Paramedicine Officers continue to visit our participating clients until we have successfully achieved the goal(s) outlined in their individualized plan. The focus of Community Paramedicine is to assist with needs related to falls, diabetes, chronic health, mental health, substance use, and high EMS utilization. The program continues to “bridge a gap” to resources locally.



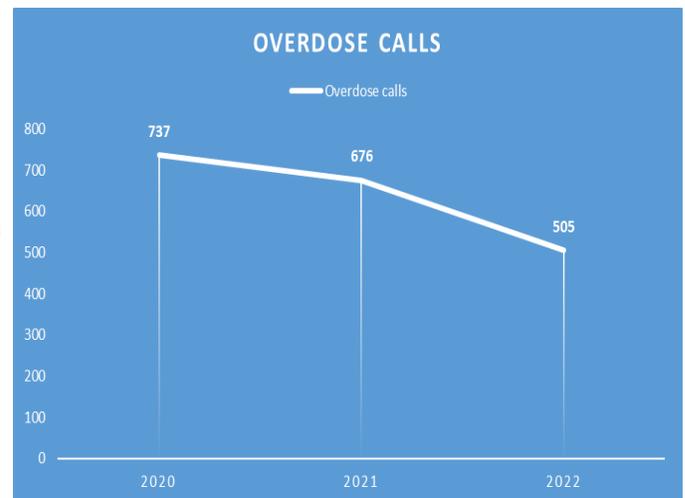
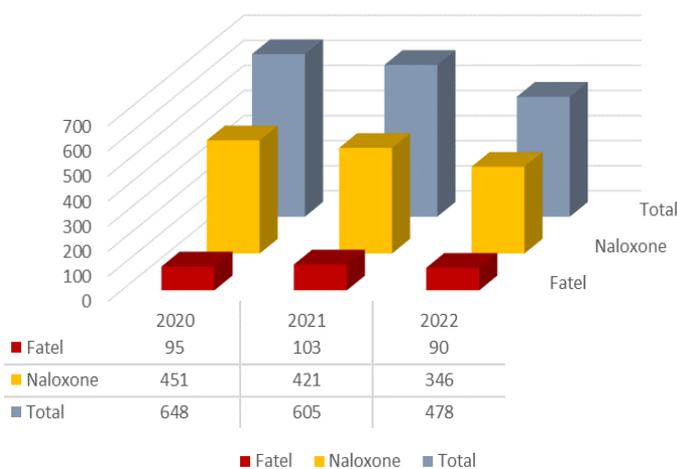
## D.A.R.T.

### (Drug Abuse Response Team)

DART entered its second year of working directly in the community to help those who have suffered a drug overdose which involved a law enforcement/ Fire/EMS/ bystander Narcan administered response. The goal is to make contact within 24-72 hours of the incident. The team is a joint effort by DBFD Community Paramedicine Personnel, DBPD Officers, and SMA Healthcare Substance Abuse Specialists.

Summer of 2022, the team had acquired a pilot grant award from the State of Florida Department of Health known as CORE (Coordinated Opioid Recovery). The grant will enhance assistance with those looking for recovery and medication assisted programs offered by SMA Healthcare. The pilot grant provided additional CP personnel and PD officers, nurse navigator at Halifax Medical Center, SMA substance specialist on-site, and a substance/ mental health addictionologist into 2023. Based on the data submitted there has been a decline of 20% in emergency calls related to substance use overdoses from 2021-2022.

Overdose Comparison



# Community Involvement

A firefighter's role does not exist of only station duties and calls for service, but continues with establishing and maintaining relationships with the community.

Community relations allow firefighters the opportunity to educate members of the community on fire prevention and safety. In addition it provides a relationship with the youth in the community providing a positive role model and aspiration for growth and development.

## Community Events and Demonstrations

- \* School Events
- \* Smoke Alarm Installations
- \* Neighborhood/Group Meetings
- \* Parades
- \* Station Tours
- \* Holiday Toy Drives and other holiday events
- \* Fire Extinguisher Training





# Community



# Station # 1

The Daytona Beach Fire Department's Station 1 is located at 301 S. Beach Street. Station 1 was built March 18, 1925. The station's design included a tower with a siren. The sound of the siren served two purposes; the siren would signal a fire and how many times would indicate where in the city the fire was located, in addition the siren would announce the speed records were being attempted at the beach.

Today Station 1 is still in operation. In addition to housing fire crews, it is home to the Administrative staff.



# Station # 2

Station 2 was originally opened in 1926 at 510 Harvey Avenue. The building is still operational and is currently the substation for the Daytona Beach Police Department. On March 1, 1988, Station 2 was relocated to 126 Botefuhr Ave. This was at the request of the community as a result of a fire that took place in the neighborhood. In addition the property was annexed from Volusia County to ensure proper coverage around Peninsula Drive in conjunction with Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety.



# Station # 3

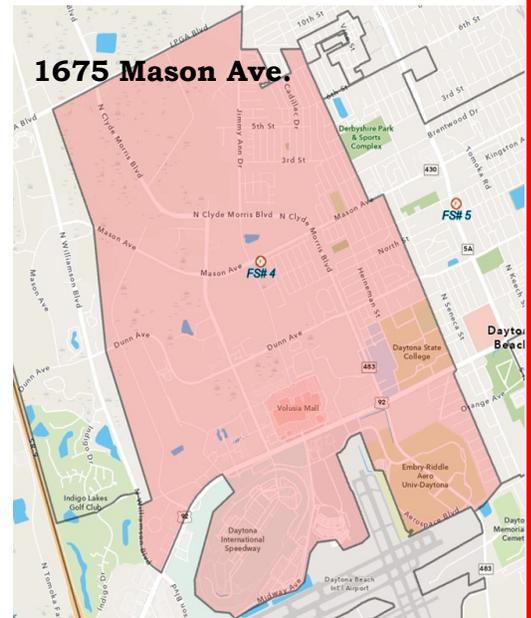
Station 3 originally belong to the City of Seabreeze. When the three cities consolidated in 1925 to establish the City of Daytona Beach, the department inherited what is known as Station 3. The current station 3 was rebuilt 1963, this was due to the age of the original building; it was more efficient to rebuild then to renovate. Station 3 was the home station to the first Dive Team of the County that was established in 1989.



# Station # 4

Station 4 was built in the 1977 as a public safety office station. Prior to Station 4, there was only one station on the west side of the train tracks. The death of a 31 year-old was an alarming realization that an additional station was needed as the result of fire crew being delayed by a train. Station 4 was originally located at the Airport which was rezoned to Volusia County.

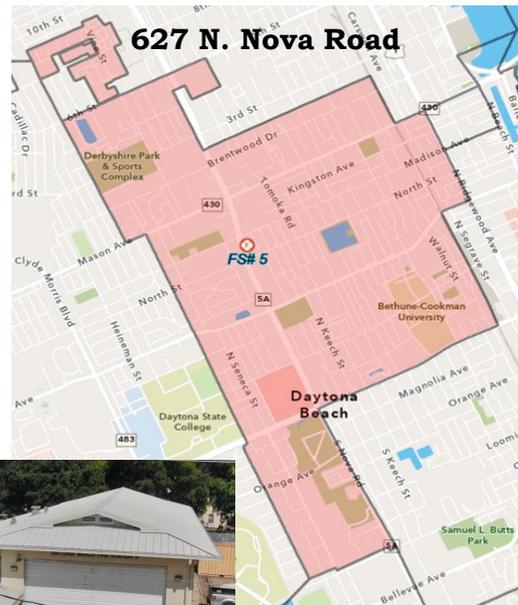
Located on the property is the department's mechanic shop and training tower. The training tower is utilized for various training exercises such as physical agility testing for new recruits, rope training for high angle rescues and searches, rescue training, emergency escape bail out training, hose management training, high rise evolutions, laddering exercises, and forcible entry.



# Station # 5

Station 5 originally opened in 1951 at 628 Madison Ave. In 1996 the station was relocated to 627 Nova Road to better enhance response capabilities to meet the National Fire Protection Association's standards.

In 1951 the department officially had 47 paid firefighters, and five stations.



Daytona Beach Fire Department Station #5  
628 Madison Ave.  
Circa 1970



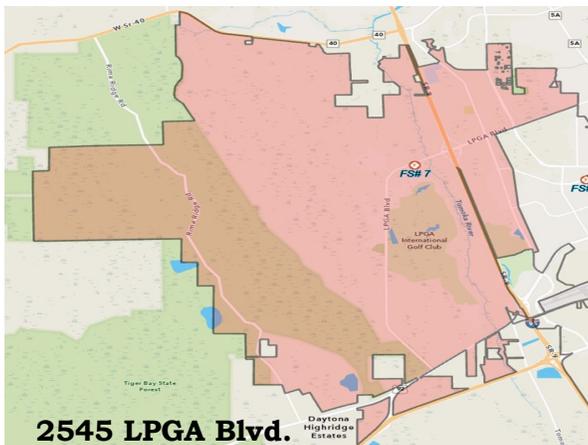
# Station # 6

Station 6 was built in 1982 and is located on Beville Road. Station 6 is the primary responding unit to the I4 and I95 interchange as well as the south end of Interstate 95.



# Station # 7

Station 7 was built in 2008 in response to the City's expansion of LPGA Blvd. Due to the location to Interstate 95, Station 7 covers the north end of highway calls.



# Goals for 2023

- Break ground on the new Fire Station #1/Fire Administration Complex
- Continue research and implementation of technology based enhancements providing modernization and increased efficiency
- Increase number of Paramedic licensed employees through facilitating their education and supporting their studies
- Implementation of our new recruitment program to provide a more inclusive and approachable avenue towards employment in the fire service through sponsorship and direct-source outreach.
- Finalize purchase of a marine firefighting vessel to meet the demands of fire/rescue incidents and boat related emergencies.
- Further expand efforts to provide employee development and advancement opportunities through planned succession.

## Strategic Initiatives

The Daytona Beach Fire Department along with the City are at a pivotal moment in our history as we navigate growth, enhanced employment opportunities, affordable housing, public health, and the transformation of our identity and brand. To accomplish this feat, it is dependent on thoughtful evaluation, planning, and continuous performance analysis. A strategic plan was developed to direct the future of the Fire Department in meeting its core mission of catering to the needs of the community we serve and our members. The strategic plan provides a plan-based direction required to build programs and develop strategies which will sustain and enhance our future as an organization.

The following five strategic initiatives are the foundation of the Daytona Beach Fire Department Strategic Plan:

1. *Infrastructure Modernization*
2. *Service Delivery*
3. *Community Preparedness*
4. *Recruitment/Diversity*
5. *Workforce Success*

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# Thank you from the Daytona Beach Fire Department

