



Daytona Beach
FIRE
DEPARTMENT



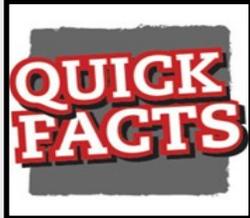
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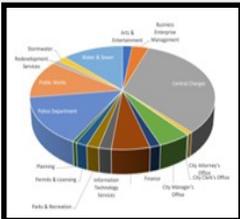
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A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Since 1909, the dedicated men and women of the Daytona Beach Fire Department have provided professional service to the community which we have sworn to serve as the Protectors of Life and Property. Throughout the years, our department has led the way in providing innovative ways to provide the essential services of firefighting and emergency medical services to become the all-hazards emergency services provider we are today.

With the close of 2024, we look back on our accomplishments such as taking over Emergency Management duties for the City, the dramatic decline in overdose fatalities due to the efforts of our Drug Abuse Response Team (DART), or even the significant rise of fire prevention engagement and participation in community events. Guided by DBFD's Strategic Plan Vision-26 and the voice of the community through the City Commission, we continue to make momentous progress towards maintaining our standing as the premier provider of emergency services in the region.

2024 also started the next chapter of our department's storied history with the groundbreaking of our new Fire Station #1 Headquarters, which is anticipated to be completed in early 2026. This state of the art community investment will enhance our firefighters health & safety, improve response times, and offer the much needed capacity for growth so that we may be ever responsive to our community's growing needs. Another special element of the new fire station is the provision of community space and the fire department museum which allows our department the opportunity to further strengthen our connection to the community we serve.

It continues to be our honor to serve the citizens and guests of the wonderful City of Daytona Beach.

Sincerely,

Dru R. Driscoll

Dru R. Driscoll
Deputy City Manager / Fire Chief

DEDICATED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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FIRE STATIONS



67.4

SQUARE MILES



POPULATION

84,862



22,643

RESPONSES



2

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTORS



10

MILLION VISITORS

ISO

CLASS

2



5

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
& FIRE FLEET MECHANICS



3

COMMUNITY
PARAMEDICINE
TEAM MEMBERS



115

CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS



1,119.5
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

CITY COMMISSION

Daytona Beach

The Daytona Beach Fire Department would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our City Commission for its unwavering support throughout the year. Your commitment to growth and local improvements within our community has been essential in our continued success. We look forward to collaborating with you in the coming year to further enhance the quality of life for all our residents and visitors . Thank you for your leadership and dedication.



Top: Commissioner May, Commissioner Cantu, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Strickland
Bottom: Commissioner Paris, Mayor Henry, Commissioner Henry

CITY MANAGER



As we reflect on our accomplishments, we would like to thank our City Manager for his exceptional leadership and support over the last year.

Under City Manager Deric Feacher's stewardship, the Fire Department continues to excel in our mission.

We are deeply appreciative of the trust in the fire departments abilities to provide the best service to our community.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Serving the Daytona Beach Fire Department since 1999, Fire Chief Dru Driscoll has served as the department's Chief Administrator for the past 11 years. As a seasoned fire service leader, he has demonstrated his commitment to public safety. Under his guidance, the department has modernized and expanded its approach to several types of emergency responses. Chief Driscoll fosters a culture of teamwork and innovation, ensuring the department is always prepared for the unexpected.

In addition to his position as Fire Chief, he has continued to serve the City as Deputy City Manager for the for the last six (6) years. During this time he has actively engaged in several activities ranging from economic development to infrastructure improvement to the budget development under the guidance of City Manager Deric Feacher.

In these roles, Chief Driscoll is often credited for building great success for our local community which he credits to his preference for instilling a team-based culture in the management of the fire department. Open dialogue in a synergistic environment has proven to produce the positive results strengthening our department and providing resiliency for a successful future.



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Serving as Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief, Ronette Williams plays a pivotal role as the right hand to the Chief. Her background from Human Resources has equipped her with exceptional organizations skills, attention to detail, and the ability to complete several high priority tasks with ease.

Ronette expertly manages schedules, coordinates meetings, and handles confidential documents with the utmost professionalism. Her proactive approach to foreseeing the needs of the Chief and his team allow them to focus on the critical work to safeguard the community.

Ronette has proven to be an invaluable point of contact within the department. As the Executive Assistant, she plays a key role in supporting the fire departments overall vision and mission to save live and protect property.



COMMAND STAFF



Deputy Chief
John McCormack



Deputy Chief
Jessica Matthews



Battalion Chief
Chris Hughes



Battalion Chief
Michael Tyrrell



Battalion Chief
Robert Turner



Battalion Chief
Andre Chaney



Battalion Chief
Richard Williams



Battalion Chief
Philip Peickert



Battalion Chief
Joseph Lekan

HISTORY

“A Legacy of Service, Pride, and Innovation”

The Daytona Beach Fire Department (DBFD) has a well-established, long, and rich history of dedication and service to our community. Evolving to meet the needs of those we serve, DBFD has set the foundation which continues to shape the services we provide today. From our beginning in 1898 through today, Daytona Beach Fire Department has created high standards that we proudly value and continue to meet and excel.

The Historic Foundation

In the early years, the Light Plant Whistle served as the fire alarm to alert responders. Utilizing a system of sound blasts, this determined which district the fire was located. Today, the department uses tones sent from the central dispatch center through the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

- 1989 - The first major fire led a group of visionary citizens to establish the volunteer fire department
- 1902 - The first chemical fire engine was purchased modernizing the fire service in Daytona Beach
- 1909 - The first paid Fire Chief was hired overseeing a department of 65 volunteers
- 1913 - The department purchased its first motorized fire apparatus
- 1919 - A bell tower was installed to improve communication and incident alerting
- 1950 - The first aerial ladder truck was brought to Daytona Beach expanding services

Pioneering Efforts - Local and Nationally

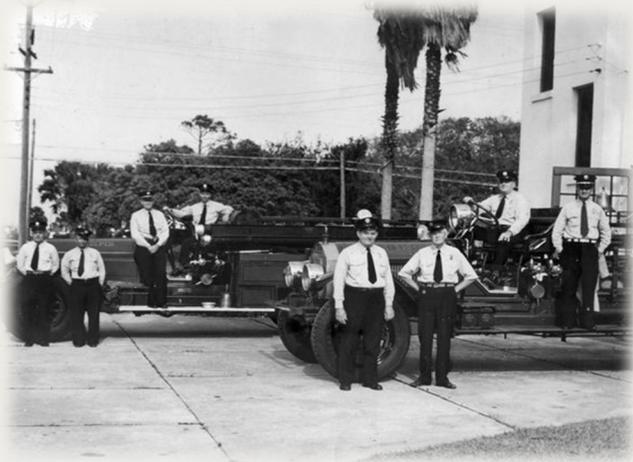
- 1930 - First home of the Florida State Fire College
- 1974 - First Basic Life Support Provider in Volusia County
- 1978 - First Advanced Life Support services in Volusia County

First in Volusia County to provide Dive and Tech Rescue (High Angle & Confined Space)

- 1991 - First Motor Medic Program in the United States creating faster responses during events
- 2020 - First Community Paramedicine Program and Drug Abuse Response Team in Volusia County
- 2022 - Introduced the Drone Aviation Unit to support firefighting, search, and damage assessment

As we look back on our history, we are proud of the growth, progress, and modernization which has been made. DBFD continues to lead the way, both regionally and nationally, through visionary and innovative efforts. We believe the foundation from those before us and continue to evolve and transform to meet the national best practices in the fire service, ensuring the safety and well-being of our city.





FIRE STATION LOCATIONS



Fire Station 1 is currently located at 301 S. Beach Street

Station #1 was built and became occupied in March of 1925. The historic and iconic station was constructed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style of architecture to compliment Daytona Beach's downtown charm.

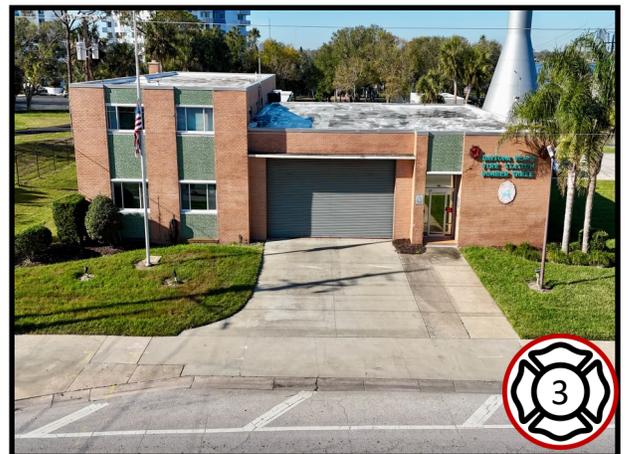
Station #1 is still in operation today. March of 2025 will bring us to the 100 year celebration of its opening. Current staffing of Fire Station #1 include a Battalion Chief, Engine Company, and Rescue Crew, often times adding up to 7 personnel stationed here.

Between 1970 and 1980, an expansion was added to Fire Station #1. This space is home to most of our administrative staff such as the Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Administrative Battalion Chief, Budget Analyst, Executive Assistant, Emergency Manager, Fire Safety Unit, Community Relations, and Training Division.



Fire Station 2 is located at 126 Botefuhr Avenue

Station #2 was constructed in March of 1988 replacing the previous Station #2 which was constructed in 1926 on Harvey Ave. Fire Station #2 is strategically positioned to ensure proper coverage around between A1A and Peninsula Drive covering from Main Street down to the boarder of Daytona Beach Shores. Station #2 is home to our aerial truck. And Technical Rescue Team.



Fire Station 3 is located at 945 N. Halifax Avenue

Station #3 was built and became occupied in 1963. This fire station was built to replace the old building due to the condition and age after the three cities consolidated, as a remodel would have been less efficient. Fire Station #3 was home to the first Volusia County Dive Team. Station #3 is positioned to serve the beachside from Main Street Northward, up to the City of Ormond Beach border. Station #3 is home to the World Famous MotorMedics



FIRE STATION LOCATIONS



Fire Station 4 is located at 1675 Mason Avenue

Constructed in 1977, Station #4 was the City's second fire station west of the railroad tracks. Originally located at the airport, current Station #4 is home to Engine 4 and Brush 4, along with our Logistics Division, Mechanic Shop, and DBFD Training Tower. Station #4 covers from Midway Blvd to LPGA Blvd and Williamson Blvd to Derbyshire Road.



Fire Station 6 is located at 2020 Beville Road

Station #6 was built in 1982 and is located across from the Pelican Bay Subdivision. Home to Engine 6, Brush 6, and currently Rosie which is our antique fire truck, Station #6 is the primary unit to respond to the I-4 and I95 interchange as well as I95 South towards Port Orange. Engine 6 covers portions of International Speedway to the border of Port Orange and from I-95 East to Fairway Estates.



Fire Station 5 is located at 627 N. Nova Road

In 1996 Station #5 was relocated to the current location on Nova Road to enhance incident responses to meet the National Fire Protection Association's standards. This relocation allowed for reduced response times where every second counts. Strategically positioned, Station #5 covers the areas East of Derbyshire Road and West of Ridgewood Avenue, from the border of Holly Hill through Orange Avenue.



Fire Station 7 is located at 2545 LPGA Blvd

Station #7 was built in 2008 in response to the expansion of LPGA Blvd. This station is home to Battalion 2, Engine 7, and Rescue 7. The location of Station #7 is essential as it services the neighborhoods in the LPGA area. With the continuous growth in the LPGA area, this location allows for a timely response during emergencies in the district and as a primary responding unit North and South on I-95 between International Speedway and Granada Blvd.

MISSION

“Protectors of Life and Property Through an Unwavering
Commitment of Service to All”

VISION

“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.”

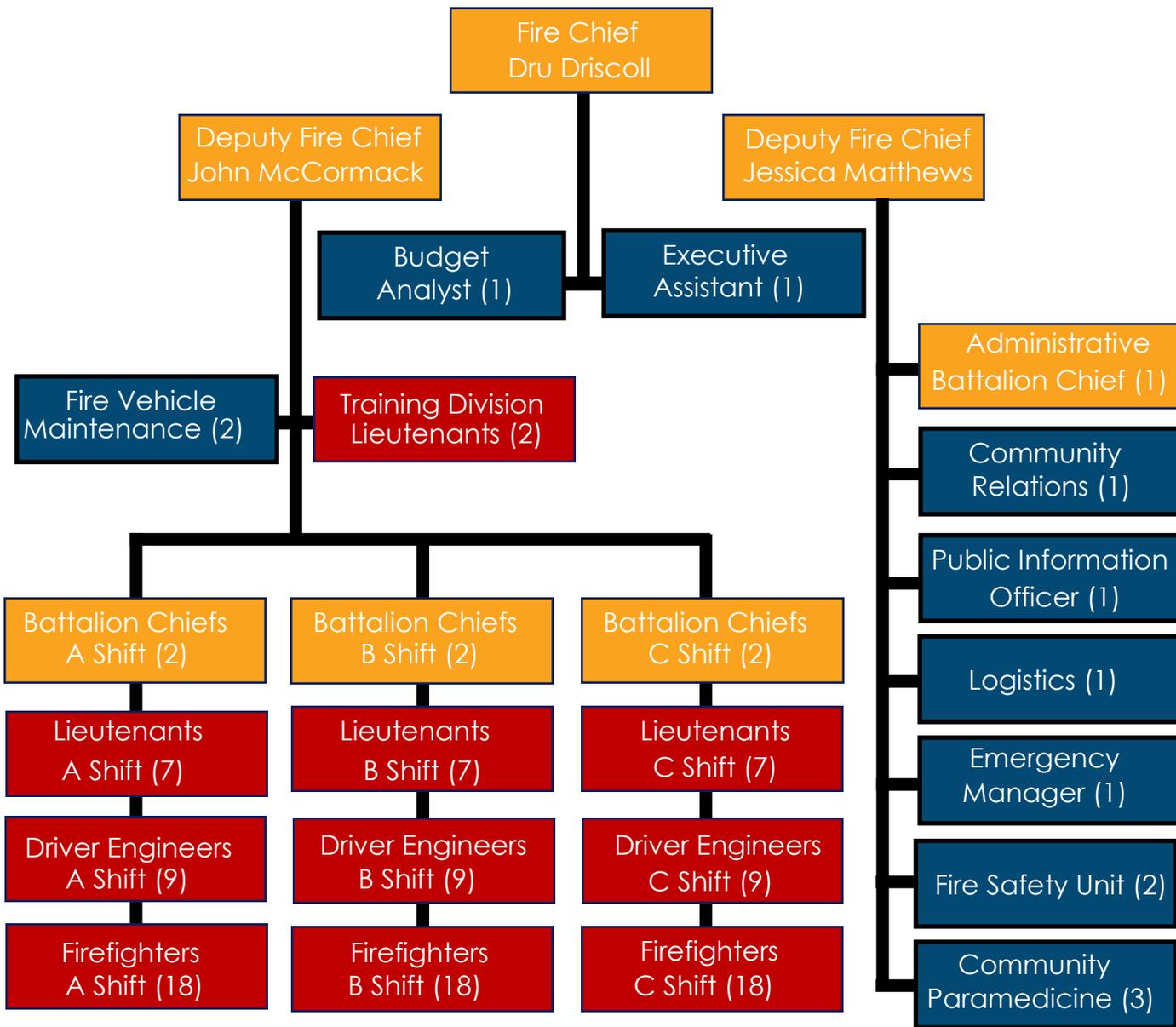
ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

“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
Empowerment	Diversity	Health	Wellness	Honor
Respect	Communication	Relationships	Integrity	Honesty



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Color Coded Key

Command Staff

Operations

Civilian Staff

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Fire Department

2023/2024

CITY BUDGET OVERVIEW

The City of Daytona Beach's budget for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 was \$343,276,836. The 2023/2024 budget was created utilizing a millage rate of 5.43000. This budget was created with a responsible spending plan, ensuring the residents of Daytona Beach receive exceptional service.

MEET THE BUDGET ANALYST

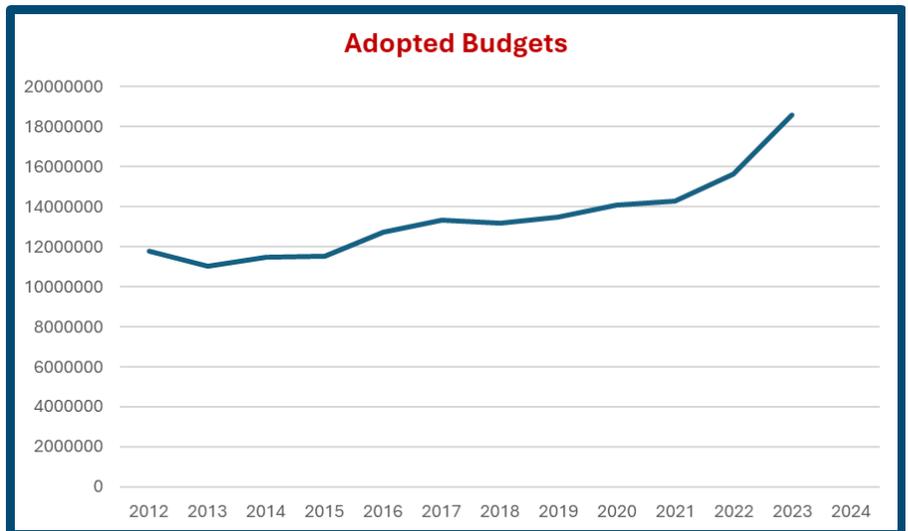
Ines Andrade is the Fire Budget Analyst who has worked the department since July 2021. Ines plays an integral role for the department by closely monitoring the budget throughout the year. Ines processes payroll for the entire department along with prepares reports, recommendations, and projections. Ines is also tasked with the role of preparing invoices for outside agencies for special details on events, along with tracking purchase card expenditures and vendor files.



2023-2024 Adopted Budget

FIRE BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Fire Departments budget was 5.42% of the total city budget, amounting to \$18,596,807. A rise in the adopted budget was needed to cover the inflation rates experienced across the Nation. While the inflation rate has dropped slightly from the twenty year high we experienced the previous year, the inflation rates are still substantially higher than several years prior.



Budget growth in the Fire Department Budget from 2012 through 2024.

EXPENDITURES

2023/2024

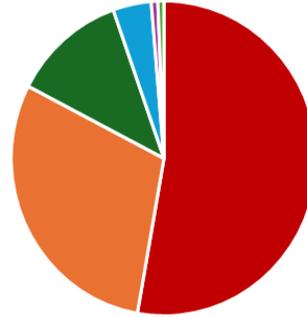
DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

The Fire Department has and will continue to be fiscally responsible with spending. The majority of the Fire Department's budget consist of salaries and wages. In addition, there are contractual services that must be paid to other departments and businesses.

Additional items of spending include training and education, equipment cost, benefits, and operating cost.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

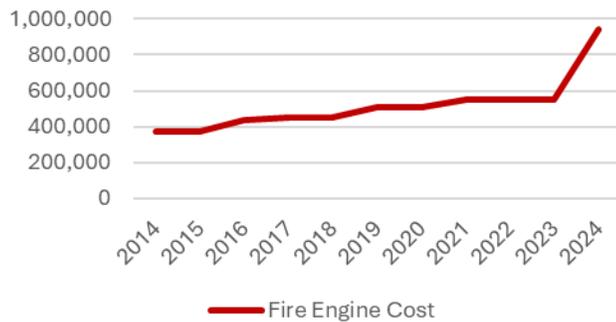
Fiscal Year 2023/2024



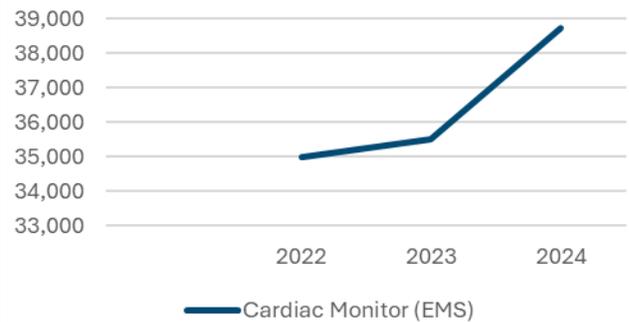
- Salaries / Wages
- Benefits
- Contracts / Operating Cost
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Training / Education

INFLATION OF COSTS

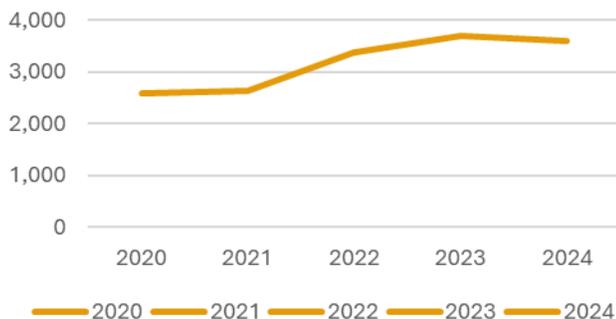
Inflation - Fire Engines



Inflation - Cardiac Zoll Monitor



Inflation - Bunker Gear



INFLATION

As we go about our personal lives, we see the rise in costs for every day necessities. The fire service is no different as it is bound by the rising cost of equipment. The surrounding charts are an example of the past years rise in cost for necessary emergency items.

In the last year, fire engines have double their price. Bunker gear cost have risen, and cardiac monitors are continuing to rise.

DBFD FLEET

COMMAND VEHICLES

Battalion 1 is a 2023 GMC Sierra and Battalion 2 is a 2020 Silverado. Both vehicles are dedicated to shift supervisors who are tasked with responsibility of safety and operations for a 24 hour period. Tasks can range from Administrative functions to being the Incident Commander on emergency scenes.



E-ONE TYPHOON FIRE ENGINES

Daytona Beach Fire Department has six engines which are assigned across the city. These engines range between 2015-2023 and are part of our fiscally responsible apparatus replacement plan. Each fire engine holds 750 gallons of water for firefighting and carries all the necessary equipment to handle any incident from a fire, to motor vehicle accident, to medical call.



SUTPHEN QUINT

Quint 2 is a multi-purpose apparatus which has combined functions of an engine and a aerial truck. It is a 2016 Sutphen SP70 truck which holds 470 gallons of water that can pump 1500 gallons per minute. Quint has several ladders of various sizes and the aerial can reach 75 feet.



RESCUE TRUCKS

Rescue 1 & 5 are 2024 Chevrolet Silverados and Rescue 7 is a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado. DBFD's rescue trucks respond to both fire and medical incidents. These trucks are stationed strategically at Stations 1, 5, and 7 to assist with the continued increase of calls for service.



DBFD FLEET



BRUSH TRUCKS

Brush 4 and Brush 6 are 2018 Chevrolet 3500's equipped with a 180 gallon per minute skid mounted pump. Both trucks hold approximately 250 gallons of water and are used to extinguish brush fires.



COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE / DART

Ford Explorers make up the DART Team and the Community Paramedicine Division. These vehicles respond to community needs from Fire Station #7 on LPGA Blvd. They are equipped with an AED and basic life support equipment.



MOTOR MEDICS

DBFD is home to the world famous Motor Medic Team. The team is comprised of five FLHP Harley Davidson Motorcycles, each set equipped with Advanced Life Support equipment for medical emergencies. These units are used during special events where traditional vehicles have trouble accessing, yet the area of coverage is too large and timely for the bicycles.



BIKE TEAM

The Bike Team is responsible to oversee five Cannondale Road Bicycles. These bicycles are stationed at Fire Station #3 on beachside. They are deployed for special events where access by vehicle or motorcycle is not possible. Each of these bicycles are equipped with necessary basic life support equipment to stabilize a patient.



Fire Mechanic Shop

Daytona Beach Fire Department operates a Fire Vehicle Maintenance Shop which is located at 1675 Mason Avenue behind Fire Station #4. The shop maintains a staff of two experienced and knowledgeable mechanics who perform the maintenance and repair exclusively to the Daytona Beach Fire Department fleet which consists of more than 50 vehicles. These vehicles include emergency apparatus such as fire engines, rescues, and an aerial truck. Along with the departments emergency vehicles, the mechanics also ensure the safety, care, and maintenance of the departments staff vehicles. The mechanics take pride in ensuring emergency apparatus are in a constant state of readiness to protect the citizens and visitors of Daytona Beach while adhering to the priority order of vehicle safety, vehicle reliability, and maintaining cost effectiveness.

MEET OUR MECHANICS



Rob Bahr



Mike Baity

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Daily reports on apparatus
- Scheduled routine vehicle maintenance
- Evaluate maintenance patterns and proactively plan for maintenance before failures
- Ordering of parts to have sufficient necessary tools and supplies on hand preventing extended delays
- Orchestrate servicing fire pumps, ground ladders, aerial device, fire hose, and rescue tools based off NFPA guidelines
- Maintain required ASE and EVT certifications
- Maintain tools and equipment
- Schedule and ensure disposal of waste oil and other hazardous materials
- Storage of combustible materials
- Store, track, order, and distribute tools and other equipment for line personnel and apparatus
- Ensure annual hose testing is completed for all hose in the departments inventory



LOGISTICS

WHAT IS LOGISTICS

Logistics is an important role in ensuring operations at Daytona Beach Fire Department run smoothly. Logistics is responsible for providing the tools, gear, equipment, and other items for the Operations and Administrative Staff to do their jobs effectively and efficiently.

The Logistics Officer is located at Fire Station #4 Logistic Office at 1675 Mason Avenue. This location provides space to hold all the necessary equipment to restock tools, uniforms, and supplies.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Logistics Officer is responsible for a variety of tasks to support Fire Department Operations. These tasks are vital to the daily operations of the fire department. Some of the tasks Logistics is responsible for include:

- Ordering and maintaining medical supplies
- Distributing supply orders to each of the seven fire stations
- Scheduling of maintenance of stretchers, monitors, oxygen bottles, and other necessary items
- Order and facilitate replacement of firefighter bunker gear through the purchasing process
- Send damaged bunker gear out for repair to certified facility
- Communicate with various vendors, research updated equipment, order, and maintain fiscal responsibility
- Calibrate and test gas detectors
- Order and track uniform replacement for all fire personnel
- Track and assign facility maintenance request through city departments as appropriate
- Track and maintain all department emergency communication radios and schedule yearly preventative maintenance
- Schedule maintenance for air compressors and test according to manufacturer recommendations

MEET THE OFFICER



Logistics Officer
Gregory Brocksmith



FIRE STATION ONE HEADQUARTERS GROUNDBREAKING

Daytona Beach Fire Department ushered in a new era of history on November 19, 2024 with a unique Groundbreaking Ceremony unlike any other for Fire Station One - Headquarters. The new location of Fire Station One, located at 420 South Ridgewood Avenue, will be replacing the almost 100-year-old building at the corner of Beach Street and Orange Avenue.

Dozens of individuals attended the long awaited Groundbreaking Ceremony including our City Manager, City Commission, City Staff, DBFD Firefighters, DBFD Retirees, Community Residents, Family, and Friends.

Included were speakers from the fire department, city commission, design and construction teams who are all who are making the new fire station a reality.

Design: JL2 Architecture
Construction: Wharton Smith Inc.

As Daytona Beach Fire Department is known for many first, the "usual" shovel groundbreaking ceremony did not seem sufficient. When it came time to make the occasion official, fire was ignited and ceremoniously extinguished by City Commissioners, City Manager Feacher, and former City Manager Chisholm.



The new headquarters will be a two-story, 31,000 sq ft hardened structure, providing sufficient capacity for future growth. The fire station will include aspects of solar power, green technologies, community space, emergency operations center, and a fire department museum to house "Rosie" our 1952 Mack Fire Truck.

Additional features include a training tower, physical fitness area, equipment repair facilities, and several modern health and safety elements.

Final completion of the new headquarters building is eagerly anticipated to be completed by March 2026.

"At 100 years old, Fire Station Number One has acted as the heart of our department, serving as the source of prideful memories and a foundation for which our storied history has been written.

However with the time honored tradition and the mission of unwavering service to our local community the flood prone fire station, an important piece of our city's critical infrastructure, has become operationally obsolete and restrictive to our mission" said Fire Chief Dru Driscoll.



RECRUITMENT

RECRUITMENT LOCATIONS

Daytona Beach Fire Department has actively recruited candidates throughout the year for available firefighter positions open during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. During is past year, we hired several individuals from the local colleges public safety programs: Daytona State College and Seminole State College.

Recruitment measures have also been through athletic programs, gyms, and high school career academy programs. We strive to find those eager to serve the community with compassion, pride, and honor.



SALARY

Daytona Beach Fire Department had advertised and hired at a rate of \$47,743.11 with halftime pay of \$1,310. It is required that a candidate become a Paramedic within 3 years of hire. Upon receiving the status of Lead Paramedic, there is an additional incentive of \$8,736.

BENEFITS

Benefits offered include: incentive pay, personal leave, holiday leave, detail pay, degree incentives, educational reimbursement program, health care plans, fire pension plan, and deferred compensation plan.

\$57,789

OPPORTUNITIES

- Motor Medics
- Technical Rescue Team
- Aviation Drone Unit
- Bike Team
- Honor Guard
- SCBA Team
- Relief Driver Program
- Other Training Opportunities



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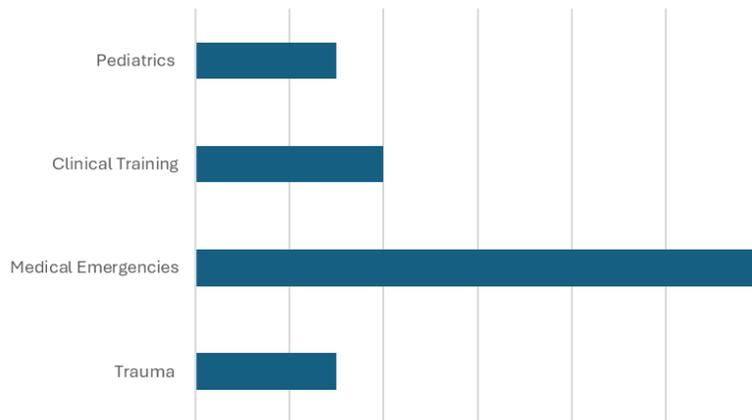
TRAINING



TRAINING DIVISION

In 2024, the Training Division has been led by two very knowledgeable and proficient Fire Lieutenants: LT Gregory Bowden and LT Jonathan Patino. Both of these individuals are talented Fire Service Instructors that bring knowledge and skill to the entire department through training and education ensuring the safety and effectiveness of our crews in all types of incident scenarios.

Medical Training



Daytona Beach Fire Department has completed **2,586 hours** of Emergency Medical Training for skill competency and continuing education.

These hours included several clinical classroom hours for State mandated trainings such as Aids Training, HIPAA, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Ethics.

Additionally, EMTs and Paramedics completed training on various types of medical incidents based on their provider level.

Other hours of training included Pediatric Training dealing with trauma, EMS Emergencies, and assessments. Our EMTs and Paramedics have a well-rounded schedule of training to ensure they are ready for any type of incident.

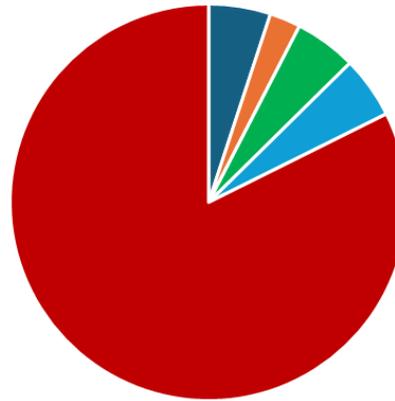


DBFD firefighters don't train until they get it right, they train until they can't get it wrong.

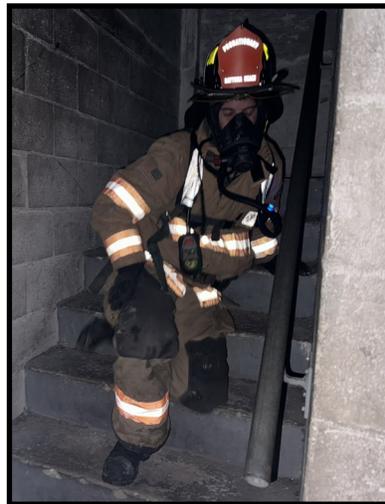
In a profession that can be very stressful and dangerous it is vital that firefighters ensure their skills are second to none. In 2024, DBFD firefighters conducted 4,199 hours of fire training. The training which was conducted included numerous classroom lessons, extrication, search and rescue scenarios, hands on training utilizing an acquired structure, hazardous materials, leadership, driver training, and company training.

Company training was the largest portion of training which includes the crews working together to accomplish tasks that would be completed on a fireground scene. Each of these training events are equally important to ensuring the safety of our firefighters so they are ready for any situation that may arise.

Fire Training



■ Facility ■ Hazmat ■ Officer / Leadership ■ Driver Engineer ■ Company Training



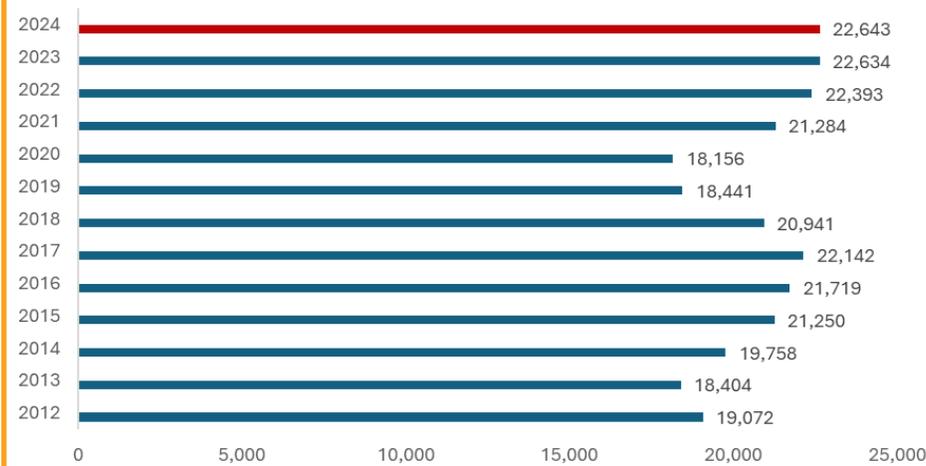
INCIDENT RESPONSES

January - December
2024

In the past year, Daytona Beach Fire Department has continued to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to our residents and visitors by responding to a wide range of emergency

incidents. The fire department responded to a total of 22,643 calls for service which consisted of fire-related and rescue emergencies such as structure fires, wildfires, and hazardous materials incidents, and motor vehicle accidents as well as medical emergencies.

Calls for Service History



Despite call reduction initiatives in place, the Daytona Beach Fire Department has continued to show an increase in calls for service each year.

Most recently in 2024, Daytona Beach Fire Department had seen its highest year for calls for service in more than a decade.

Even through methods of fire inspections, fire prevention measures, and call reduction initiatives the calls for service are still on the rise.

2024 Incident Response By Station

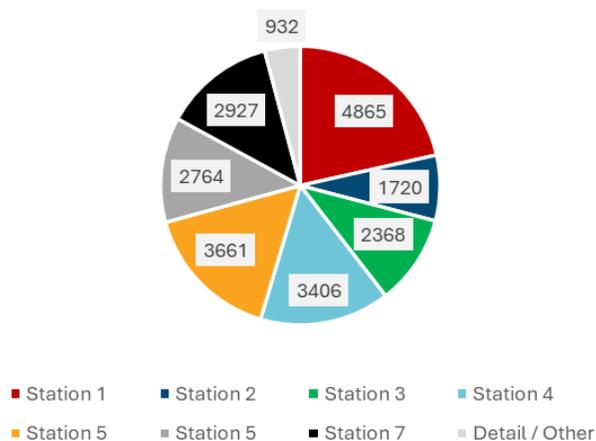
With 22,643 incident responses for 2024, these calls for service were mitigated by our seven (7) stations.

Each district brings unique history, building construction, and different types of hazards.

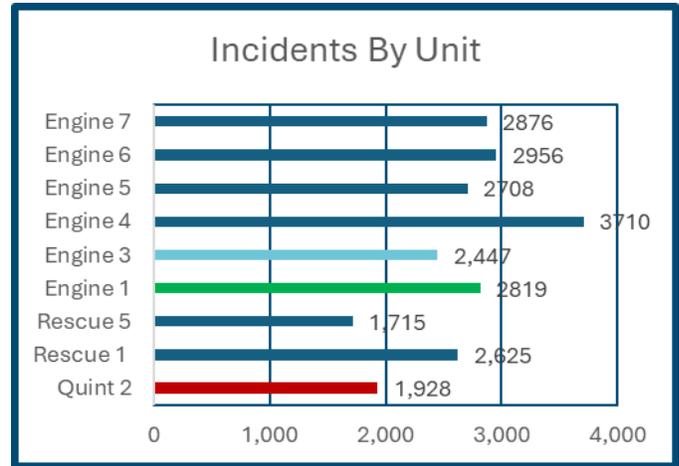
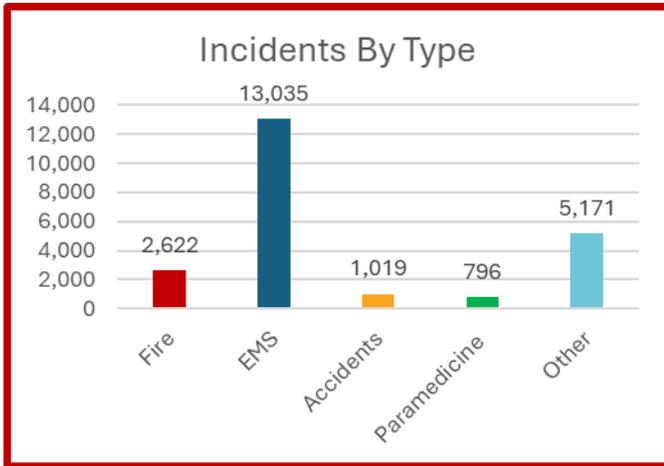
From the data collected in 2024, the busiest fire station is Fire Station One located at 305 S. Beach Street.

This station is operated by three units: 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Engine, and 1 Rescue Unit.

Incident Responses



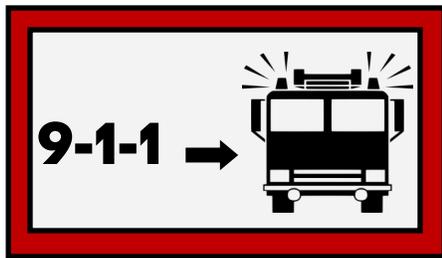
2024 Incident Response Breakdown



OCTOBER
WAS OUR BUSIEST MONTH

24.7 %
INCREASED INCIDENT
RESPONSE SINCE 2020

Engine 4
WAS OUR BUSIEST
RESPONSE UNIT



RESPONSE TIME AVERAGE

Our first responders understand the importance of a timely response for service, as every second counts in an emergency. Prioritizing safety, efficiency and effectiveness, and response times, together we achieved a turnout time under 1 minute. On average, your firefighters respond from the time of dispatch to enroute on the truck within :58 seconds.

PROPERTY SAVED

The Daytona Beach Fire Department has responded to numerous incidents throughout the year where the Pre-Incident Value is recorded being \$39,804,815. Data proves, \$5,674,815 of property and contents was lost during these incidents.

Daytona Beach Fire Department was able to **save \$34,130,000** of property and contents through a timely response and an aggressive fire attacks.





DAYTONA BEACH

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

In July 2024, Daytona Beach Emergency Management (DBEM) transitioned from the Police Department to becoming the responsibility of Daytona Beach Fire Department (DBFD). The Fire Chief, Dru Driscoll, also serves as the City Emergency Management Coordinator. He has designated Aaron Spencer as the formal Emergency Manager and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director for the City of Daytona Beach.

The EOC was activated three times since DBFD became responsible for DBEM in July. These activations included the Coke Zero 400 NASCAR Race, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton. During these activations, the City EOC worked closely with the Volusia County EOC ensuring that the needs of the community were met.

These activations gave the Emergency Management Group an opportunity to test and review our City's emergency management plans, update procedures, establish a new advisory system, and work with the City's Communications Division to boost the frequency of information sharing with the community through our various media platforms.



Hurricane Milton Response

In taking a more aggressive and proactive stance to ensure continued service to the community, during Hurricane Milton for the first time, tiger dams, additional generators and additional pumps were requested and received from State resources and placed in service ahead of the storm. After Hurricane Milton, the City hosted a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). This aided more than 1,100 residents with their claims for assistance after the historic storm.



Emergency Management, during blue skies continues to bolster relationships with our stakeholders, businesses, and residents. We continue to work in close coordination with our partners at Volusia County Emergency Management.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

In July of 2024, the Daytona Beach Fire Department onboarded a full time civilian Public Information Officer (PIO) to communicate accurate and timely information to the community and media. The Command Staff of the department designated Kylie Kidd as the PIO and spokesperson for the Daytona Beach Fire Department. Since being hired Kidd has developed and worked with the Chiefs on updated branding and marketing plans for the department. As a part of her duties, Kidd is on call to respond to significant incidents. She worked to spread accurate, real time information during Hurricane Milton and coordinated national and local news interviews with fire department leadership.



Social Media Connections

Facebook



18,457 followers

76,492 people reached

196 posts

Instagram



4,801 followers

3,560 people reached

222 posts

STAY CONNECTED

Daytona Beach Fire Department encourages our community to stay connected for updates and information through as many avenues as possible. Below are QR codes to our Facebook and Instagram websites. If you are not already following us on social media, grab your phone and complete the steps to be connected with us.

1. Open the Camera
2. Hover over the QR Code
3. Click the link that populates
4. Follow

Facebook



@daytonabeachfd

Instagram



COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH A PROGRAM DRIVEN BY COMPASSION, CONNECTION, AND RESOURCES

The Community Paramedicine Division continues its dedicated efforts in our community through patient education and understanding of chronic health related issues for patients while maintaining or requesting resources for those in need.

Our commitment is to ensure the care and helpful resources are available for individuals in our local community; no matter the difficulty, disability, or socioeconomic status, and to find the solutions to non-emergent challenges they are encountering.

Often times, the team encounters the patients that are highly dependent on EMS services and resources for incidents that are able to be rectified through networking with local agencies and providing the necessary education, equipment, or avenues for success.

Prior to the existence of the fire departments Community Paramedicine Program, patients were often utilizing 911 emergency services and returning to the hospital for repetitive types of chronic conditions such as frequent falls, issues with diabetes, medication concerns, mental health, and substance use. The creation of the team has been a valuable asset for education and resources for our community.

Our proactive team also maintains direct access to a mental health and substance abuse crisis response specialist. The program does continue to receive positive feedback from within the local community of upholding **“sense of caring and compassion”** according to those individuals who have participated in the voluntary program.

The Community Paramedicine Division continues working towards “bridging the gap” to resources locally since the inception in 2019. The program has helped provide several types of assistive devices and medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, ramps, and glucometer testing kits at no cost to those in need.



Community Paramedicine Officers: Camri Allen, Travis Anderson, and TJ Nicastro

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM

HELPING NAVIGATE THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The DART program, is in its 4th year of working directly within the local community to help those that had a substance use overdose which involved Narcan that was administered by Law Enforcement, Fire or EMS, or a bystander which resulted in the team finding assistance resources to help the individual towards rehabilitation and recovery.

The team is comprised through a joint effort by Daytona Beach Community Paramedicine Personnel, Daytona Beach Police Officers, Stewart Marchman Healthcare Substance Crisis Specialists, and Halifax Hospital. This program is a collaborative effort and has been awarded the CORE grant from the State of Florida Department of

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2024, the departments DART program was recognized in Orlando at both the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Behavioral Health Conferences for the excellent work that has been done not only in Daytona Beach but also highlighted in other counties.

The program mentored a similar start-up program located in Okaloosa County, FL that is yielding a similar view of success.

The DART Program was recognized at the 2nd Annual Building Bridges Breakfast as "2024 Community Partner of the Year". Additionally, the DART program also co-chair and participated in the Volusia Recovery Walk hosted in Daytona Beach.



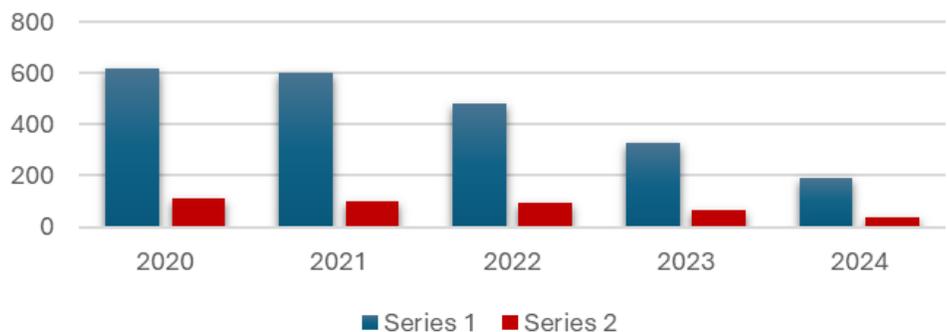
The DART team is comprised through a joint effort of several key agencies.

The dedicated agencies involved that contribute to the decline in the local substance abuse overdoses are Daytona Beach Fire Department Community Paramedicine Division, Daytona Beach Police Department, Stewart Marchman Substance Abuse Crisis Specialist, and Halifax Hospital.

The DART team has shown proven results over the last 5 years.

Data has shown the DART Programs overall effectiveness has helped reduce the amount of overdoses (Series 1) reported and drastically reduced the total count of fatalities (Series 2).

DART OVERDOSE COMPARISON 2020-2024



FIRE SAFETY UNIT

The Daytona Beach Fire Department Fire Safety Unit (FSU) is made up of two certified Fire Inspectors. The primary responsibility and focus is to assure that Commercial and Multi-Unit Residential occupancies are in compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code. In addition, the Fire Safety Unit schedules firefighters who perform engine company safety surveys, familiarizing them with the various building layouts and any potential hazards contained in buildings throughout our community. The Fire Safety unit also permits and inspects, tents, fireworks, and special events throughout the community.

INSPECTIONS

The Fire Safety Unit continues to perform local inspections within the city for the following types:

- Annual State-mandated fire inspections
- Fire inspections of various occupancies
- Special Event compliance inspections during major events such as Bike Week and Biketoberfest
- Ensure fire watches are set for impaired fire protection systems
- Respond to citizen concerns and complaints
- Work with the other City departments and/or State agencies towards assuring fire safety code compliance throughout the City.



PLAN REVIEW

In addition to the inspections that are conducted, the FSU performs the following:

- Weekly TRT (Technical Review Team) site plan reviews
- County CEMP facility fire safety emergency management plan reviews
- Pyrotechnic (Fireworks) plans
- Community events and/or concerts
- Plan review for major events such as Bike Week and Biketoberfest.

669

Fire Inspections

335

TRT Site Plan Reviews

322

Plan Reviews

MEET OUR INSPECTORS



Brian Sievertson
Fire Marshal



Jamie Holden
Fire Inspector

INTUITIVE MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS INTEGRATION

In cooperation with the IT Department and City Hall Permits and Licensing, all current businesses with a current Business Tax Receipt were identified and assigned an Occupancy Hazard Classification.

The Occupancy Hazard Classification was then utilized to assign a Fire Inspection frequency interval based upon each buildings' relative hazard to life and property, which will assure that each business is inspected at the required NFPA-mandated interval.

FSU personnel, as well as Engine Company crews perform Fire Safety Inspections to ensure a safer environment for all building occupants as well as familiarizing the firefighters with the building layout should they need to respond to a future incident.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Recent newly completed and in-progress projects include the Karris Cold Storage Warehouses across from Amazon, multiple apartment complexes and commercial growth in the area of LPGA Boulevard is occurring as are new Apartments on N. Beach St. located just north of the recent Brown and Brown Building.

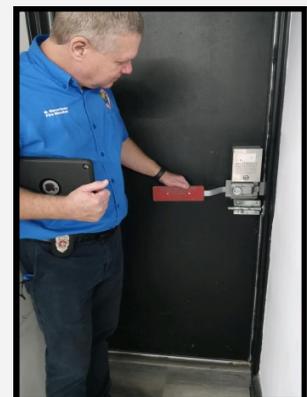
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University continues with their new construction projects including research buildings and hangers in the Mica-Plex Research Park. Future projects include proposed high-rise hotels on both N. and S. Atlantic Ave.

FSU is involved in all new construction projects beginning at the site plan review stage where it's required that the Fire Department have reasonable access to the construction site at all times and that an adequate water supply for emergency use be in place. In addition, the review assures that the proposed project will be in compliance with both the cities Land Development Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

KNOX BOX PROGRAM

FSU continues to maintain and encourage growth of the Knox Box program, requiring Knox Boxes and associated Knox products on all Commercial or Residential newly-constructed buildings containing a fire alarm and/or a fire sprinkler system.

DBFD also participates in the Knox Home Box program where a single-individual key can be locked up at a single-family home. Knox Boxes and are ideal for individuals who live alone and that may have reoccurring medical needs requiring EMS response.



Motor Medics

The Motor Medic Team, established in 1994, has earned a world-famous reputation for its innovative approach to emergency medical response. The motorcycle units are deployed during special events, where the traditional emergency vehicles such as engines and rescue trucks often struggle to navigate gridlocked streets.

Their agility and speed make motors an asset, allowing for timely life saving interventions in critical situations. To maintain their high-level of proficiency, Motor Medics complete training ride hours ensuring superior skill level.

In 2024, LT Ryan Bigger and FF Joey Rafferty retired from the team after several years of service. The team welcomed FF Richard Krinitz and FF

Christian Fuller as the newest motor members. The Motor Medic Team's dedication to rapid response has solidified their status as a vital component included in the emergency medical services landscape.



Critical Incident Stress Management

The primary role of a CISM Team is to provide immediate support to first responders who are affected by critical incidents. These individuals are trained to recognize signs of stress and trauma and are equipped with tools to offer timely and effective help. The significance of the team extends far beyond crisis. By promoting resilience, the team creates a culture where employees feel supported, valued, and empowered to seek assistance when needed.

In 2024, Daytona Beach Fire Department hosted a class in where several cities gathered to receive crucial training for individual and group crisis training. The team was created as a proactive measure to help individuals in times of need, teach methods of positive coping, and assist with prevention of PTSD and burnout. The CISM team is a critical component to all first responder mental health and is a valued investment in the brave individuals who continuously serve Daytona Beach.

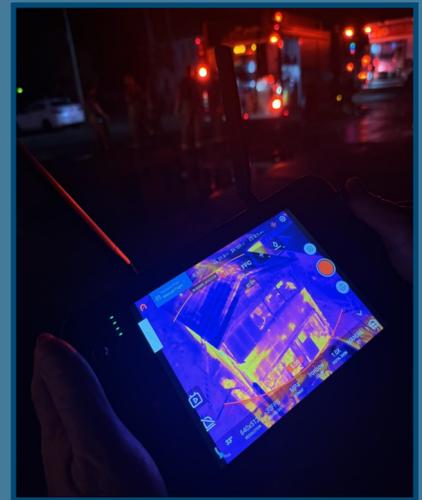


Drone Team



The drone team has proven to be an invaluable asset to the fire department, significantly enhancing fire operational efficiency and safety during emergency situations. During a structure fire, drones equipped with thermal imaging cameras have been instrumental in identifying hidden heat sources, allowing firefighters to target efforts more effectively and prevent potential flare-ups. In brush fire responses, the aerial advantage provided by the drones has enabled crews to monitor fire spread in real-time, assess the risk to nearby structures, anticipate fire travel, and coordinate a more strategic containment effort.

The drone team has played a crucial role post storms by conducting damage assessments, capturing aerial imagery, and giving crews a true comprehensive evaluation of affected areas showing road access. This capability not only improved situational awareness for safety of crews and residents but also assisted with resource allocation and difficult recovery operations.



Bicycle Team

The Daytona Beach Bicycle Team is comprised of 46 EMTs and Paramedics. The team is used during special events where crowds will often be encountered.

The bicycle team helps to reduce response times for several types of critical incidents. These specialized units are easily able to navigate and move more efficiently in the highly congested areas during concerts, parades, and Main Street bike events.

The Bicycle Team conducts an annual competency training for all members through a hands-on training course ensuring safety of all.



Honor Guard

The DBFD Honor Guard is comprised of a 12-member team which proudly participates in various civic and memorial presentations. These events can range from formal Presentation of Colors, to special events, and Honors at Firefighter Funerals.



Technical Rescue Team

The Technical Rescue Team (TRT) extends capabilities of fire rescue and medical response to confined space rescue, high angle rescue, trench/excavation rescue and structural collapse/emergency shoring. The TRT team consists of 32 firefighters of all ranks spread across the three shifts who are available to respond to incidents 365 days of the year. The team works closely with the Public Works and Utility Departments to provide rescue capabilities in the event of emergencies in tanks and below ground. I

n 2024, the team added 4 members who had attended and completed the 120 hours of specialized training. In addition to responding to various emergencies, the team completes training hours and annual competency testing to ensure safety and effectiveness.



TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



SWAT Paramedics serve a critical role within the law enforcement community, providing timely medical support during high-risk situations. Their involvement spans numerous call-outs, including the execution of search warrants and standby operations for various tactical missions. Deployed alongside the police department's SWAT team during special events, SWAT paramedics ensure that both officers and civilians have access to prompt medical care in potentially dangerous environments.

Team requirements include a written test, interview, and a physical fitness component. A SWAT Paramedic will log 16 hours of training each month with SWAT team operators, continuously refining their skills and readiness to deliver immediate aid during any critical incident.



Community Relations

A firefighter's role isn't only station duties and calls for service, but establishing and maintaining relationships with the community.

The Daytona Beach Fire Department established the Community Relations Division in 2020 to build and maintain relationships with the residents, visitors and businesses which make up our city. Jessica Wolfelschneider has been designated as the department's Community Relations Coordinator. This position has made it possible to expand our local community connections.



Through the Community Relations Division, events are scheduled and assigned to our Fire Stations. On the event day, Jessica gathers all needed supplies and together with the engine company of the district, they conduct an educational demonstration for the group. This learning experience is key to ensuring safety and risk reduction within our community.

The various learning and educational opportunities for our local community are aimed to reduce possibility of risk in our city. Education on fire prevention measures and emergency medical situations is critical to ensuring community safety.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DATA

Community Events/Demos	70
Smoke Alarms Installed	25
Fire Extinguisher Training	8
Fire Safety Presentations	13
Fire Drill Observations	5
Fire Department Events	5

The Community Relations Division understands and takes pride in ensuring that our residents are aware and educated on important safety tips and situations. In 2024, the Community Relations Division along with the Operations Division of the Fire Department have jointly participated in several community outreach programs and initiatives.

Community Risk Reduction is defined by the National Fire Protection Association as programs, actions, and services used by a community to prevent or mitigate the loss of life, property, and resources associated with safety, fire, and other disasters.

These types of learning scenarios help reduce the risk in our communities by giving individuals the knowledge and tools to ensure they know what to do in the event of an emergency. These safety tips can be applied to fires, medical emergencies, and other types of disasters.



Public Education Programs and Services

HANDS ONLY CPR

The American Heart Association recommends those who are untrained, unwilling, or unable to perform the conventional methods of CPR utilize the “hands-only” method to increase the victims possibility of survival.

Daytona Beach Fire Department conducts training classes teaching the hands-only CPR method during public events as we believe giving everyone an the opportunity to learn to save a life is important in our homes and our community.



ENGINE COMPANY DEMONSTRATIONS

Understanding the importance of teaching children about fire safety, stop drop and roll, having a home meeting spot, and knowing to how dial 9-1-1, we conduct Engine Company Demonstrations for school aged children ensuring they understand how firefighters are their friends. For middle school and high school aged children, the topics transition to cooking safety, babysitting, and even preparing those interested for the possibility of a career.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire until the local fire department arrives. (NFPA)

Daytona Beach Fire Department provides training at community events teaching individuals the tips of operating a fire extinguisher and the importance of having one located within your own home.



SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION

In partnership with the American Red Cross, our Community Relations Division installs residential smoke detectors in homes of individuals who qualify through the program. The program requirements are for low income families or persons over the age of 65 years of age. Individuals who do not meet program requirements can still purchase a smoke detector locally and contact us to help install them.



FIRE DRILL OBSERVATIONS

Daytona Beach Fire Department conducts fire drill observations at local businesses, college dormitories, and other living faculties where they help create emergency evacuation plans or review the ones currently in place. While conducting these drills, they look to ensure the safety plan is being followed and give recommendations where applicable. Feedback is provided to the coordinator of the drill for them to review with staff or residents.



