

SOUTH DAYTONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT



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Message from Chief Brant...

Dear Residents of South Daytona,

As we usher in the new year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community for your unwavering support of the South Daytona Fire Department. Your trust and collaboration are the cornerstones of our mission to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

Community Engagement and Training

In our ongoing commitment to community health and safety, we are pleased to offer free Friends & Family CPR training sessions. The next training is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Piggotte Community Center, located at 504 Big Tree Road. I encourage all residents to participate in this life-saving training. To register, please call 386-322-3033.

Looking Ahead

As we progress through 2025, the South Daytona Fire Department remains steadfast in our dedication to serving and protecting our community. We are committed to continuous improvement through training, community engagement, and the adoption of best practices in fire safety and emergency response.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that South Daytona remains a safe and thriving community.

Sincerely,



**Fire Chief
South Daytona Fire Department**



A-SHIFT

Steven Evancho - Driver Engineer/Paramedic
Scott Ryan - Firefighter/EMT
Logan Gindner - Firefighter/EMT

During January, our fire department started the year by switching the shifts around. This switch allows each person in our department to work with new lieutenants, new drivers, or new firefighters that they haven't been able to work with yet. The new A-shift is now composed of DE Evancho, FF Ryan, and probationary FF Gindner. As you can imagine, when you work with new people, you have to understand their habits, likes, dislikes, what they are good at, and what they are not good at, and that is where training and bonding come into play.

Each day we were on shift, we tried to cover some new training with each other to see our strengths and weaknesses. We started the month off over at our old station on Brian with firefighter survival training. This training involved forcing doors, search and rescue, calling MAYDAYS, and breaching through a wall to exit the structure. We went over to Halifax Landing and did high-rise training, getting ready for our county-wide training at the end of the month.

As firefighters, we have to stay in shape to perform our job at a high level. Every year, we do a physical agility test (PAT) in our gear plus air pack and perform the functions of a firefighter at Club Fitness. This test involves a stair climb, carrying heavy weights, pushing/pulling weights, and using a sledgehammer. A-shift successfully completed our PAT for 2025.

Along with the training we did as a shift, we also continued working with probationary FF Gindner on his rookie book. Helped with the remodel of station 98, adding more privacy to our bunk room with curtains now hanging up. Running medical/fire calls throughout the day and night. On any medical call a fi, a firefighter can be asked to ride into the hospital with the med unit for assistance, leaving our turnaround time getting back in the city and back in service possibly 30 minutes or later. During January, we had to ride in twice for critical patients to the hospital.

* January's Total Combined Training Hours for A-Shift - 117 (recorded through Target Solutions)

With January starting a New Year, new promises, commitments, and resolutions come with every New Year. I leave you with this quote:

*"You are never too old to start over.
Everyday is a chance to make changes to
create the life we want." ~ Karon Waddell.*



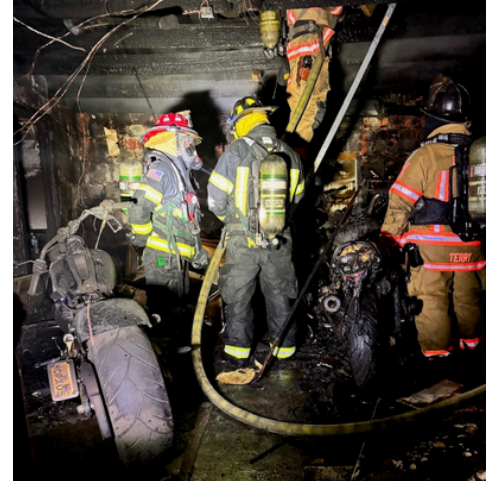
B-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jacklyn Kirby - Paramedic

Chad Hubeck - Driver Engineer/Medic

Michael Matos - Firefighter/EMT

Nichole Maverick - Firefighter/EMT



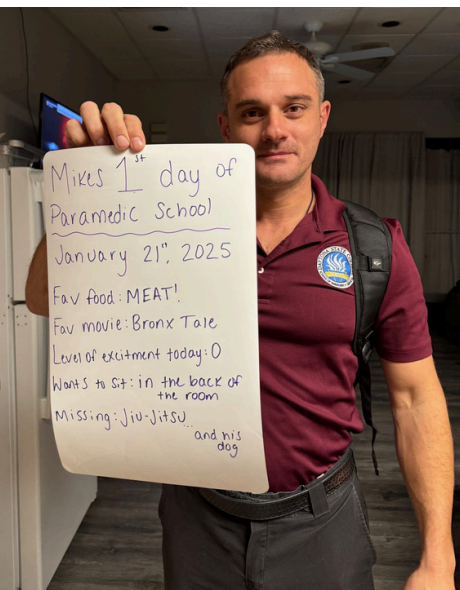
This month, our team focused on routine engine checks and maintenance, ensuring all fire engines were operational and ready for emergency response. Daily inspections included checking fluid levels, tire pressure, and verifying the functionality of critical equipment. Weekly maintenance tasks were performed to keep all vehicles in top condition, including air filters, hoses, and emergency lighting systems.

Training sessions were held on several critical skills. Members participated in **ventilation training**, covering techniques for improving airflow in burning structures. We also conducted **hose operations drills**, emphasizing correct handling, nozzle techniques, and efficient deployment during high-pressure situations. In addition, team members went through the **emergency response guide** for **hazardous materials emergencies**, focusing on safety protocols and decontamination procedures. Training on **ladder operations** was also conducted, reinforcing proper climbing techniques, safe positioning, and effective rescue strategies.

A few of our members attended the funeral for the late **Chief Jim Quinn**, who served the citizens of South Daytona for 27 years (1980-2007) and retired as the Fire Chief. The members paid their respects to a long-time leader who made a significant impact on the department and shaped the fire service in our community.

Throughout the month, we responded to both **emergency and non-emergency calls**. One notable response involved a **motor vehicle accident with entrapment**, where the team worked quickly to safely extricate the individuals involved. We also responded to a **structure fire in a detached garage**, where fuel from motorcycles created additional hazards. The team worked quickly and efficiently to control the blaze and prevent further damage.

FF Matos began his journey to becoming a paramedic by starting the **1.5-year paramedic program**. This is an exciting step for him and will enhance his skills and contributions to the team.



The month was productive, with a combination of operational readiness, training, and community support.

- * January's Total Combined Training Hours for B-Shift - 60.5 (recorded through Target Solutions)

Mikes 1st day of
Paramedic School
January 21st, 2025
Fav food: MEAT!
Fav movie: Bronx Tale
Level of excitement today: 0
Wants to sit: in the back of
the room
Missing: Jiu-Jitsu
and his
dog

C-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic

Ernie Jarvis - Driver Engineer/Medic

Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT

Cameron Fischer - Firefighter/EMT



Throughout the month of January, C-Shift responded to a variety of emergency incidents, including multiple motor vehicle accidents, seizure calls, and trauma alerts, demonstrating their ability to manage high-stress medical and rescue situations. The shift also handled a shed fire, ensuring a swift and effective response to contain and mitigate the incident. In addition to emergency calls, C-Shift took a proactive approach to community safety by installing smoke detectors in residential homes. Furthermore, the shift contributed to operational preparedness by creating a memorandum on pre-incident planning, reinforcing the importance of strategic readiness. Throughout the month, firefighters remained physically and mentally prepared, consistently training and maintaining a high level of readiness for any emergency that may arise.

This month, our physical agility training focused on cardiovascular endurance and strength conditioning, utilizing stairs as the primary workout tool to simulate the physical demands of firefighting. Firefighters engaged in high-intensity stair climbs, incorporating weighted gear and hose packs to enhance stamina, leg strength, and overall endurance. This training emphasized the importance of maintaining peak physical fitness to meet the rigorous demands of fireground operations, ensuring firefighters are prepared for real-world scenarios that require strength, agility, and cardiovascular resilience.

This month's educational training highlighted advanced skill development within our department. Firefighter Nield attended a 40-hour Vehicle Machinery Rescue (VMR) course, which focused on advanced extrication techniques for motor vehicle accidents and machinery entrapments. The course covered stabilization methods, tool operations, and patient extrication strategies to enhance firefighter effectiveness in complex rescue scenarios.

Additionally, Lieutenant Taylor participated in an 8-hour Handtevy Instructor Course. Handtevy is a pediatric emergency care system designed to streamline medication dosing and treatment protocols for critically ill or injured children. This system enhances the accuracy and efficiency of pediatric resuscitation, reducing the risk of errors under high-stress conditions. Handtevy will soon be implemented into Volusia County's new EMS protocols, ensuring improved pediatric care across the county. Our Medical Director and Deputy Medical Director also attended the class, reinforcing their commitment to integrating Handtevy into our emergency medical response system.





C-SHIFT Continued

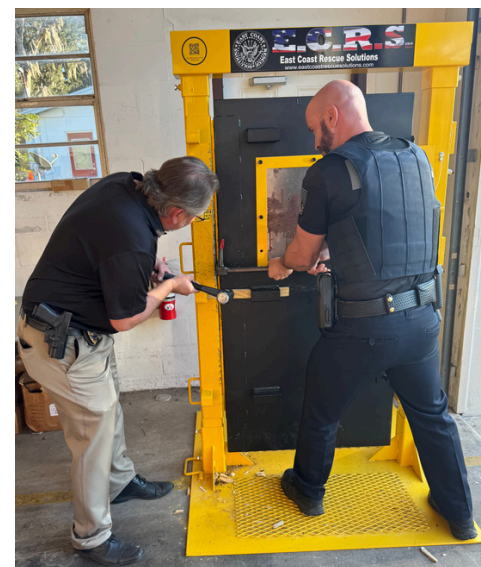
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This month, we also conducted driver training with Firefighter Fischer, focusing on apparatus operation, road safety, and emergency response driving techniques to ensure proficiency behind the wheel. This training emphasized vehicle handling, situational awareness, and adherence to department driving standards. Additionally, we completed strut training using our Rescue 42 stabilization struts. Firefighters reviewed proper deployment techniques and scenarios where struts are essential for vehicle stabilization during motor vehicle accidents. The training covered securing unstable vehicles, creating safe extrication environments, and ensuring firefighter and patient safety during rescue operations. This hands-on session reinforced best practices for stabilization and enhanced our ability to operate efficiently in real-world rescue situations.

Throughout the month, C-Shift focused on reorganizing and assembling cabinets to improve station efficiency and safety. Crews worked on optimizing storage by assembling additional cabinets outside, creating extra space to free up room around the apparatus bay. This adjustment ensures safer and more efficient movement for firefighters when getting in and out of the apparatus during emergency responses. Additionally, the shift redesigned and assembled new cabinets in the Lieutenant's office to relocate all EMS supplies indoors into a climate-controlled environment. This change helps preserve medical equipment, ensures easy access for crews, and improves overall organization within the station. These upgrades contribute to a more functional workspace, enhancing both safety and operational readiness.

This month, we conducted CPR and forcible entry techniques training for our local police officers, focusing on equipping them with critical life-saving skills and practical methods for emergency response. The CPR training covered proper compression techniques, airway management, and AED use, ensuring all officers demonstrated proficiency in these areas. Additionally, the forcible entry training provided officers with hands-on experience using tools like the Halligan bar and axe, emphasizing safe and effective building access methods. The session was well received, with positive feedback from the officers, and the training provided valuable skills they can apply in real-world scenarios.

- * January's Total Combined Training Hours for C-Shift - 176.5 (recorded through Target Solutions)



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Total number of completed Annual Fire Inspections for January.

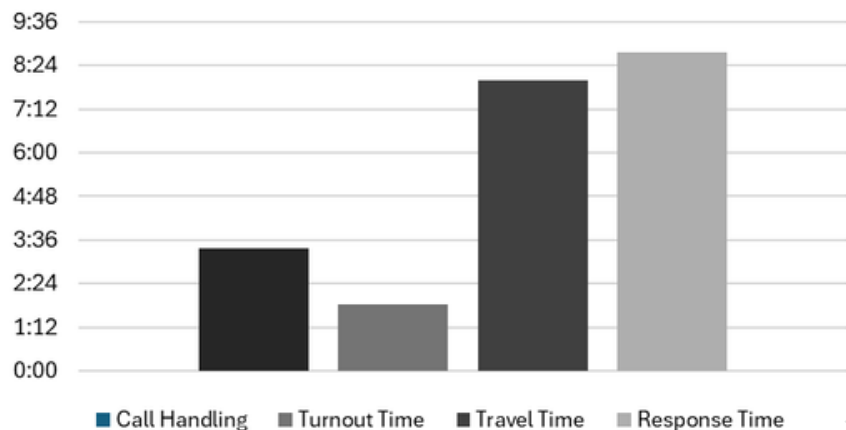


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Jan. 7th-10th - Fire Chief Brant, Driver Engineer Ernie Jarvis, and Driver Engineer Chad Hubeck attended the 2025 Fire and EMS Conference in Orlando. They attended leadership, company operations, and firefighter safety classes. Chief Brant attended a Five Bulge Roundtable Meeting with 70 fire chiefs from around the state to discuss the issues within the fire service.
- Jan. 11th - Some department members attended the funeral of former Fire Chief James Quinn's funeral to pay their respects. Fire Chief Quinn retired from the South Daytona Fire Department after serving 27 years total with the department, 8 of those years he served as the Fire Chief.
- Jan. 14th—Annual Pump testing was performed on both Engine 98 and our reserve Engine 198. This is necessary to ensure that the pump that provides water during fires is in working order.
- Jan. 29th-31st - the department participated in ISO quarterly training at the Volusia County Training Facility, focusing on firefighting operations in 3 to 4-story apartment buildings. The primary objective was to advance hose lines effectively by creating a standpipe off our engines using a 100-foot section of 3-inch diameter hose with a gated Y. This allowed us to drop our high-rise pack over an exterior stairwell for easier deployment and improved operational efficiency. Additionally, we learned a new method for loading our high-rise pack called the Gustin Pack, which offers a more efficient and manageable load compared to our previously used Metro Load. The crews found the training highly beneficial and are eager to bring back and implement the techniques learned to enhance our department's operations.



January Emergency Call Times





Community Risk Reduction Program

Kendra Williams

S.A.F.E. Resident Outreach Program:

S - Spot the Need **A** - Assess the Situation **F** - Facilitate Assistance **E** - Educate & Evaluate

Throughout the month, I monitor Zoll, the program through which our crews document their calls to assess if anyone who has reached out through the 911 system might be identified as needing assistance with additional resources to help keep them safe within their homes without continuously relying on the 911 system for that assistance. During January, one resident was identified as possibly needing assistance through the S.A.F.E. program, but unfortunately, I was unable to make contact with the resident.

The program currently has one South Daytona resident enrolled. I am working with them to obtain income-based housing assistance and navigate their insurance issues due to their switch from commercial insurance to Medicare benefits.

During January, the S.A.F.E. Resident Outreach Program continued working with a resident enrolled in the program since November. I continued to check in with the enrolled resident to ensure they received their 1st Social Security Retirement Benefit deposit following appointments with the Social Security office and understood the benefits of their enrollment in their United Healthcare Dual plan. I am also assisting him in navigating the insurance system and dealing with medical bills that have been denied due to incorrect insurance being billed; we are working on providing the information for his new Medicare/Medicaid enrollment to get those bills covered correctly. We are also working together on housing. With the resident now receiving their monthly Social Security payment, we are concentrating on obtaining income-based housing for the elderly so that they can finally have appropriate housing that is safe and warm. We will discuss releasing the resident from the program once the resident has appropriate housing.

The goal of the program is to assist residents with resources and assistance they may need as quickly as possible. Once this is accomplished, residents are discharged from the program, preferably no longer than 120 days from enrollment. Every case is different and treated on an individual basis, based solely on their individual needs, so enrollment length will always vary.

Operations Commander Don Howard



Pump Testing Example Image



Automatic aid was rendered to our city a total of 30 times by the following surrounding cities:

21 Port Orange **9 Daytona Beach**

These responses from neighboring agencies underscore the significant interdependence we have on our collaborative partnerships within the community.

During the month of January, we conducted pump testing for our fire apparatus. The pump on a fire truck is engineered to draw water from various sources, including a tank on the apparatus, a fire hydrant, or a body of water. This testing process is intended to replicate real-world conditions to verify the proper functionality of the pump. In conjunction with the testing, an annual service is performed on the pumps. This comprehensive process requires approximately two and a half hours per engine. We are pleased to report that both engines successfully passed the annual testing process.

Call Types for January

