



Monthly Report

MAY 2024

In Loving Memory of Jacob W. Bridger

Message from Chief Brant...

Dear Citizens of the South Daytona,

This month has been extremely challenging for us at the South Daytona Fire Department. We tragically lost one of our own, Jacob Bridger, at a young age. Jacob was a dedicated and compassionate firefighter who served our community with integrity. His bright spirit will be deeply missed.

Despite our grief, the firefighters of South Daytona bravely put on their uniforms and continued to serve the community. I want to commend each and every one of them for their courage and unwavering commitment to their duty.

We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from the South Daytona community and our fellow public safety departments during this difficult time. We thank you all.

In response to recent events, we have decided to reintroduce the "Vial for Life" program. This program will be explained during calls and community events, allowing South Daytona residents to place a sticker on their door. This will signal us to look for the residents' Vial of Life on their refrigerator, providing us with vital medical information.

Furthermore, we will be hosting another Friends and Family CPR class on July 18th at 6pm at the Piggotte Center. We encourage everyone to attend and to bring a friend or family member along. The more people who are trained in CPR, the more lives we can save. Early intervention is crucial!

Warm regards,

John K. Brant

Fire Chief

South Daytona Fire Rescue



A-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jacklyn Kirby - Paramedic

Ernie Jarvis - Driver Engineer/Medic

Scott Ryan - Firefighter/EMT

Cameron Fischer - Firefighter/EMT

This month has been a very tragic and tough time for our department. We are coming together to be there for each other and working to stay on track with many trainings and events going on.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- We were able to help a child in need and bought him a new bicycle that he could get to and from school.
- Firefighter Ryan completed his first semester of Paramedic and made the Dean's list and completed his Fire Officer I task book took many hours of various administrative tasks that will allow him to take his state test to become a state certified Fire Officer I.
- Firefighter Fischer has begun practicing driving the engine.
- A-shift completed three walk throughs at local businesses.
- Pump training with the crew.
- Installed a large fan in the apparatus bay.
- Celebrated Driver Engineer Jarvis' Birthday.
- Driver Engineer Jarvis was designated unanimously by the SERF (Southeast Regional Fire Departments) to be the lead coordinator for the group. The SERF consists of South Daytona, Port Orange, New Smyrna, Edgewater, Daytona Beach Shores, and Ponce Inlet fire departments that hold quarterly regional training.
- TRT (Technical Rescue Team) Training.
- Total Combined Training Hours for A-shift - 68.83 (recorded through Target Solutions)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

Emergent Calls

Turnout Time

April

0:01:48

May

0:01:39

Travel Time

0:06:41

0:07:01

Response Time

0:07:33

0:07:58

On Scene

0:25:29



B-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic

Chad Hubeck - Driver Engineer/Medic

Michael Matos - Firefighter/EMT

Jacob Bridger - Firefighter/EMT



Throughout May, B-shift firefighters participated in a range of training activities, including recertification in Basic Life Support (CPR) and multi-company training at the Port Orange fire training tower. Unfortunately, we also faced the unexpected tragedy of losing one of our firefighters, which has deeply affected our department. We are currently in the process of recovering from this loss.

Lieutenant Taylor, Driver Engineer Hubeck, and Firefighter Bridger attended a two-day instructor class at Daytona State College to become Basic Life Support (CPR) instructors. This certification will enable them to offer in-house CPR classes through our fire department for citizens, police officers, and medical providers.

B-shift firefighters participated in a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) evolution that lasted three hours at the Port Orange training tower. A RIT is a dedicated group of firefighters whose sole responsibility is to rescue other firefighters in distress during an incident. This training is crucial for ensuring that we can effectively and safely rescue our fellow firefighters if they become trapped, injured, or otherwise incapacitated during firefighting operations.

Total Combined Training Hours for B-shift - 213.64 (recorded through Target Solutions)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

Emergent Calls

April

May

Turnout Time

0:01:40

0:01:29

Travel Time

0:07:29

0:07:39

Response Time

0:08:21

0:08:19

On Scene

0:34:47





C-SHIFT

Lieutenant Chad Kirby - Paramedic
Steven Evancho - Driver Engineer/Medic
Nicole Bailey - Firefighter/EMT
Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT

During May, C-Shift members took significant steps in their personal growth. We actively participated in educational and recertification classes, enhancing our skills and benefiting the department. It is important to be well-rounded as a firefighter, continuing our improvement in higher education and practical training. Driver Engineer Evancho has taken the first steps to start a new program called the Paramedicine Program. ~ Lt. C. Kirby

Community paramedics play a crucial role in relieving the burden on other healthcare providers. They provide care to patients in their homes or other locations outside hospitals, nursing homes, or emergency rooms, thereby reducing the number of patients occupying these facilities. Furthermore, they can minimize unnecessary transportation by providing appropriate care to individuals who seek help for non-emergency issues. For instance, a community paramedic may evaluate and treat a patient who has had a minor fall at home and determine whether additional care and transport to a hospital is necessary. Community paramedics can also offer traditional primary care services, such as routine vaccinations, wound care, or checkups for patients with chronic conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, etc. Through home visits, they can improve patient's quality of life by providing home modifications that allow them to stay independent in their homes for extended periods.



C-SHIFT Cont.

Lieutenant Chad Kirby - Paramedic

Steven Evancho - Driver Engineer/Medic

Nicole Bailey - Firefighter/EMT

Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT



THIS MONTH'S SHIFT HIGHLIGHTS:

- DE Evancho obtained his Basic Life Support Instructor, Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor
- FF Bailey completed the Private Protection Systems class and is working towards her Fire Safety Inspector Certification
- FF Nield took the lead on installing the bay fans and countertops. He also operated the pump on Engine 98 for his first fire.
- Highrise training with the crew with elevator recalls using phase I and II operations
- 911 stair climb training
- LT C. Kirby completed two classes toward his bachelor's degree.
- Total Combined Training Hours for C-shift - 111.55 (recorded through Target Solution)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

<u>Emergent Calls</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Turnout Time	0:01:31	0:01:37
Travel Time	0:06:23	0:05:56
Response Time	0:07:09	0:06:55
On Scene		0:22:06

"Your mental health is a priority. Your happiness is essential. Your self-care is a necessity. Sometimes, the bravest thing you can do is ask for help." ~ Lt. C. Kirby



South Daytona Fire Department



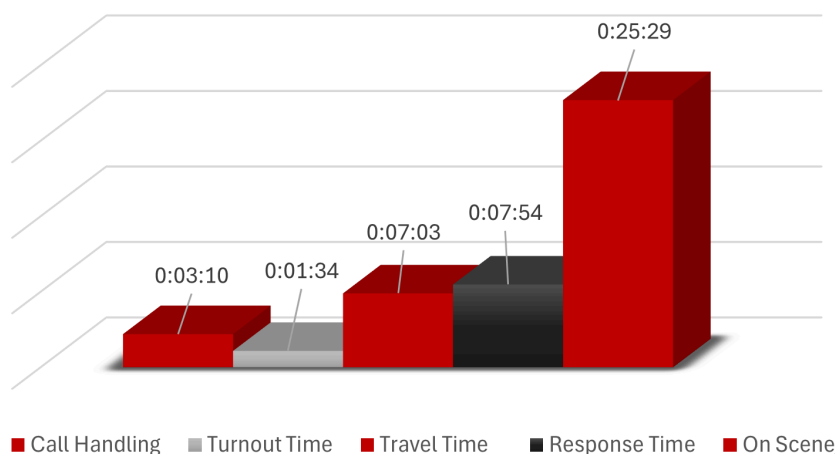
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Total number of completed
Annual Fire Inspections for
May.

THIS MONTH'S DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- May 14th - we held an Officer's meeting, where a new monthly crew assignment was added aimed at improving maintenance responsibilities for our tools on the engine and making sure that all compartments along with the engine is washed on a regular schedule.
- May 14th-16th the on-duty crews attended their BLS recertification training.
- May 21st-23rd on-duty crews attended the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training in Port Orange.
- May 28th - IAFF peer support for mental health following our Fire Departments tragic loss of our very own Firefighter Jacob Bridger.
- All shifts completed the in-house FIT testing, a procedure that ensures firefighters' tight-fitting respirators fit properly and provide adequate protection. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires firefighters to undergo FIT testing annually.
- We made a significant upgrade to our fire engine's equipment by adding bulletproof vests and ballistic helmets. This enhancement is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of our firefighters while they perform their duties. By equipping our team with this advanced protective gear, we aim to provide them with an additional layer of security when responding to potentially dangerous situations, thereby allowing them to focus more on their critical tasks and less on their personal safety. This proactive measure reflects our dedication to maintaining the highest standards of safety for our personnel in all emergency scenarios.

May Emergency Calls





South Daytona Fire Department Cont.

South Dayton Fire Department is now participating in the Vial Of Life program. This is a program that when you can't speak for yourself, experiencing a medical emergency, or in pain or scared, the Vial of Life can speak for you. The Vial of Life helps first responders know about your medical information when you are unable to respond to help ensure the best patient care is given to you!

How it Works:

Fill out the Vial of Life Form

Place the decal sticker on the front of a plastic bag

Place the completed form in the plastic bag you put the decal sticker on

You may also want to place other important items in plastic bag such as DNR, Living Will, etc.

Place the plastic bag on your refrigerator

Place the second decal sticker on your front door so that it can easily be seen by 1st responders

This service is FREE to all South Daytona residents. To get a Vial of Life packet, please call South Daytona Fire Department at 386-322-3033 or you can stop by the fire station at 1672 S. Ridgewood Ave Monday thru Friday 08:00 to 04:30.

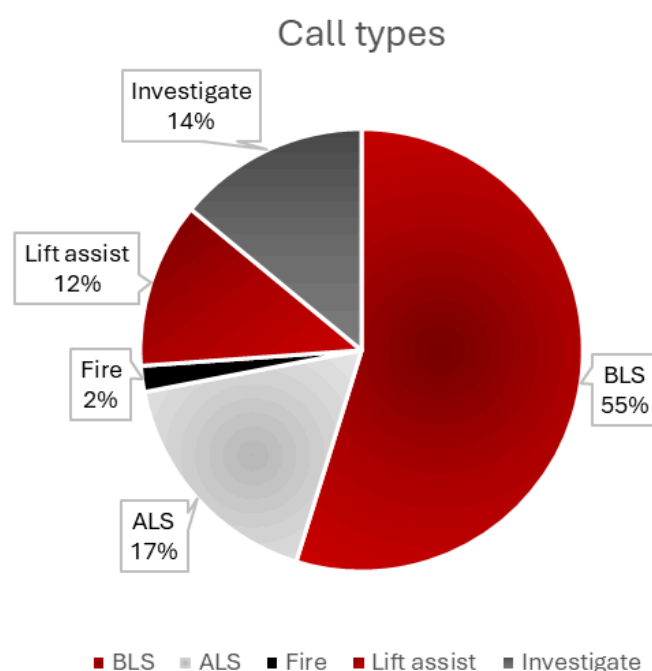


22 Total County Calls

Operations Commander Don Howard

In May, the department responded to 215 calls. The Port Orange and Daytona Beach Fire departments were dispatched to our city 34 times to address overlapping emergency calls.

Notably, this month our department saw a higher call volume of Basic Life Support (BLS) calls, as opposed to previous months that had a greater number of Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls.



Operations Cont. Commander Don Howard

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A Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) comprises four firefighters positioned outside a structural fire. These teams are deployed when two interior attack crews are engaged inside a structure. Each team member is equipped with essential rescue tools, including a thermal imaging camera (TIC), chainsaws, forcible entry tools, and an RIT bag, which contains an air cylinder fitted with a regulator and air cascade system. The latter functions as a universal attachment designed to rapidly replenish the air supply of incapacitated firefighters.

The reduction in the number of fires over the years has not correlated with a decrease in firefighter fatalities caused by fires. Current data indicates that the RIT team takes an average of eight to nine minutes to reach a downed firefighter. These statistics were obtained in a controlled environment, not during an actual fire incident. Additionally, it has been observed that it can take up to 12 firefighters to rescue one firefighter. One factor contributing to this challenge is that although our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) can hold up to 45 minutes of air when firefighters operate in extreme heat and high-stress conditions, the national average airtime is only 12 minutes.





Jacob W. Bridger

May 21, 2002 – May 22, 2024

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

*When I am called to duty, God,
Whenever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life,
Whatever be it's age.*

*Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person
From the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert and
Hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling
And give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
And protect their property.*

*And if, according to my fate,
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting
Hand the special people in my life.*

~Author Unknown

