

Monthly Report

JUNE 2024



Message from Chief Brant...

As we conclude the month of June, I want to reflect on the remarkable efforts and achievements of our dedicated team here at the South Daytona Fire Department. This month has been a testament to our commitment to serving and protecting our community with excellence and unwavering dedication.

Emergency Response and Incident Management

In June, our department responded to 223 incidents, ranging from fire emergencies to medical calls. I am proud to report that our response times continue to exceed national standards, ensuring that our community receives prompt and effective assistance in times of need.

Training and Development

Continuous improvement is at the heart of our mission. This month, our team participated in Advanced Life Support training, which focused on obtaining CEUs for our paramedics for recertification and enhancing our skills on medical calls. These training sessions not only enhance our operational capabilities but also foster a culture of learning and growth within the department.

Community Engagement

Engaging with our community remains a top priority. In June, the Citizen's Alert hosted a meeting based on Hurricane Preparations, where we had the opportunity to connect with residents and share safety tips. These interactions strengthen the trust and rapport between our department and the citizens we serve.

Recognition and Appreciation

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members of our department for their hard work and dedication. Special recognition goes to Steven Evancho for his outstanding performance in laying the groundwork for a community outreach program that will focus on citizens who need extra care from our department. The goal of this program is to provide a service to these people so that their situations do not become emergencies. His commitment to excellence is an inspiration to us all.

As we move forward, let us continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Together, we can ensure the safety and well-being of our South Daytona community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe,

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

The South Daytona Fire Department firefighters are still transitioning and learning how to cope with the loss of one of our own, our department will never be the same and our mental health is at the forefront of all our minds. According to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, an increasing number of firefighters die by suicide, estimated to be about 100 a year, experiencing mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress, contracted from exposures they suffered while delivering emergency services to the public. We are working on adjusting to our new normal with a better awareness and understanding of our mental health.

During the month of June, A-shift responded to 109 emergency and non-emergency 911 calls including but not limited to; a brush fire, pediatric seizure, stroke alert, motor vehicle accident with trauma alert, cardiac arrest where we were able to get pulses back, an elevator emergency where someone was stuck inside, and we rescued 4 baby ducks. We like to approach each call as an opportunity to use our skill set to assist those in need.

We continued to focus on training and physical fitness completing our annual agility test, completed our biannual Advanced Cardiac Life Support recertification, hydrant training, fire attack evolutions, medication training using our pediatric broselow tape, high-rise fire attack evolution at Halifax Landing Condos, Lt. J. Kirby attended an Emergency Medical Services protocol meeting assisting with the new medical protocols that will go live this year, walk-through at Luther Hall Apartments, completed the driver evaluation course with FF/EMT Fischer. We also enjoyed making a pit stop at a snack stand to visit with the kids in our community!

Thank you to Community Giveback Charity Organization for hosting an appreciation breakfast for us! Sponsored by J&B Painting Plus of Florida INC, where we enjoyed delicious food from Steve's Famous Diner and amazing Cuban coffee from Wawa! It was so nice to be appreciated and to be able to sit and chat with Travis who founded the organization and is spreading his generosity to local first responders.



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We would also like to thank Daytona Beach Fire Department for inviting us to their award ceremony and presenting us with a unit citation for a call where we assisted in treating multiple children that were pulled from a burning building.

Lastly, as a department, we attended the funeral of Firefighter Jacob Bridger to celebrate his life and pay our respects to his family. We truly appreciate all the support from our brothers & sisters from surrounding departments, the community, and the staff and elected officials of the City of South Daytona.

Total Combined Training Hours for A-shift - 68 (recorded through Target Solutions)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

<u>Emergent Calls</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Turnout Time	0:01:39	0:01:41
Travel Time	0:07:01	0:07:28
Response Time	0:07:58	0:08:44
On Scene		0:18:10





B-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic

Chad Hubeck - Driver Engineer/Medic

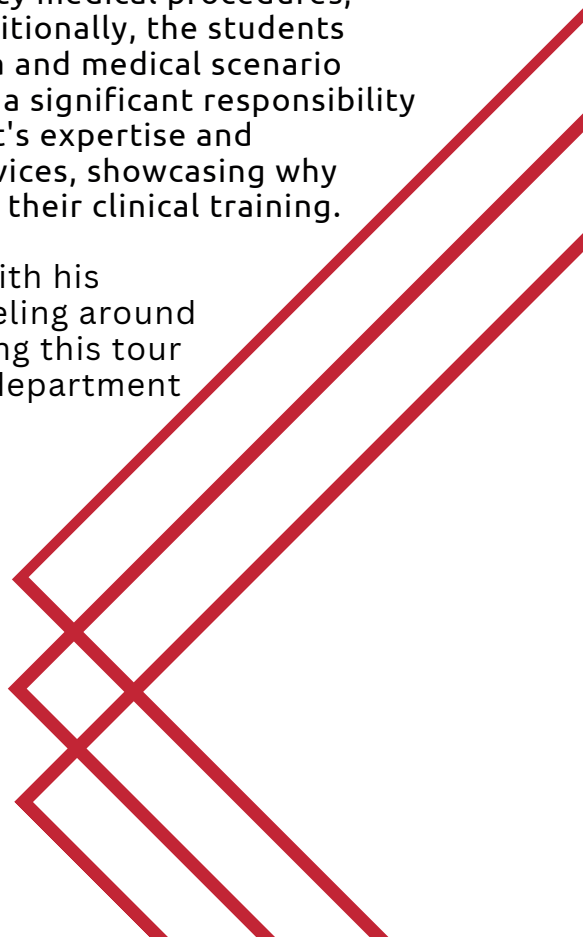
Michael Matos - Firefighter/EMT

Jacob Bridger - Firefighter/EMT

Throughout June, B-shift firefighters have concentrated on EMS training, which included EMT students from Daytona State College joining us for a ride-along.

Additionally, we conducted elevator training, and station tours, and performed daily and weekly station duties and maintenance to ensure the smooth operation of the fire department.

- Firefighters received comprehensive training on handling elevator emergencies, covering critical areas such as electrical safety, proper use of specialized elevator keys, and rescue procedures. They learned how to safely shut down electrical components to prevent further hazards and were trained to manually open elevator doors when someone is trapped due to a malfunction. The training also included detailed procedures for assessing situations, communicating with trapped individuals, and safely extracting them, as well as protocols for coordinating with elevator technicians and emergency medical services.
- Three EMT students chose the South Daytona Fire Department for their 12-hour clinical rotations. During these rotations, they received thorough preparation and instruction to ensure they become competent EMTs. This training included hands-on experience with emergency medical procedures, patient assessment, and critical care techniques. Additionally, the students were specifically prepared for their upcoming trauma and medical scenario tests at Daytona College. Mentoring EMT students is a significant responsibility for our crew, allowing us to highlight our department's expertise and commitment to excellence in emergency medical services, showcasing why South Daytona Fire Department is an ideal choice for their clinical training.
- An 11-year-old boy visited our station for a tour with his mother. This young man spends his summers traveling around the state visiting different fire departments, making this tour anything but ordinary. He was well-versed in fire department



B-SHIFT Continued

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terminology and apparatus, demonstrating a remarkable understanding for his age. We spent over an hour showing him our station and engines, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

- We had Jacob Bridgers' funeral, which was a difficult time for the fire department. The loss of Jacob, a cherished member of our team, was deeply felt by everyone. The funeral service brought together our firefighters and members of the community and neighboring fire departments, all paying their respects to a dedicated and brave individual who had served with honor and commitment. The ceremony included heartfelt eulogies, a tribute to Jacob's service, and a procession of fire engines as a mark of respect. This period of mourning highlighted the strong bond within our department and the profound impact Jacob had on those around him. It was a time of reflection and support, as we came together to honor his memory and legacy.
- We installed a residential Knox Box, a secure, tamper-proof metal box that holds keys to a property. This box allows first responders to quickly access the property in an emergency without causing damage to doors or windows. When an emergency call comes in, firefighters can use a master key to open the Knox Box, retrieve the keys inside, and gain immediate entry to provide assistance. This system enhances response times and efficiency, ensuring that help can be delivered promptly while minimizing property damage. The residential Knox Box is particularly beneficial for vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly or those with medical conditions, as it ensures that emergency services can reach them swiftly in critical situations.
- Total Combined Training Hours for B-shift - 119.49 (recorded through Target Solutions)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

<u>Emergent Calls</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Turnout Time	0:01:29	0:01:53
Travel Time	0:07:39	0:06:25
Response Time	0:08:19	0:07:20
On Scene		0:45:00





C-SHIFT

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

This month, the members of C-Shift committed time to prioritizing high-rise training and renewing our emergency medical certifications. Driver Engineer Evancho dedicated significant time to finalizing the outline for the paramedicine program, a service that benefits our citizens. Despite our challenges as a single-station department with limited resources, we are dedicated to staying prepared and ensuring our community is well-protected. - Lt C. Kirby

- June 10th - DE Evancho finalized the Community Paramedicine outline and submitted it for approval.
- June 11th - attended the 4hr ACLS recertification training.
- June 12th - C-shift along with the entire fire department attended FF Jacob Bridger's funeral.
- June 16th - hose line advancement and management training for 3hrs.
- June 25th - Community Paramedicine program presentation to the members of Our Lady of Hope, along with high-rise training, including portable standpipe, elevators, and fire alarm systems.
- Installed a smoke detector and changed the batteries in an existing smoke detector for a resident on Sea Isle Circle.
- DE Evancho assisted as an instructor for ACLS and BLS training.
- FF Nield started the Tactics and Strategies class, working towards his Fire Officer I certification.
- Lt. C. Kirby finished his last two classes and has completed his Bachelors Degree in Fire Administration.
- Total Combined Training Hours for C-shift - 119.52 (recorded through Target Solutions)

MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

<u>Emergent Calls</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Turnout Time	0:01:37	0:01:33
Travel Time	0:05:56	0:05:05
Response Time	0:06:55	0:06:28
On Scene		0:20:07



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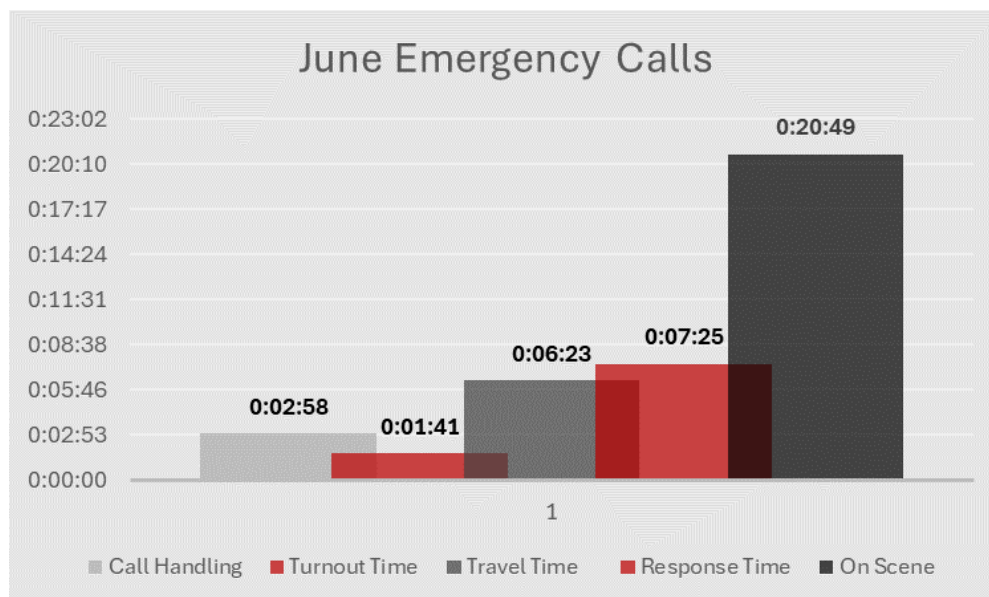


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Total number of completed Annual Fire Inspections for June.

THIS MONTH'S DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- June 12th - the entire department attended the funeral of one of our own, Jacob Bridger. His life was celebrated by all who had the pleasure of knowing this outstanding young man and that was many including several surrounding Fire Departments and EMS transport units.
- June 11th, 13th, & 18th - ACLS renewal training was held in Port Orange for on shift crews.
- June 24th, June 27th, & June 30th - the on-duty shift had EMT students from Daytona State ride-along for a 12-hour shift.
- June 25th - Steven Evancho presented information about our new Community Paramedicine program to the members of Our Lady of Hope.
- June 29th - the on coming and off going shift were provided breakfast through the Community Giveback program.



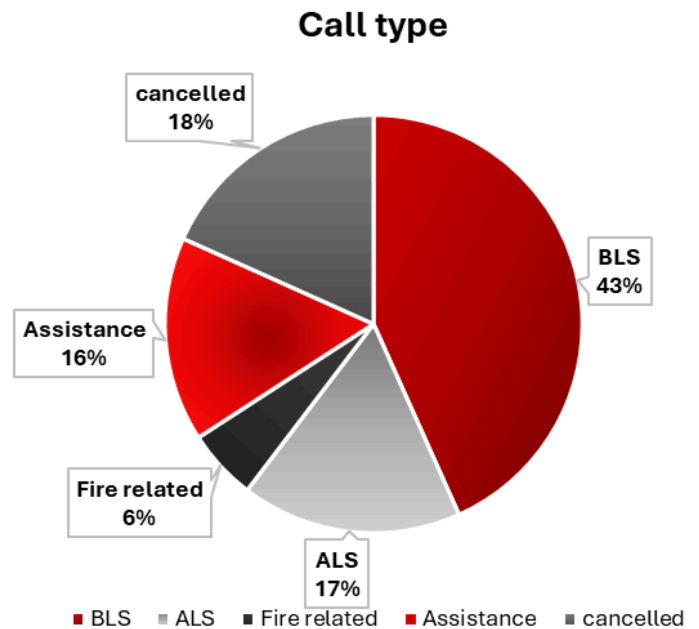


Operations Commander Don Howard

223 Total Calls **20** Calls to the County

Automatic aid, is a vital part of our operations. It refers to assistance dispatched automatically through a contractual agreement between two communities or fire districts to respond to all calls within that district. We greatly appreciate the support of the following cities that assisted our district while our engine was attending to other calls.

23 **Port Orange**
2 **Daytona**
1 **Daytona Shores**



Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics play a crucial role in our operations. To ensure they are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills, they must undergo recertification every two years. In June, the focus was on renewing the Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification. This specialized program, tailored for healthcare professionals, is of utmost importance as it equips them to manage instances of cardiopulmonary arrest and other cardiovascular emergencies. Listed below are a few of the categories covered in the course.

- ECG interpretation and ACLS pharmacology
- Recognizing and managing pre-arrest, arrest, and post-arrest patients.
- Includes post-cardiac arrest care