



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

South Daytona Fire Rescue

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# MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

*As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future, I am proud to present this message on behalf of the dedicated men and women of South Daytona Fire Rescue. 2024 marks another year of unwavering commitment, professionalism, and progress for our department and the community we serve.*

*Our mission remains clear: to protect life, property, and the environment through service, compassion, and excellence. Every day, our firefighters respond with courage and readiness—whether it's a structure fire, medical emergency, hazardous incident, or community outreach event. Their tireless efforts are a testament to the values we uphold as a department.*

*This year, we have continued to invest in training, technology, and resources that enhance our ability to serve with efficiency and safety. From updating our emergency response protocols to expanding public education initiatives, we are always looking for ways to grow and improve. The addition of new equipment and ongoing professional development ensures that we remain prepared to meet the evolving needs of our residents.*

*Community partnerships are at the heart of our success. We are grateful for the trust placed in us by the citizens of South Daytona, and we remain committed to building strong relationships through transparency, responsiveness, and mutual respect. Programs such as CPR training, fire prevention education, and community risk reduction efforts are just a few ways we stay connected and engaged.*

*Looking ahead, our goals remain centered on continuous improvement, operational readiness, and strengthening our role as a vital part of this city. With pride in our past and confidence in our future, South Daytona Fire Rescue stands ready to serve—24 hours a day, 365 days a year.*



*Thank you for your continued support and trust.*

*Sincerely,*

*John K. Brant*

*Fire Chief  
South Daytona Fire Rescue*



# Mission, Vision, Core Values

## **MISSION**

**To preserve the quality of life, protect property, and maintain a stable environment through professional delivery of service.**

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## **VISION**

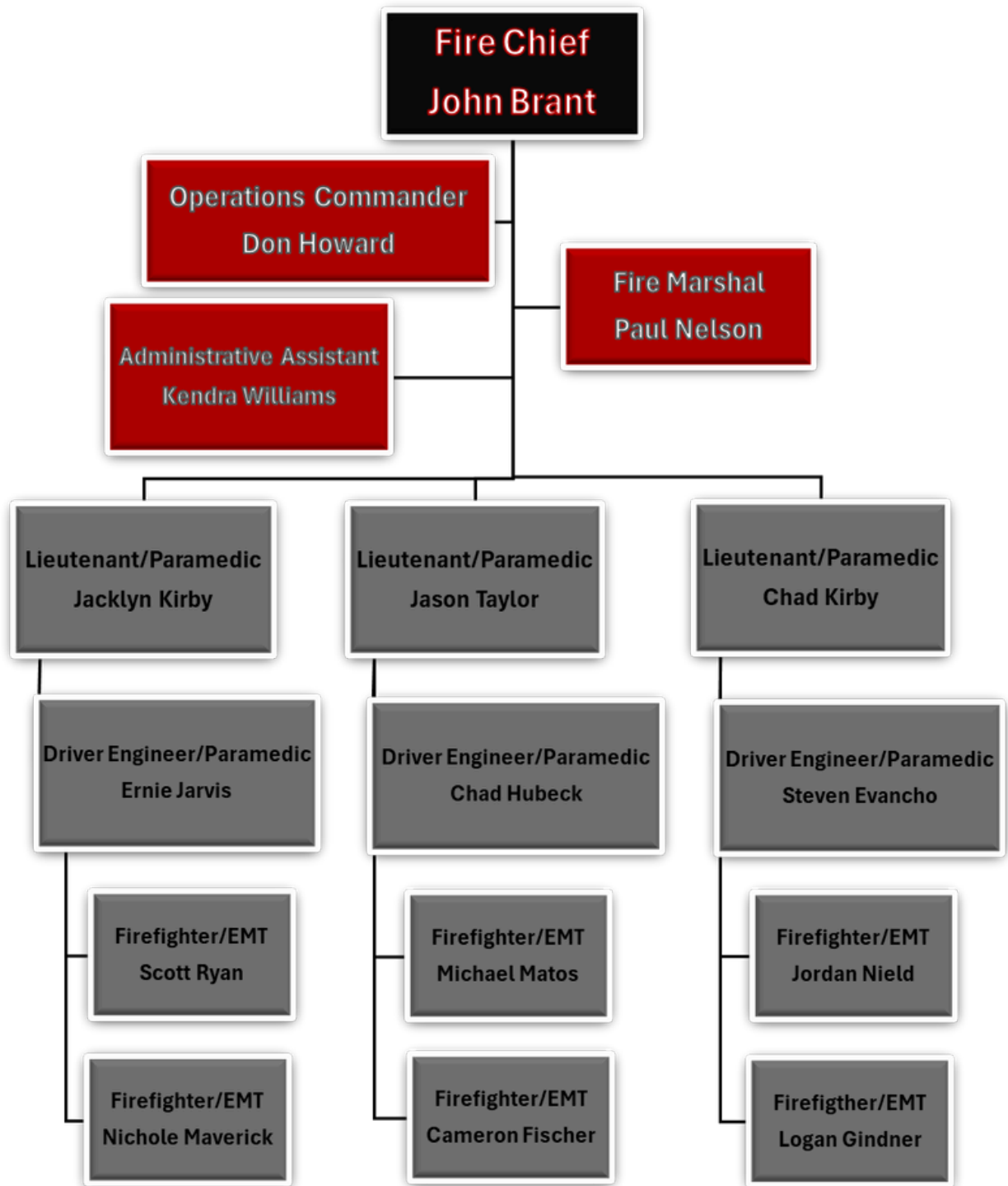
**Is to set standards of excellence, guided by the principles of trust, integrity, loyalty, honesty, and respect for all.**

## **Core Values**

**Integrity and Honesty  
Professional Excellence  
Positive Servant Attitude  
Humility  
Initiative  
Compassion  
Diversity  
Accountability  
Teamwork  
Safety**



# Organizational Chart



# Employee Recognition



## Firefighter of the Year Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT

Jordan Nield has been honored as the 2024 Firefighter of the Year. A highly skilled and versatile employee, Jordan brings a wealth of talents to the department. He consistently takes on new station projects and demonstrates exceptional dedication as both a firefighter and EMT, serving the citizens of South Daytona with professionalism and commitment. In addition to his duties, Jordan has taken on a mentorship role, guiding new firefighters through various fire and medical topics. He has also helped them navigate station operations, leading by example with a positive attitude. His unwavering work ethic, reliability, and outstanding performance makes him truly deserving of this recognition.

## Welcome Aboard Logan Gindner - Firefighter/EMT

Logan joined our department in August 2024, coming straight from Fire and EMT school, where he was in his first semester of paramedic training. He has proven to be a valuable addition to our team, bringing a positive attitude and a strong willingness to learn. Logan has continued to develop both personally and professionally. We are confident that he will achieve great success in his career. Now in his second semester of paramedic school, he is performing exceptionally well. Our department has fully embraced him, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for him.



## *In Loving Memory* *Jacob Bridger - Firefighter/EMT* *May 21, 2002 - May 22, 2024*



# Employee Recognition

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## 2024 Awards Banquet

### *Paul Nelson - Fire Marshal*

- 35 Years of Service
- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- Disaster

### *Jason Taylor - Lt/Medic*

- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- BLS Instructor
- PALS Instructor
- ACLS Instructor
- Lifesaving
- Lifesaving

### *Michael Matos - FF/EMT*

- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- Disaster
- Lifesaving

### *Jordan Nield - FF/EMT*

- Firefighter of The Year
- Disaster
- Baby Delivery

### *Kendra Williams - Admin Assistant*

- Disaster
- Administration Commendation

### *Cameron Fischer - FF/EMT*

- Pump Operator
- Unit Commendation - GSW

### *Ernie Jarvis - DE/Medic*

- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- Trench Rescue Ops & Tech

### *Steven Evancho - DE/Medic*

- Disaster
- BLS Instructor
- PALS Instructor
- ACLS Instructor

### *Chad Hubeck - DE/Medic*

- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- BLS Instructor
- PALS Instructor
- ACLS Instructor
- Lifesaving

### *Nichole Maverick - FF/EMT*

- Disaster
- Baby Delivery

### *Scott Ryan - FF/EMT*

- Unit Commendation - Hurricane Milton Fire
- Unit Commendation - GSW
- Disaster

### *Logan Gindner - FF/EMT*

- FL Firefighter I
- FL Firefighter II
- NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800
- EVOC
- EMT



# SDFD At A Glance



**5.0**

Total Square Miles



**13,781**

Population



**1.3**

Miles of Water



**1**

Fire Stations



**2,856**

Responses



**\$569,400**

Property Saved Fire



**2**

Class



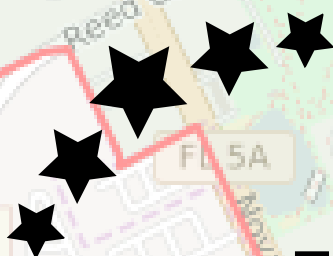
**4**

Administrative Staff



**15**

Certified Personnel



**175**

Total Years of Service





# History

South Daytona was once a town called Blake in the mid 1870s. In the 1926 Daytona Beach annexed all the adjacent territories, including the town of Blake. Then in 1938 the residents of Blake succeeded in separating from Daytona Beach and became the town of South Daytona. The town of South Daytona was then incorporated as the City of South Daytona on June 18, 1951. It is located on the Halifax River just south of the city of Daytona Beach within Volusia County.

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## City Council Members & Administration



**Mayor**  
Williams Hall



**Vice-Mayor**  
Eric Sander



**Council Seat 1**  
Brandon Young



**Council Seat 2**  
Doug Quartier



**Council Seat 3**  
Lisa O'Neal



**City Manager**  
James Gillis



**Deputy City Clerk**  
Becky Witte

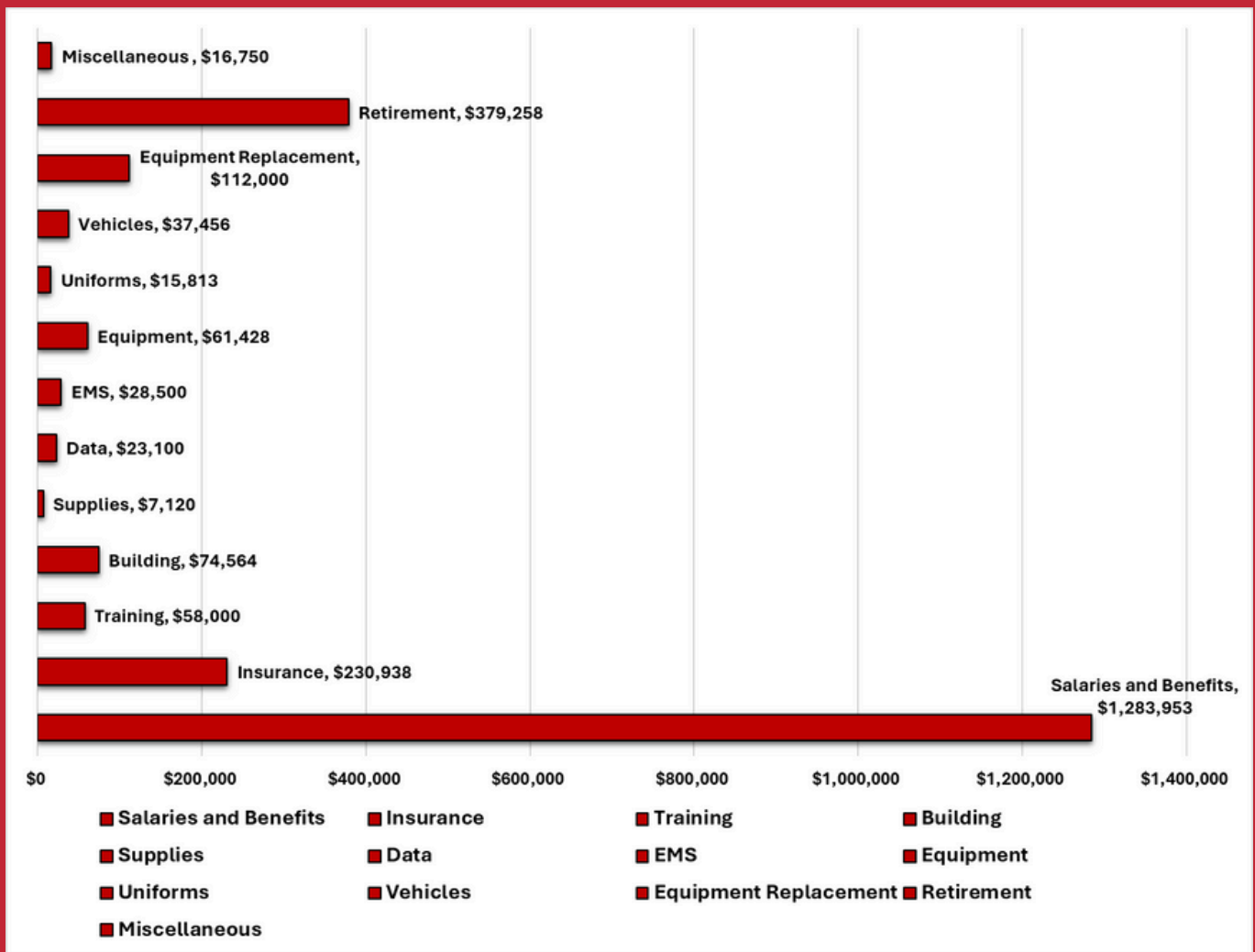
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## City Departments

- Building
- Code Compliance
- Community Development
- Finance
- Economic Development
- Finance
- Fire Department
- Human Resources
- Parks & Recreation
- Utility Billing
- Police Department
- Public Works



# Budget & Growth





# Community Outreach

Community outreach fosters a safer community by being directly involved with the residents. Throughout the year South Daytona Fire Rescue organizes and attends community events designed to involve, educate, and support the residents. Numerous hours are spent on assisting and educating residents, fire prevention programs, fire escape plans, and giving back to the community with school supply fundraisers and toy drives.

- 9** Knox Box residential installs
- 12** Smoke detector residential installs
- 17** Fire prevention & education tours
- 15** Community events
- 21** Student ride-alongs
- 4** CPR training classes



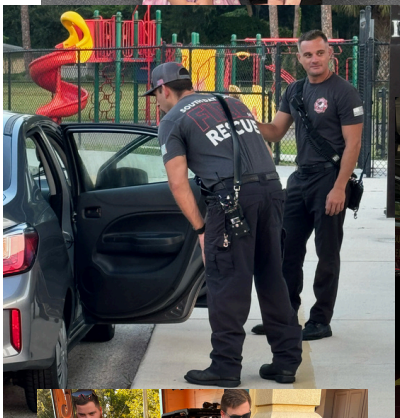
- 2** Donation drives
- 4** Public speaking engagements
- 5** South Daytona Elementary Events
- 2** Highschool Job Fairs - Career Days/

- James Street Baseball
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Fishing Tournament
- Mother's Day Tea
- National Night Out
- 9/11 Memorial stair climb
- Light the Night
- BBQ Festival
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Citizens Alert hot dog wagon





# Community Outreach





# SDFD Year In Review

**2,856**  
Calls for Service

## CALL PERCENTAGE

**73%**

Emergency Medical  
Services

**27%**

Fire



## RESPONSE TIMES

2024 Response Times

**INCREASED**

**78**

SECONDS

Compared to 2023  
(Due to more overlapping calls  
in 2024)

## CALL VOLUME

2024 Call Volume

**INCREASED**

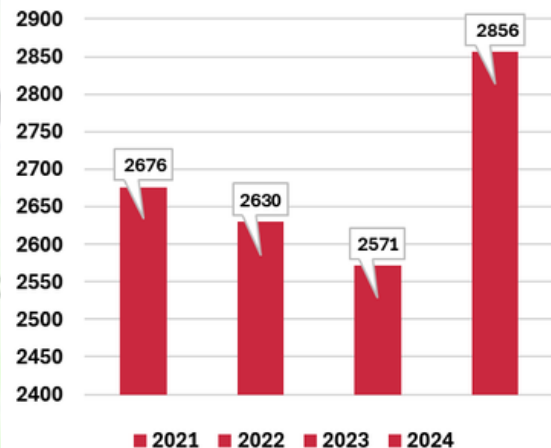
**285**

Incidents  
Compared to 2023

## TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE

Basic Life Support (BLS)	890
Canceled En Route	331
Investigative	325
Advanced Life Support (ALS)	288
Lift Assist	245
Fire	32


## Call Volume Over the Years





## 3,854 Total Training Hours

Over the past year, our department has dedicated significant time and effort to training and professional development, ensuring our firefighters maintain a high level of proficiency in all aspects of emergency response. This training was completed by **14 personnel**, consisting of the Fire Chief, Operations Commander, three Lieutenants/Paramedics, three Driver Engineer Paramedics, and six EMT Relief Drivers.

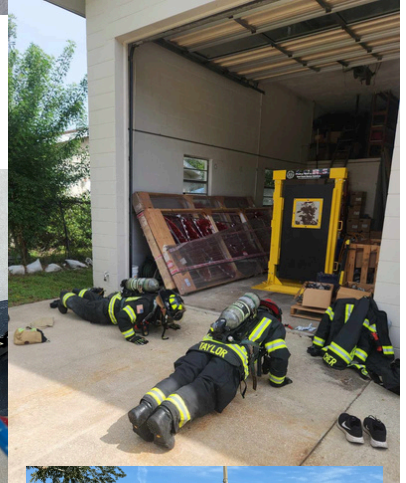
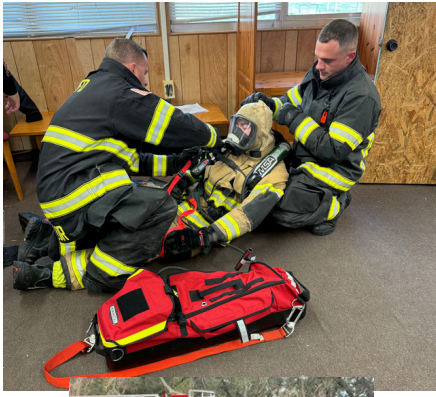
	<b>108 hrs</b>	Driver Training
	<b>72 hrs</b>	Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Training
	<b>216 hrs</b>	Facility Training
	<b>2,304 hrs</b>	Company Training
	<b>36 hrs</b>	Officer Training
	<b>64 hrs</b>	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Renewals
	<b>56 hrs</b>	CPR Renewals
	<b>360 hrs</b>	EMS Continued Education and Renewals
	<b>638 hrs</b>	College Courses & Specialized Certification Classes

This investment in training ensures that our department remains prepared to handle emergency situations effectively, maintain operational readiness, and continuously enhance the skills necessary to serve our community.





# 2024 Training & Education



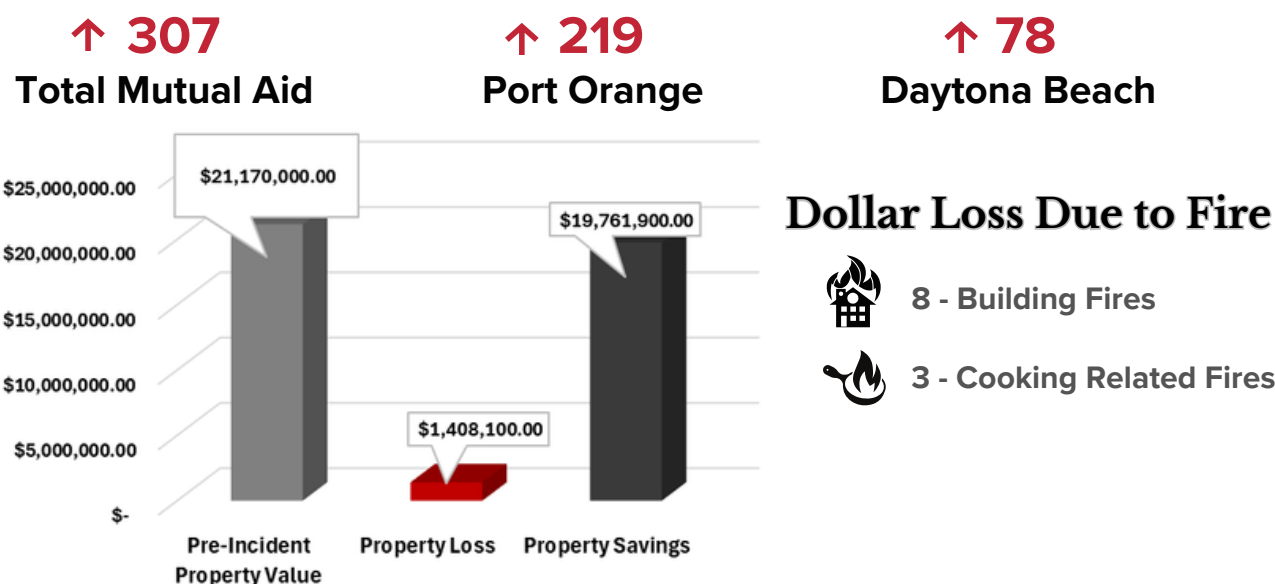
# Operations, Safety & Fire Prevention



**2,856** Total Calls in 2024

**332** Total Calls into County District

Neighboring jurisdictions — including Port Orange, Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, and Volusia County — have collaborated to offer mutual aid to assist our city by responding to calls a cumulative total of 307 times during 2024. Among these, Port Orange has provided the most substantial assistance, responding to 219 calls. Following Port Orange, Daytona has answered 78 calls, revealing the pressing need for cooperative efforts to ensure community safety and effective emergency response. All call numbers show an significant increase in calls up from 2023 call totals.



To further comply with ISO requirements, our crews undertook the vital task of flowing all city hydrants. This process involved testing their functionality and cleaning and repainting those hydrants that displayed signs of wear and tear. Through these efforts, we aim to maintain high readiness and safety within our community.



**395** Hydrants flowed

**176** Hydrants painted

As part of our annual equipment maintenance protocol, 3,500 feet of fire hose were thoroughly tested in conjunction with our ladders. This hose testing is crucial, as any failure in this essential equipment can lead to catastrophic injuries not only for our responders but also for bystanders in the vicinity. Additionally, the ladders carried on our fire engines go through rigorous annual testing to ensure they meet safety standards.



# Operations, Safety & Fire Prevention



**731** Completed Fire Inspections  
**75** Code Violations with **100%** corrected

The city has adopted the most stringent and progressive fire and life safety codes available. Fire inspections are completed on an annual basis and the fire department reviews all plans for new construction. In addition to the Fire Marshal conducting fire inspections on properties our crews regularly go to local businesses to complete pre-fire incident planning.

The department has reached a significant milestone by sending its crews' bunker gear for professional cleaning and inspection for the first time. This initiative ensures that the gear not only meets the rigorous NFPA 1851 standards for structural firefighting equipment but also guarantees that it is maintained in optimal condition for the safety and efficacy of our firefighters. By adhering to these standards, we are prioritizing the health and safety of our personnel, as well as extending the lifespan of the gear used during emergency response operations.

The department conducts comprehensive annual testing on our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to ensure optimal functionality and safety. This critical equipment is employed during operations that require entry into environments deemed immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH), such as fires, chemical spills, or confined spaces with hazardous atmospheres. While routine inspections and testing are performed at the beginning of each shift to verify that the SCBA units are in proper working order, the annual testing goes beyond these basic checks. It involves a thorough evaluation of the equipment's components, including flow testing, pressure testing, and assessments of the breathing air quality. This deeper inspection is crucial for identifying any potential issues that could compromise the safety of our personnel. By maintaining rigorous testing protocols, we ensure that our SCBA units are reliable and ready for use in critical situations, ultimately supporting the safety and effectiveness of our firefighting and emergency response operations.

## 2024 Response Time Data

These times are in the 90th percentile



Call Handling  
0:03:31



Turnout Time  
0:01:43



Travel Time  
0:07:50



Response Time  
0:08:58





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# Emergency Response Hurricane Milton

## Hurricane Milton's Impact on South Daytona - October 2024

In October 2024, Hurricane Milton brought severe flooding and storm damage to South Daytona, Florida. With winds up to **87 mph** and over **12 inches of rainfall**, neighborhoods like Big Tree Village were heavily impacted. Flooded streets led to **66 water rescues**, carried out by emergency crews under dangerous conditions.

Citizens such as **Scott and Saralee Spencer** also stepped up to assist with rescue efforts, reflecting the community's resilience and compassion.

The **City Manager, City Council, and city departments** were on the ground **before, during, and after the storm**, supporting residents and coordinating emergency operations.

Many homes damaged during Hurricane Ian in 2022 were once again affected, making recovery especially challenging. The city responded quickly, opening assistance stations at the **Piggotte Community Center** to help residents with essential services and recovery efforts.

Though the damage was significant, the unified response of residents and city leadership demonstrated the strength and spirit of South Daytona.



# Fire Department & Apparatus Information



The South Daytona Fire Department ISO rating remains a Class 2 rating. The rating has remained a Class 2 since 2015. According to the ISO, only 4.3% of communities nationwide have a rating of Class 1, 2, or 3. Therefore, South Daytona is rated by ISO in the top 3% in the nation in providing fire protection services.

## Apparatus

Engine 98 - Front Line  
Engine 198 - Reserve  
Battalion 98 - Command Unit  
UTV for Special Assignments

- Community Events
- Hurricanes



## Offered Services

- Smoke Alarms
- Home Safety Inspections
- Friends and Family CPR Classes
- Community Outreach



Our department consists of 16 personnel

- 12** Suppression Staff Members
  - 3** Lieutenants
  - 3** Driver Engineers
  - 6** Firefighters (All firefighters are also certified EMT's)
  - 9** Paramedics (**6** on Suppression and **3** on Administration)
- 4** Administration Staff Members
  - Fire Chief
  - Operations Commander
  - Fire Marshal
  - Administrative Assistant







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