

# SOUTH DAYTONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

# MONTHLY REPORT

## JUNE 2025



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# Message from Chief Brant...

As we reflect on the month of June, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated personnel for their unwavering commitment to serving the citizens of South Daytona. This month brought continued growth, engagement, and readiness across all aspects of our department's mission.

## **Welcome to Our New Team Members**

This month, we are pleased to welcome several new members to our fire rescue family. Your decision to serve the City of South Daytona speaks volumes about your character and commitment to public safety. As you begin this journey, know that you are part of a team that values integrity, professionalism, and service to others. We are excited to support your growth and development as you contribute to our mission of excellence.

## **Leadership and Responsibility**

For those who have recently taken on supervisory roles, I want to emphasize the profound responsibility that comes with leadership. Being a supervisor is more than a title—it's a commitment to guiding others, modeling ethical behavior, and fostering a positive, productive work environment. Your influence will shape the culture of our department and the careers of those you lead. Embrace this responsibility with humility, confidence, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. The future of our department depends on strong, compassionate leaders.

## **Training & Readiness**

Our personnel completed a total of **319 hours** of training during June. This dedication to continued professional development ensures we remain highly skilled and prepared to respond effectively to all emergencies.

## **Pre-Incident Planning & Tactical Readiness**

Our pre-planning activities remain an essential component of our risk-reduction strategy, completing **46** this month. These efforts help ensure our crews are familiar with high-risk occupancies and can operate more safely and efficiently during emergencies.

## **Extrication & Technical Rescue**

This month included several notable technical rescue incidents requiring specialized skill and precision. Our teams remain trained and ready for these high-risk events.

## **Community Education & Outreach**

Public education remains a cornerstone of our mission. In June, our crews participated in multiple educational outreach efforts designed to inform and empower residents on fire safety and emergency preparedness.

As always, I am proud of the professionalism and compassion our team brings to the community each day. We are not only responders—we are educators, protectors, and trusted partners. Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



**Fire Chief**

**South Daytona Fire Department**





## A-SHIFT

**Lieutenant Steven Evancho - Paramedic**  
**Ernie Jarvis - Driver Engineer/Medic**  
**Logan Gindner - Firefighter/EMT**  
**Addison Ray - Firefighter**

During the month of June, A-Shift focused on R.I.T (Rapid Intervention Team) as the main training. This training helped prepare us in case we are ever involved in life and death situations during an emergency call usually during a structure fire.

This training included education on our air packs, our R.I.T bag with what is included inside the bag and how to use each equipment, MAYDAYS (how to alert command that you are in trouble inside a structure fire) search scenarios, how to attach the R.I.T bottle into a firefighters air pack, swapping face masks on a down firefighter, packaging a down firefighter and dummy drags. A-Shift used the walk, crawl, run approach to do this training until the end of the month where a scenario was made up with a live down firefighter and a smoked-out environment.

### Training & Development

- **Firefighting Skills:** Practicing rapid gear donning, efficient deployment and reloading of pre-connect attack lines, ladder operations, deployment of high rise attack lines and mastering hydrant operations.
- **Ventilation skills:** Learned the proper way of conducting vertical ventilation on a roof with the proper material along with the hazards to be aware of.
- **Forcible Entry Training:** Practiced forcing both an inward and outward swinging door with different techniques and tools.
- **ATV Training:** New hires were able to get certified in ATV training. This is needed to operate our side by side that we use during public events.
- **Probational books:** A-Shift continued the work in the two probational books to keep each of the new hires on track in passing probation.
- **Monthly Training:** A-Shift participated with Daytona Fire Department at station 4 with forcible entry.
- **June's Total Combined Training Hours for A-Shift - 154 (recorded through Target Solutions)**

### Operational Excellence

- Completed **20** pre-incident plans, enhancing our preparedness for various emergency scenarios.
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** A-Shift had a brush fire off Ridgewood where there was no damage to any buildings or injuries.
- **June 18<sup>th</sup>** A-Shift had another brush fire off South Ridgewood. Like the last one, we are happy to report no injuries or building damage was done.





## A-SHIFT Continued

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### Administrative & Reporting

- Completed daily and weekly truck checks to ensure equipment readiness.
- Responded promptly to both EMS and fire calls, maintaining a high level of service.
- Submitted timely reports through our reporting system, "Zoll," with call documentation ranging from five minutes to an hour, depending on the complexity.
- Fulfilled daily station duties, including cleaning and maintenance tasks.
- Completed required Target Solutions training modules to stay current with industry standards.
- Maintained physical fitness routines to ensure peak performance during emergencies.

### Community Outreach

A-Shift was able to spend time with the community by spending time with the residents in public places like local restaurants, local businesses and local parks

*"I always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come." - Michael Jordan*





## **B-SHIFT**

**Lieutenant Chad Hubeck - Paramedic**  
**Julian Valiente - Firefighter/Medic**  
**Michael Matos - Firefighter/EMT**  
**Shawn Mercready - Firefighter/EMT**



### **B-Shift Highlights**

During the month of June B-Shift had **2** notable incidents during their shifts.

- **Vehicle Extrication – Trauma Alert:** B-Shift responded to a serious motor vehicle crash involving significant entrapment. Firefighters stabilized the vehicle and performed a rapid extrication using hydraulic tools. The patient was secured and turned over to ALS providers with spinal precautions and trauma packaging. Due to the crew's speed and coordination, advanced care was initiated quickly, improving the patient's chance of a favorable outcome.
- **Water Rescue with a Grab:** During a swift-water emergency, B-Shift executed a successful victim recovery—commonly referred to as a "grab." The team used practiced water rescue techniques to reach the victim and return them to shore safely. This operation highlighted the crew's training, discipline, and ability to act decisively during a high-risk, time-sensitive event.

### **Training Highlights**

- **TargetSolutions Training:** The modules focused on essential fireground and EMS topics, including fire behavior, building construction, patient assessment, and incident safety. These self-directed trainings help ensure every firefighter remains compliant with state-mandated certifications and is up to date on the latest operational best practices.
- **Hose Deployment & Exposure Line Training:** Hands-on hose work this month focused on mastering forward lays, essential for efficient water supply during structure fires. Exposure line training taught firefighters how to protect nearby structures at risk of ignition from radiant heat or embers. These drills emphasized muscle memory, coordination, and situational awareness under simulated stress.
- **Forcible Entry Training:** Crews practiced vital forcible entry skills needed when rapid access is required. Training emphasized door size-up, understanding the type of door, locking mechanisms, and likely failure points. Firefighters used Halligan bars, axes, and wedges to simulate breaching in limited visibility conditions. These realistic scenarios prepared crews for high-pressure incidents such as fires or medical emergencies where immediate entry is necessary.
- **Pre-Incident Planning:** B-Shift completed **10** comprehensive site surveys for local commercial and multi-family properties. These pre-incident plans include hydrant locations, fire suppression system details, and access considerations. Uploaded to department mapping systems, this information allows crews to respond more safely and effectively during emergencies involving complex or high-risk structures.





## **B-SHIFT Continued**

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- **Handtevy Finalization – Pediatric Care System:** The crew completed the final phase of Handtevy training, reinforcing confidence in pediatric emergency care. Training included reviewing age/weight-based medication charts, aligning with updated county EMS protocols, and practicing through mock pediatric calls. The system ensures accurate medication dosages and procedures under pressure, enhancing outcomes in high-stakes pediatric scenarios.
- **Daily Strength & Conditioning:** B-Shift incorporated functional workouts tailored to the physical demands of the job. These daily routines foster readiness for real-world fireground operations while promoting long-term health and crew cohesion.
- **June's Total Combined Training Hours for B-Shift - 99 (recorded through Target Solutions)**

### **Community Engagement**

- **Fire Station Tour for Children:** B-Shift hosted a station tour for local children, providing a behind-the-scenes look at fire service operations. The tour included hands-on demonstrations with gear and apparatus, safety discussions, and time for Q&A. Events like these build trust, foster curiosity, and promote fire safety awareness among our youngest community members.
- **Pinning Ceremony – Promotions & New Hires:** A formal pinning ceremony was held to recognize newly hired firefighters and those promoted within the department. Family, friends, and leadership gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of department members. These milestones strengthen department pride, boost morale, and honor the commitment of those serving South Daytona.





## **C-SHIFT**

**Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic**  
**Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT**  
**Cameron Fischer - Firefighter/EMT**



June was a productive month for C-Shift as we onboarded a new firefighter, responded to numerous high-acuity incidents, engaged in interdepartmental training, and completed several pre-incident plans across the city. The shift remained focused on operational excellence, firefighter development, and maintaining a high standard of readiness. The following is a detailed summary of our activities:

### **New Hire Orientation and Training**

C-Shift welcomed a new firefighter this month. Orientation included hands-on training in hose deployments, SCBA confidence, hydrant operations, EMS protocols, and familiarization with department policies and procedures. The crew worked one-on-one with the new hire to ensure he gained comfort and confidence with all tools, apparatus, and SOPs.

### **EMS Responses – Cardiac Arrests, STEMIs, and GSWs**

We handled several ALS-level emergencies throughout the month, including confirmed STEMIs, cardiac-related calls, and gunshot wounds. These incidents required coordinated responses, accurate patient assessments, rapid 12-lead acquisition, medication administration, and expeditious transport to receiving facilities. Crews performed admirably under pressure and demonstrated strong medical proficiency.

### **Motor Vehicle Accidents and Trauma Alerts**

C-Shift responded to several high-impact motor vehicle accidents, many of which resulted in trauma alerts. Some scenes required advanced extrication efforts using e-hydraulic spreaders, cribbing, and Rescue 42 struts. Firefighters worked efficiently to stabilize vehicles and remove patients safely, coordinating closely with EMS and law enforcement.

### **Promotional Ceremony Preparation**

This month, we began preparations for our pending promotional ceremony to recognize newly appointed Lieutenants and Firefighters. C-Shift was actively involved in rehearsals and coordinating logistics to ensure the ceremony reflects the professionalism and tradition of our department.

### **Joint Training with Daytona Beach Fire Department – Forcible Entry Language**

We participated in a forcible entry training session with Daytona Beach Fire Department at Station 4, focusing on the use of universal verbal commands during entry operations. The standardized terms taught and practiced were: **“Strike, Drive, Stop”** (for the Halligan and flathead axe) and **“Gap, Set, Force”** (to coordinate each step of the entry process). This training was intended to improve safety and efficiency during joint responses where communication and coordination are critical.







## **C-SHIFT Continued**

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### **Pre-Incident Planning**

C-Shift completed **16** pre-incident plans throughout the city, covering a mix of commercial occupancies, and specialized hazard sites. All hydrant locations, utility controls, Knox access points, and special considerations were documented and uploaded for department-wide reference.

### **Company-Level Training – Hose Deployment, Forcible Entry, Search & Rescue**

Ongoing training included drills in hose lays, Halligan use, and search-and-rescue tactics. We emphasized teamwork, clear communication, and situational awareness during all scenarios. Our new firefighter participated in each evolution to reinforce his training foundation.

### **Firefighter Fitness – Cardiovascular and Gear-Based Training**

We continued our firefighter wellness initiative, focusing on cardiovascular conditioning, gear-based workouts, strength training, and functional mobility. These workouts support heart health and operational stamina, aligning with national firefighter fitness recommendations.

### **Station and Tool Maintenance**

C-Shift conducted station maintenance projects including the installation of “**Restricted Area – Authorized Personnel Only**” signage in designated areas per the Fire Chief’s directive. Firefighters also performed detailed tool maintenance, including cleaning and sharpening Halligans, axes, and inspecting Rescue 42s for operational readiness.

- **June’s Total Combined Training Hours for C-Shift - 66.5 (recorded through Target Solutions)**

C-Shift continues to demonstrate initiative, professionalism, and preparedness in all aspects of our service. From training a new firefighter to managing complex calls and enhancing interdepartmental communication, the crew consistently operates at a high standard. The month of June was another strong showing of our commitment to the department, the city, and each other.





# South Daytona Fire Department

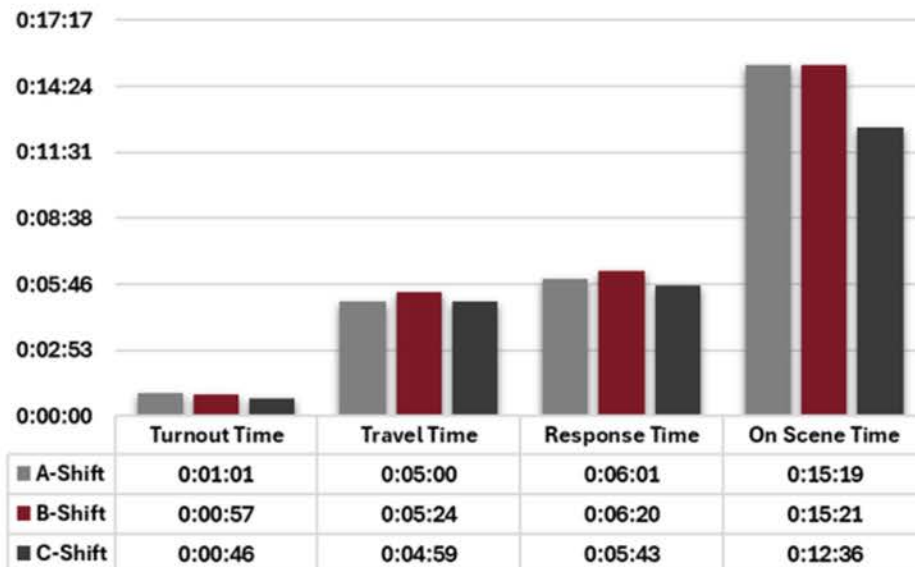
## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **June 5th** - Oath of Office Ceremony for our new hires FF/Medic Julian Valiente, FF/EMT Shawn Mercready, and FF/EMT Addison Ray and our newly promoted Lieutenant's FF/Medic Steven Evancho and FF/Medic Chad Hubeck.
- **June 15th** - Student rider from the EMT course at Daytona State College.
- **June 23rd-25th** - Crews attended Forcible Entry Training held at Station 4 in Daytona Beach.
- **June 30th-July 2nd** - Crews attended De-escalation Training held at Station 1 in Daytona Beach.



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Total number of completed Annual Fire Inspections for June.







# 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

During June, there was **1** resident identified as possibly needing assistance through the S.A.F.E. Resident Outreach Program. Upon attempting to reach out no contact was able to be made with the resident or their family.

The program currently has 1 resident enrolled who is currently in a skilled nursing rehabilitation facility for therapy. While the resident is not at home, I still keep in touch with them to make sure that they are getting the assistance they need and to make sure that upon discharge the resident will have the proper assistance with the home.

Below are some concerning statistics regarding the elderly (65 & older) population in America per a report published in May of 2024 by the Administration for Community Living, a division of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:

- In the U.S., Americans 65 years or older numbered **57.8** million in 2022, representing **17.3%** of the population. The population of the elderly is projected to reach **88.8** million in 2060.
- States with the highest population of elderly in 2022 were Maine (**23%**), Florida (**22%**), Vermont (**22%**), and West Virginia (**21%**).
- The median income in 2022 for the elderly was **\$29,740**.
- In 2022, **5.9** million people over 65 years of age lived below the poverty level, with another **2.7** million had incomes at or just above the poverty level (near-poor).
- In 2023, about **28%** (16.2 million) of the elderly living in the community lived alone.
- In 2022, **24%** of the elderly population assessed their health as fair or poor, with most older Americans having at least **one** chronic condition. Leading chronic conditions among the elderly include:
  - High blood pressure (**59%**)
  - Arthritis (**48%**)
  - High cholesterol (**48%**)
  - Cancer (**26%**)
  - Diabetes (**20%**)
  - Coronary heart disease (**15%**)
  - COPD, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis (**10%**)
  - Heart attack (**8%**)



# Operations

## Commander Don Howard

### Call Volume and Mutual Aid

In June 2025, the department responded to a total of **190**, emergency calls, with **12** calls within county response areas. Due to the elevated call volume, the Port Orange Fire Department and the Daytona Beach Fire Department provided mutual aid on **20** occasions combined.

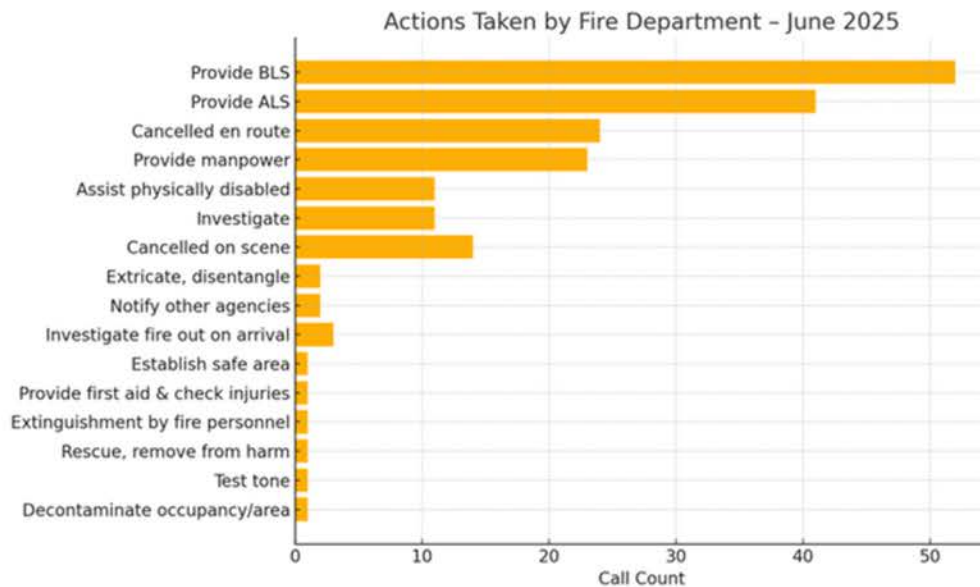
### Medical Incidents

Significant medical calls included:

- **13** cardiac-related incidents
- **35** stroke-related incidents (including **2** stroke alerts)
- **6** trauma alerts

### Actions Taken by Type

The following chart illustrates the types of actions performed by the department in June 2025.



### Personnel Achievements

On June 5th, Lieutenants Steven Evancho and Chad Hubeck were officially sworn in during a ceremony in the council chambers. Their promotion process included a written examination, two practical scenarios (an apartment complex fire requiring victim rescue and a fire in a single-story residential structure), and an oral board interview.

### Departmental Updates

This month, the county initiated a transition to the ESO reporting system, aligning all departments under a unified software platform. ESO is designed to enhance operational efficiency, improve patient outcomes through real-time data sharing, simplify reporting, ensure standards compliance, and streamline fire records, inspections, personnel management, and incident tracking.

### Conclusion

June 2025 reflects the department's dedication to rapid medical response, operational readiness, and professional development of its personnel. The transition to ESO will further advance data-driven decision-making and community service outcomes.