

MONTHLY REPORT

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Message from Chief Brant...

October marked another strong month for South Daytona Fire Rescue as we advanced training, completed our annual Fire Prevention Month initiatives, and continued strengthening community engagement. Across all three shifts, our crews demonstrated professionalism, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence that reflects the values of this department.

Fire Prevention Month – 376 Children Reached

October is traditionally our busiest month for public education, and this year was no exception. Collectively, our department welcomed and educated approximately 376 children from preschools, elementary classes, church groups, and community programs.

Administrative Assistant Kendra Williams coordinated every visit, ensuring smooth scheduling and communication with all participating organizations. Her efforts were instrumental in the success of this month's outreach.

All shifts contributed significantly to our training goals this month, completing a combined 302.5 training hours across core operational areas.

Pre-Incident Planning and Operational Readiness

Across all shifts, firefighters continued to complete and update pre-incident plans within FlowMSP, including multiple commercial occupancies and residential high-risk locations.

Community Engagement & Professionalism

Every shift played an active role in community visibility during Fire Prevention Month. Crews demonstrated outstanding customer service, patience, and professionalism during public visits.

Closing Thoughts

October was an exceptional month marked by high performance, increased public engagement, and a combined training effort that exceeded expectations.

Sincerely,



**Fire Chief
South Daytona Fire Department**



A-SHIFT

Lieutenant Ernie Jarvis - Paramedic

Cameron Fischer - Firefighter/EMT

Lazaro Carrillo-Perez - Firefighter/EMT

October was an especially active and rewarding month for A-Shift, highlighted by the department's participation in **Fire Prevention Month**. The South Daytona Fire Department welcomed approximately **376 children** from local schools, daycares, and churches to the station throughout the month. These visits provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the community and educate our youngest residents on fire safety and prevention.

During each visit, crews conducted **station tours, apparatus demonstrations, and interactive safety presentations**, teaching children how to recognize fire hazards, plan escape routes, and respond safely in an emergency. The events were met with excitement and curiosity from the children and appreciation from teachers and parents. All Fire Dept. members did an outstanding job representing the department and reinforcing the importance of community outreach and prevention education.

A very special **thank you** goes out to **Administrative Assistant Kendra Williams** for her outstanding work in organizing and coordinating this year's Fire Prevention Month tours. Her dedication, communication, and attention to detail ensured each visit ran smoothly and successfully. Her efforts were instrumental in helping the department deliver meaningful fire safety education to hundreds of local children and families.

Alongside Fire Prevention Month activities, A-Shift continued to maintain a high level of operational readiness. Training this month focused on **search and rescue operations, radio communication drills, and building familiarization** within our response area. These exercises ensured each crew member remained proficient and confident in their roles during complex incidents.

Firefighter Fischer successfully **earned his position as Relief Driver** this month. Throughout his training, Fischer demonstrated strong technical skill, professionalism, and leadership potential. His dedication to mastering apparatus operations, water supply management, and scene coordination has been evident, and his achievement reflects both hard work and commitment to operational excellence. A-Shift congratulates Fischer on this well-deserved accomplishment.

Firefighter/EMT Carrillo continued building on his fundamental firefighting skills, participating in hose deployment, ladder placement, and SCBA confidence drills. His enthusiasm and consistent effort have strengthened crew performance and team morale.



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Lt. Jarvis continued overseeing daily operations, ensuring training consistency and readiness across all personnel. His leadership and planning contributed significantly to the success of Fire Prevention Month activities and the department's strong connection with the community.

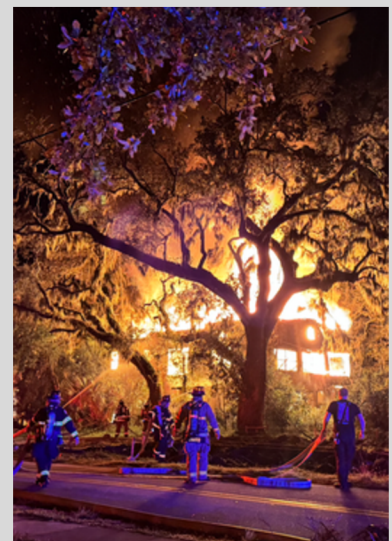
Looking ahead, A-Shift will continue refining **driver/operator proficiency, building familiarization, and fireground communication skills**. November's focus will include **fireground evolutions** and **incident command scenario training** designed to strengthen tactical decision-making under pressure.

- **October's Total Combined Training Hours for A-Shift - 118.5 (recorded through Target Solutions)**

The crew remains dedicated to professional excellence, continual improvement, and the safety of the citizens we proudly serve.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

~ Benjamin Franklin



B-SHIFT
Lieutenant Chad Hubeck - Paramedic
Michael Matos - Firefighter/EMT
Shawn Mercready - Firefighter/EMT
Zachary Rubin - Firefighter/EMT



October was a productive and well-balanced month for **B-Shift**, marked by steady call volume, strong participation in department-wide initiatives, and continued emphasis on **both training and public education**. The crew completed all assigned **pre-incident plans**, continued mentoring and developing our newest recruits, and remained highly active in **fire prevention activities** throughout the community.

Training Summary

Training efforts in October focused heavily on hands-on fireground fundamentals and operational readiness. Several key modules were completed:

1. Pre-Incident Planning

- Completed all assigned pre-incident plans for B-Shift, ensuring accurate and updated information in FlowMSP.
- Reviewed hydrant locations, building construction types, and access points for quick reference.
- Reinforced the importance of pre-planning in initial size-up, water supply decisions, and tactical assignments.

2. Recruit Orientation & Integration

- Continued structured **orientation and mentoring** for new recruits.
- Covered department policies, apparatus familiarization, PPE checks, and operational expectations.
- Senior members provided one-on-one guidance to ensure new hires are confident with station routines, equipment, and response protocols.

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4. Water Supply Operations

- Conducted evolutions connecting to hydrants, establishing secondary supplies, and relay pumping.
- Emphasized rapid water supply in first-due areas and coordination with mutual aid departments.



B-SHIFT Continued

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5. Pump Operator Training

- Hands-on pumping drills including discharge pressure calculations, friction loss factors, and troubleshooting.
- Provided seat time and practical reps for upcoming engineers.
- Reinforced apparatus placement and water management.

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Fire Prevention & Public Education

October is Fire Prevention Month, and **B-Shift played a major role** in community outreach and education. Crews hosted and assisted with **multiple fire prevention tours for elementary students from VPK through 5th grade** across South Daytona schools. Activities included:

- Station tours and apparatus demonstrations.
- Hands-on lessons on smoke alarms, 911 awareness, and home escape planning.
- Firefighter gear demos to help reduce "fear of turnout gear" among young children.
- "Get down, get out and Stay out"

These events strengthened community trust and provided valuable early safety education to hundreds of local children.

Personnel Development

B-Shift continued building its internal strength through consistent mentoring and shared learning.

- **Recruits** are progressing well, showing improved confidence and technical skills.
- **Drivers and acting officers** received extra reps with pump operations and scene coordination.
- The crew maintained **strong morale**, professionalism, and teamwork.

Summary

B-Shift closed out **October 2025** with strong performance and meaningful contributions both inside and outside the station. From completing all assigned pre-plans to training our next generation of firefighters and educating local schoolchildren. The crew continues to represent South Daytona Fire Rescue with integrity and pride, ensuring our citizens receive the highest level of service and safety.

C-SHIFT

Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic
Jordan Nield - Firefighter/EMT
Lawrence Salemme - Firefighter/EMT
Aramis Bello - Firefighter/Paramedic



Training

October was another productive month for C-Shift, focusing on enhancing both fireground operations and company officer development. Training placed emphasis on air management, hose deployment, and tactical assignments under realistic working conditions.

- **Fireground Operations:** Firefighters conducted multiple evolutions utilizing 2½-inch exposure lines while operating on-air in full PPE, reinforcing strength, endurance, and communication under stress. Additional drills included first and second due engine company responsibilities, door forcing techniques, and scene coordination upon arrival.
- **Ladder Training:** Crews practiced raising and climbing 24-foot extension ladders using proper technique and balance. Firefighters also utilized 16-foot ladders for patient rescue scenarios, emphasizing victim removal and ground-to-window operations.
- **Hydrant Testing & Pre-Incident Planning:** All pre-incident planning for 2025 was completed, and the shift conducted 10 hydrant tests throughout the city. These efforts ensured that hydrant flow data and accessibility remain current and accurate for emergency operations.
- **Company Officer Development:** Continued emphasis was placed on scene management, command functions, and accountability procedures for acting officers. Drills simulated structure fires, vehicle accidents, and command transitions to prepare firefighters for leadership roles.

EMS Training

EMS training in October focused on reinforcing proficiency in trauma and airway management while maintaining familiarity with current protocols and equipment.

- **Airway Management:** Firefighters reviewed and practiced advanced airway techniques, including BVM, I-gel, and ET tube placement.
- **Traction Splint & Back boarding:** Hands-on sessions covered proper application of traction splints and spinal immobilization devices under various patient conditions.
- **Protocol Review:** Continued review of Volusia County EMS protocols to ensure all paramedics and EMTs remain consistent with current standards.

- **October's Total Combined Training Hours for C-Shift - 115.5 (recorded through Target Solutions)**





C-SHIFT Continued

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Community Outreach & Fire Prevention

October marked Fire Prevention Month, making this one of the busiest community engagement periods of the year.

- **Fire Prevention Week:** Hundreds of children visited the fire station for demonstrations, apparatus tours, and safety education. Firefighters taught stop-drop-and-roll techniques, smoke detector awareness, and family evacuation planning.
- **South Daytona Elementary PTA Event:** Firefighters partnered with the PTA to hand out candy and fire safety materials to students during a community event, reinforcing positive engagement with local families.
- **Station Tours:** The station welcomed several community groups for tours, promoting fire safety and education while strengthening department-community relations.

Incidents of Note

October saw several notable incidents that tested the crew's skills and response capabilities: **39 EMS tickets** were created and a total of **80 calls**.

- **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** Multiple motor vehicle collisions occurred, including one where a vehicle entered Stevens Canal. Crews responded swiftly and effectively, with no reported injuries.
- **Structure Fire:** South Daytona units were first due to a structure fire in Daytona Beach involving a reported trapped victim. The victim escaped unharmed, and the fire was extinguished without any injuries to civilians or firefighters.

Safety & Compliance

All firefighters completed annual SCBA fit testing this month. This test ensures each firefighter's mask fits properly and maintains a tight seal during operations. The test is a required annual compliance measure to meet OSHA and NFPA respiratory protection standards.

Summary

October was an exceptionally active month for C-Shift, balancing heavy community outreach with ongoing firefighter development and operational training. Firefighters continued to demonstrate professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to readiness across all fronts—training, EMS, fire prevention, and emergency response. The completion of all pre-incident planning, annual fit testing, and hydrant testing reflects the crew's dedication to maintaining the highest standards of preparedness.



South Daytona Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **October is National Fire Prevention month** - During the month of October our fire department hosted approximately **376** children, ranging from **VPK thru 5th grade** for a total of **11** different tours of our fire department, where our Firefighters taught them about the equipment used and educated them on different ways to stay safe during a fire or emergency situation.
- **October 7th** - The department participated in the National Night Out Parade which is an annual nationwide event that helps build police and community partnerships. It is held in hopes to strengthen the relationship between the residents of the community and law enforcement. Our department participated with the A-Shift crew driving the Engine and the Commander Howard driving the battalion in the parade.
- **October 8th** - The B-Shift crew participated in the South Daytona Elementary student walk to school event by having the Engine parked in the rear of Publix to start the walk.
- **October 21st** - The C-Shift crew went to South Daytona Christian to talk with approximately **12** three year old's about fire prevention and safety.
- **October 24th** - The C-Shift crew went to Loads of Smiles (an extended care facility for medically complex children) during their Fall Festival. The crews demonstrated putting on their bunker gear and showed them some of our equipment, while also interacting with them during some of their activities during the festival.
- **October 25th** - The A-Shift crew brought the Engine to the Waffle Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club at the Piggotte Center for the kids to be able to see.
- **October 31st** - Administrative Assistant Kendra, Commander Howard, and the A-Shift crew participated in the Light the Night event for Halloween. During the event we had a Halloween decorated tent with a table where we handed out candy, fire helmets, and different types of Fire Prevention education materials (such as stickers, bracelets, coloring sheets, etc.)
- During the month of October our department also had **4** EMT students complete ride-alongs for clinic hours.



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Total number of completed Annual Fire Inspections for October.



South Daytona Fire Department

The chart below provides a detailed analysis of the performance metrics for our three crews, focusing on turnout, travel, response, and on-scene times. Each metric is crucial for evaluating our efficiency and effectiveness in emergencies. By examining these reports, we can pinpoint specific areas that may require improvement, ensuring we enhance our overall operational capabilities and maintain the highest standards of service.

October Emergency Call Times

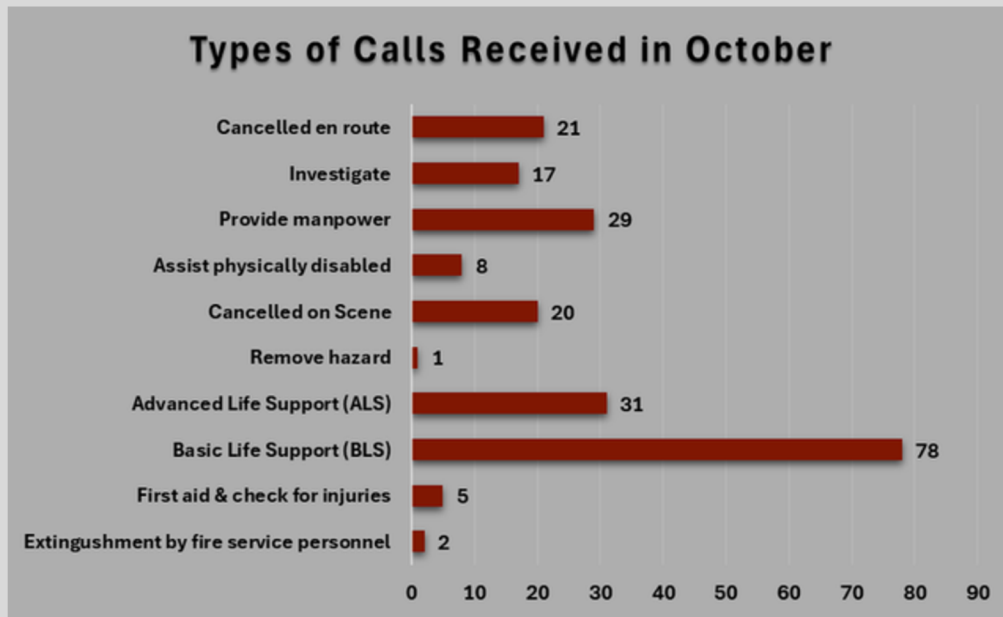


Operations

Commander Don Howard

October remains one of the busiest operational and community engagement months for the South Daytona Fire Department. As Fire Prevention Month, personnel balance day-to-day emergency response with extensive public education efforts. Throughout the month, crews provided fire safety instruction to several different age groups, reinforcing the department's commitment to prevention, life safety, and community outreach.

The department responded to a total of **216** calls during the month of October, with **17** of those incidents occurring within the county response district. Mutual and automatic aid remained an essential operational component, with surrounding agencies responding into the South Daytona district **22** times during periods when crews were committed to other emergencies.



- BLS responses accounted for more than one-third of the month's total activity, reinforcing the department's role as a primary EMS provider.
- Mutual-aid reliance continues to reflect high operational tempo. Tracking these instances helps guide future staffing, deployment planning, and resource allocation.

October's increased community education workload did not negatively impact overall response capabilities. Crews demonstrated consistent turnout and travel times across all shifts. The data highlights reliable response capabilities, efficient shift performance, and a balanced approach to emergency operations and community engagement.