



# Monthly Report

October 2023

## **Message from Chief Brant...**

**I am delighted to present the South Daytona Fire Department's Monthly Report for October. As a transparent agency, we believe in sharing our actions with the City Council, City Manager, department members, and the public every month.**

**First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the South Daytona Fire Department. We had a remarkable month in October, during which we educated over 1000 children on fire Safety. As the fire chief, I am delighted to witness the success of our fire safety education program. I am confident that these kids will pass on what they have learned to their friends, family, and community. I am extremely proud of our crews who showed great attitude and love for this community during these events.**

**It is customary for fire departments nationwide to shut down all events besides fire safety education and calls for service during October. However, that was not the case with the South Daytona Fire Department. Our firefighters continued to train and educate themselves by taking rope rescue, forcible entry, and college classes. Additionally, some of our employees taught these classes to firefighters in the county.**

**All our employees are currently enrolled in outside classes to improve themselves. Six employees are enrolled in college, three are taking high-level technical rescue classes, several have received their Fire Officer II certification, and three others are registered in the Fire Officer I series.**

**I am immensely proud of the South Daytona Fire Department's members, and I couldn't be happier to work with such dedicated individuals who strive to make South Daytona a safer place to live.**



## A-SHIFT

**Lieutenant Jacklyn Kirby - Paramedic**

**Ernie Jarvis - Paramedic**

**Scott Ryan - EMT**

**Cameron Fischer - EMT**

"A-shift highlights for October was being able to teach so many young kids in our community about fire safety & prevention, in hopes it can save a life on day. We have all been very busy with self-improvement as well. One of the things we enjoyed most was our pumpkin carving contest, it was fund spending time together bonding over some fun competition... and the winner is Engineer Jarvis!!!" - Lt. Jacklyn Kirby

### THIS MONTH SHIFT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Oct. 2nd - FF Fischer did fire prevention at his son's school
- Oct. 3rd - FF Fischer practiced bunking out multiple times. Improving his time from 2min 40secs to 1min 50secs. The crew assisted someone in installing a car seat. EMS inventory was taken and an order was placed.
- Oct. 9th - Training on 2 1/2" hose line, pumping the engine and catching a hydrant. Went through the pediatric bag- checking all expirations. EMS order- updating all laryngoscope blades. Company walk-through at Contemporary Plaza.
- Oct. 10th- Lt. J. Kirby attended Officer's meeting
- Oct. 12th - EMS training with FF Fischer- CPR, Airway (CPAP & Airway adjuncts), manual and palp BP's, chest seals. Inventoried and put away EMS order.
- Oct. 15th - FF Fischer timed on bunk again- down to 1min 30secs
- Oct. 18th - Lt. J. Kirby attended EMS meeting, updated paramedic clearing sheet and uploaded to Z-drive
- Oct. 21st - FF Fischer timed bunk out. Company walk-through at Poseidon Aquarium.
- Oct. 27th - EMS medication training
- Oct. 30th - Smoke detector install for a resident. Crew pumpkin carving contest.
- Total Combined Training Hours for A-Shift - 190.99hrs (recorded through Target Solutions)
- Lt. J. Kirby started English II for her Bachelor's Degree and renewed Fire Safety Inspector I
- DE Jarvis instructed Rope Operations training
- FF Ryan completed Rope Operations training
- Crew put in 40+ hours of off duty assistance for Fire Prevention tours, along with teaching Fire Prevention to about 300 kids on-shift.

### MONTHLY CALL HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

<b>Emergent Calls</b>	<b><u>September</u></b>	<b><u>October</u></b>
<b>Turnout Time</b>	<b>0:01:45</b>	<b>0:01:24</b>
<b>Travel Time</b>	<b>0:06:48</b>	<b>0:06:46</b>
<b>Response Time</b>	<b>0:07:50</b>	<b>0:07:27</b>
<b>On Scene</b>		<b>0:21:23</b>



## B-SHIFT

**Lieutenant Jason Taylor - Paramedic**

**Chad Hubeck - Paramedic**

**Michael Matos - EMT**

**Jacob Bridger - EMT**



"B-shift firefighters were busy with various activities to improve their skills and knowledge. These activities included fire prevention, hazmat drills, active shooter drills, and taking college classes to help further their education. Additionally, they participated in special operation classes. It's worth noting that Lt. Taylor taught a thru-the-lock class to firefighters throughout the county at the Volusia County Training grounds. Overall, this month was very successful." - Lt. Jason Taylor

### **THIS MONTH SHIFT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Oct. 4th - Lt. Taylor attended a SERF Training meeting for our Search/VES training in November and the crew participated in Thru the Lock training at FSI.
- Oct. 6 - DE Hubeck completed a 1 week VMR Operations class at Seminole Fire College
- Oct. 9th Lt. Taylor worked on policies for meeting
- Oct. 10th - Officer's meeting. Hazmat drill with crew in New Smyrna, along with community outreach at James St ballfields.
- Oct. 13th - DE Hubeck updated the controlled substance module
- Oct. 16th Assisted SDPD with new hire drill and another evening of community outreach at James St ballfields.
- Oct. 19th - Lt. Taylor participated in instructor training at FSI
- Oct. 20th - Lt Taylor attended an training committee meeting in Port Orange
- Oct. 22nd - trained new FF Fischer in chainsaw breakdown
- Oct. 25th - Active Shooter training at the Daytona International Speedway
- Oct. 31st - Lt. Taylor attended Instructor training at FSI and participated in the Halloween Light the Night event.
- Total Combined Training Hours for B-Shift - 81.15hrs (recorded through Target Solutions)
- Lt. Taylor completed English literature and Fire Behavior thru CSU
- DE Hubeck completed Fire Prevention Organization Management along with EMS Management thru CSU
- DE Hubeck has completed all training requirements for the whole year!



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<b>Turnout Time</b>	<b>0:01:48</b>	<b>0:01:29</b>
<b>Travel Time</b>	<b>0:07:03</b>	<b>0:05:50</b>
<b>Response Time</b>	<b>0:07:56</b>	<b>0:06:57</b>
<b>On Scene</b>		<b>0:24:08</b>





## C-SHIFT

**Lieutenant Chad Kirby - Paramedic**

**Steven Evancho - Paramedic**

**Nicole Bailey - EMT**

**Jordan Nield - EMT**

"During October, we placed great emphasis on Fire Prevention Month. Driver Engineer Evancho collaborated with all the schools and daycares in the city to increase awareness about fire safety among the children in our community. Additionally, we focused on strengthening our team dynamics by training and working out as a crew. - Lt. Chad Kirby

### **THIS MONTH SHIFT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Oct. 2nd - Forcible entry training with the Volusia County training group
- Oct. 5th - FF Nield participated in Active Shooter training
- Oct. 11th - Hazardous Materials training in New Smyrna
- Oct. 26 - Vehicle fire
- Oct. 27th - DE Evancho assisted in teaching forcible entry with the Volusia County training group
- Oct. 29th - Rope Rescue training with the crew
- Throughout the month we worked on team building by weight and circuit training together as a crew
- Completed 2 smoke detectors installs and home inspections for our residents
- Total Combined Training Hours for C-Shift - 158.88hrs (recorded through Target Solutions)
- DE Evancho and FF Bailey assisted with numerous hours on other shifts throughout the month, helping teach fire safety to our local children for Fire Prevention Month
- FF Nield completed his Building Construction class, working towards his Fire Officer I; his final project was to complete a pre-incident plan on John's Appliance.

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<b>Response Time</b>	<b>0:06:46</b>	<b>0:07:18</b>
<b>On Scene</b>		<b>0:28:27</b>

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- PHIL JACKSON**



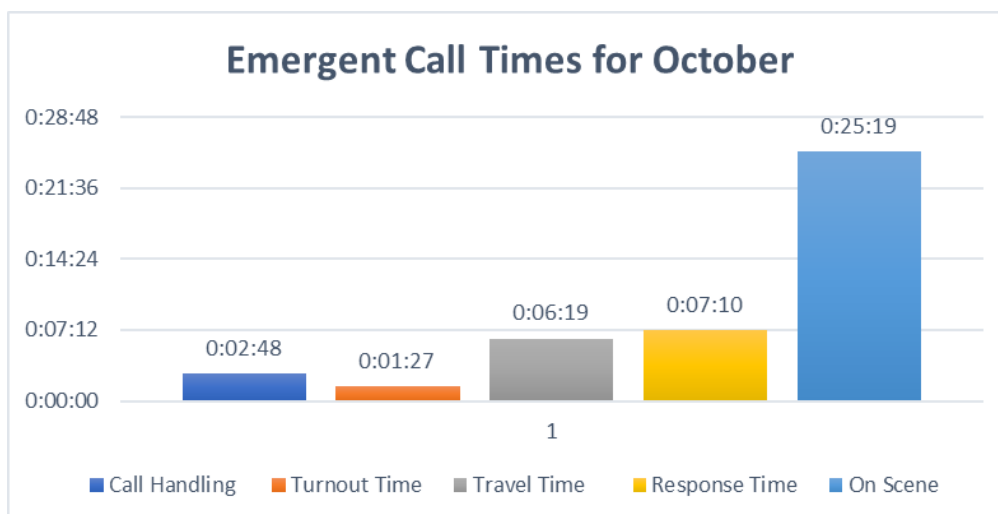
# South Daytona Fire Department

**"The future of the safety movement is not so much dependent upon the invention of safety devices as on the improvement of methods of educating people to the ideal of caution and safety." - Walter Dill Scott**



## **THIS MONTH DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Schools & Daycares scheduled for Fire Prevention
  - Sept. 29th - South Daytona Elementary (40 kids)
  - Oct. 4th - Daytona Christian Academy (70 kids)
  - Oct. 5th - South Daytona Christian (30 kids)
  - Oct. 6th - Kids Cabana (60 kids)
  - Oct. 17th - Warner Christian Academy (130 kids)
  - Oct. 18th - Loads of Smiles (40 kids)
  - Oct. 19th - Warner Christian Academy (130 kids)
  - Oct. 20th - Loving Arms (50 kids)
  - Oct. 24th - Warner Christian Academy (30 kids)
  - Oct. 25th - Daytona Christian Academy (70 kids)
  - Oct. 26th - Chase Academy (30 kids)
  - Oct. 27th - South Daytona Elementary (140 kids)
  - Nov. 1st - South Daytona Elementary (140 kids)
- Oct. 6th - The Fire Department hosted a movie night at Reed Canal park featuring Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse; with approximately 40 kids in attendance
- Oct. 21st - Fire Chief Brant, Operations Commander Howard, FF Nield, and the Fire Chief's son Ethan participated in the Blaine O'Neal Golf Tournament
- Oct. 24th - Monthly Officer's meeting to discuss policy updates and any fire station issues
- Oct. 27th - Fire Chief Brant and Operations Commander Howard participated in the Drive-thru Boo hosted by the City of South Daytona Parks & Recreation Department.



# October Is National Fire Prevention Month

During the month of October, Fire Departments all around the nation celebrate. Fire Prevention Month. South Daytona Fire Department prides itself on educating the younger generations on learning about firefighters, fire prevention, and understanding fire behavior. Countless hours go into the planning, scheduling, and preparation months in advance to make sure the local schools and daycares have a wonderful and educational experience in October.

We kick fire prevention month off with "Movie in the Park" where residents go out to Reed Canal Park and learn what to do if a fire starts in their home, watch a firefighter bunk out into gear, and watch a fire prevention video before the movie starts. We then continued our fire prevention month by going to schools and daycares in and around South Daytona, or we allowed them to come to our fire station to educate the kids on fire safety. Allowing the kids to come to our station gives them not only a learning experience on fire safety but also shows what firefighters do daily and what a real-life fire station looks like.

During their visit, the firefighters are tasked to show and explain a fire safety video that goes into detail about smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fire escape plans, and fire science. The firefighters also get bunked out in their gear that is demonstrated, timed, or raced against another firefighter. We give a tour of the station with a detailed close experience about the fire engines a chance to flow water from a fire hose, and have one-on-one conversations with firefighters. For each age group that comes through our fire prevention tour, fire safety means and looks different.

For kids that are three, four, and five, fire safety might mean understanding what a firefighter looks like in all their gear and not being afraid of us in case of an emergency. Six and seven-year-olds can now understand a fire triangle and the elements to make or eliminate a fire. They can also start to learn the important use of a smoke detector and how often a battery should be replaced. Eight, nine, and ten-year-olds can start to understand how fire extinguishers work and, the tools firefighters use, and remember the fire escape plans they have seen in previous years.

I am very proud to say that this year we interacted with five schools (VPK - 5th Grade) and three daycares totaling to a combined one thousand kids being engaged in fire safety. Each one of those kids were able to take home a fire escape plan booklet to go over with their families to have a plan of actions in case a fire broke out in their home to save a life.

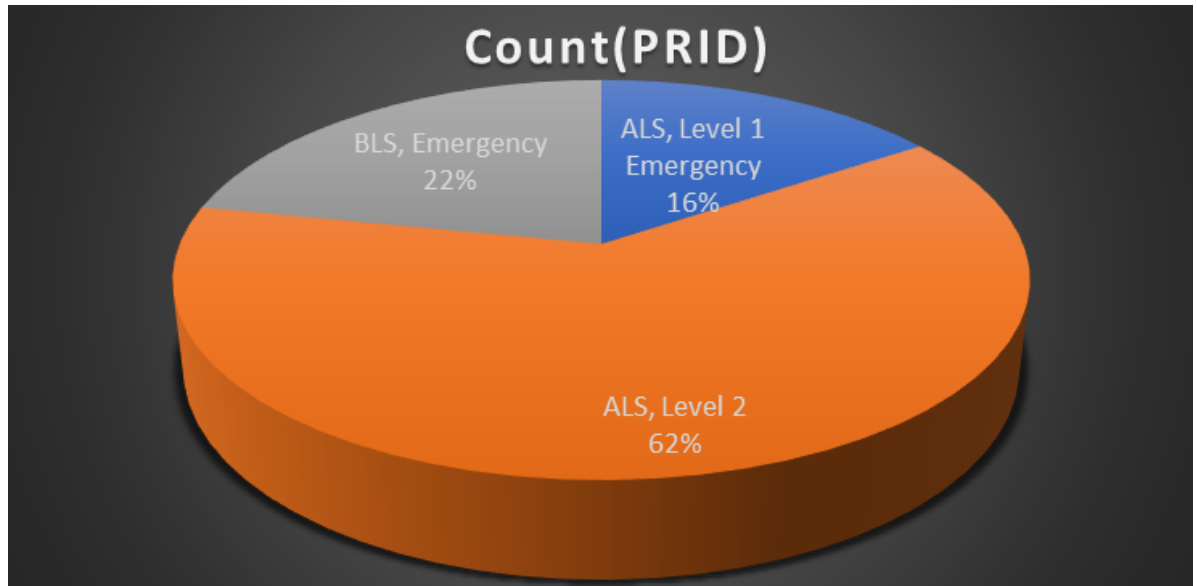
*Driver Engineer Steven Evancho*





## Operations

### Commander Don Howard



#### **CALL HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Total of 197 calls; as shown in the graph above, the department responded to more ALS calls than BLS
- 17 calls within County District were responded to, which is lower than the normal rate.
- Port Orange responded to our city 9 times and Daytona Beach responded 5 times; both due to overlapping calls.
- Both agencies responded to our city 10 times due to our engine being out of service for Fire Prevention and training session in the County.

October was National Fire Prevention Month and historically, it's a hectic month for the department. Our fire prevention program was exceptionally busy this year. On average, the fire crews had at least three days a week where they received 100 or more kids per day. During these days, the kids were taught about fire prevention and shown the engine, with the highlight of their visit was being able to spray water through a fire hose. We also had the Movie in the Park and the Drive-thru-Boo this month, with both events being very successful thanks to the help of the Fire Department crews and the Parks & Rec Department.

The crews also participated in a training session that Volusia County hosted called Through-the-Lock, this training helped hone the crew's forcible entry skills. B-shift also participated in a county-wide Active Shooter Training that was held at the Daytona International Speedway; law enforcement and fire departments from across the county were involved in this one-day event. The goal of the Active Shooter Training was to show both agencies where improvement is needed in case this horrible event ever happens in Volusia County.