

The Beach House Times



Quarterly Newsletter

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The Numbers Page

This quarter, Flagler Beach Fire Department was dispatched to the following calls for service:

Medical Emergencies: 168

Service Calls*: 113

Vehicle Accidents: 23

Fire Alarms: 26

Hazardous Conditions: 50**

Structure Fires: 23

HazMat: 6

Brush Fires: 10

Aircraft Emergency: 1

Vehicle Fires: 5

Water Rescues: 7

Boat Fire: 1

Dumpster Fire: 1

Animal Rescue: 0

*Service Calls include, but are not limited to, installing smoke detectors, invalid assists, unlocking children/pets from vehicles, unauthorized camp/bon fires, assisting law enforcement, etc.

**Hazardous Conditions include, but are not limited to, arcing/downed power lines, large/excessive road debris, damaged/leaking hydrants, collapsed dune walkovers, etc.

Winter Safety Tips

PREVENTION: It's the gift that keeps on giving

Between 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of **860 home structure fires** that began with **holiday decorations** and an additional **210 home structure fires** that began with Christmas trees according to the **National Fire Protection Association**.

CO AND SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Install CO and Smoke Alarms on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.

Be sure to test the alarms once a month and change the batteries yearly.



Happy Holidays
from ESFI

PREVENTION IS...

keeping decorations, or any other **flammable items** at least **3 ft** away from open flame and heat sources.



PREVENTION IS...

inspecting all decorations to ensure they do not have any **frayed or pinched wires** and discarding any **worn decorations**.



PREVENTION IS...

ensuring multiple **extension cords** are **never strung together** or run under rugs, carpets or furniture. And making sure those used **outdoors** are labeled "for outdoor use."



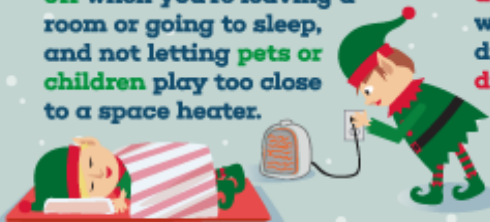
PREVENTION IS...

never leaving cooking equipment **unattended** and **turning off burners** if you have to leave the room.



PREVENTION IS...

never leaving a **space heater** unattended and **turning it off** when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and not letting **pets or children** play too close to a space heater.



PREVENTION IS...

watering Christmas Trees daily and **discarding trees** when they are dry and begin **dropping needles**.



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DURING THE HOLIDAYS

2-3 TIMES
MORE PEOPLE DIE

IN ALCOHOL-RELATED

CRASHES

&

40% OF TRAFFIC
FATALITIES

INVOLVE A DRIVER
WHO IS IMPAIRED BY

ALCOHOL

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Traffic Safety Facts, December 2007.

Hurricane Irma



Hurricane Irma brought a lot of devastation to our beautiful beach town. To this day there are hundreds of people in our city still dealing with the aftermath of this disaster. The support of our community has been overwhelming and truly an incredible show of honor, courage and commitment. We here at the Flagler Beach Fire Department would like to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done. This is our community and we will continue to move forward. Thank you Flagler Beach!