

The Beach House Times



Quarterly Newsletter

July 1st – September 30th

2014

The Numbers Page

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

Medical Emergencies: 142

Service Calls*: 63

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 37

Fire Alarms: 22

Structure Fires: 16

Hazardous Conditions:** 13

Water Rescues: 8

Smoke in Structures: 6

Brush Fires: 3

Elevator Rescues: 3

Aircraft Emergencies: 2

Vehicle Fires: 1

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

**Hazardous Conditions include, but are not limited to, arcing/downed power lines, hazardous materials leaks/spills, road blockage due to debris such as trees or glass, etc.

Highlights of the Quarter

- July 2nd – Mike Gocke and Frankie Flud were hired as Part-Time Firefighters
- July 4th – FBFD participated in the 4th of July festivities including the parade, family luncheon at the fire station, and fireworks at the pier
- September 1st – 1 year anniversary of Dave Kennedy, Steve Cox, and Dusty Snyder being promoted to Lieutenants
- Early September – FBFD was awarded a grant for a billboard, banner, and flyers to recruit new volunteers
- September 3rd – Driver/Engineers Andy Thomas and Morgan Walden began Paramedic school at Daytona State College
- September 11th – FBFD participated in the 9/11 ceremony on the Flagler Beach Pier followed by Mass at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church
- FBFD taught a total of 5 CPR classes to the residents/businesses/employees of the city
- FBFD personal have performed 100+ hours of fire-ground related training

Fire Safety Tips

- Keep space heaters away from anything that can burn
- Store all flammable materials away from heat
- Don't let trash accumulate in the attic, garage, or basement
- Don't run extension cords under rugs
- Keep operational fire extinguishers handy
- Test smoke detectors weekly, replace their batteries every 6 months, and replace the detector itself every 8 to 10 years
- Always know where two exits are in case one becomes blocked by fire
- In the event of a fire, always check doors for heat before opening to be sure there is no fire on the other side
- Leave personal belongings behind and don't go back inside for any reason
- Always crawl under smoke to avoid breathing it in
- Stop, drop, and roll if on fire
- Call 911 for emergencies

Personnel Spotlight



Driver/Engineer Morgan Walden

Morgan joined the FBFD in July of 2012 as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT. As a volunteer, she donated about 75 hours of her time per month. While she was volunteering with the FBFD, she was also working full time for Lake EMS as an EMT. She was eventually offered a temporary position as a paid Firefighter/EMT in January of 2013, making her the first paid female for the FBFD. Upon being hired, she was assigned to be partners with Lieutenant Snyder. A few months later, Morgan was offered a permanent, full time position. Since her date of hire, Morgan has completed numerous furthering education classes including her Driver/Engineer classes, Aerial Operations, Fire Officer 1, and Marine Rescue Operations. In early July of this year, FBFD moved personnel to different shifts to accommodate for Paramedic school. As of September 3rd, Morgan is now partners with Lieutenant Cox and is attending Paramedic school with Driver/Engineer Thomas. In her free time, Morgan enjoys activities such as playing piano, bicycling, going to the beach, and spending time with friends, family, and her parrot, Otis.