

The Beach House Times



STATION 11
FLAGLER BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



Established 1926

Quarterly Newsletter

July 1st, 2014– September 30th, 2015

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The Numbers Page

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

Medical Emergencies: 155

Service Calls: 100**

Vehicle Accidents: 35

Fire Alarms: 16

Hazardous Conditions*: 15**

Structure Fires: 12

Water Rescues: 12

HazMat: 7

Brush Fires: 6

Smoke in Structures: 5

Animal Rescues: 2

Vehicle Fires: 1

Dumpster Fires: 1

Boat Fire: 1

*Due to Lt Snyder going out of town for training before the end of the quarter, these numbers do not include the last 2 days of September.

**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.

Highlights of the Quarter

- July 1st – Installation finished on Attack-11's (FBFD's brush truck) pump.
- July 2nd – New BBQ grill donated to FBFD
- July 4th – All personnel on shift for Independence Day activities throughout city. Also received additional apparatus/personnel from Flagler County Fire Rescue, Bunnell Fire Department, and Palm Coast Fire Department.
- July 7th – FBFD personnel gave station tour/presentation to the Junior Lifeguards. CPR class also put on for Flagler Beach residents at Station 11.
- July 16th through 18th – FBFD personnel on standby all weekend for USLA Lifeguard Competition.
- July 21st – Station tour given to Bunnell Elementary School students.
- Aug. 5th – Both engines received pump testing. Hose testing began.
- Aug. 10th – All ground ladders tested.
- Aug 23rd – FF Walden became a State of Florida certified Paramedic.
- Aug 31st – FF Thomas became a State of Florida certified Paramedic.
- Sep 3rd – FBFD and FBPD held the quarterly safety meeting for the city at Station 11. Vehicle safety was the topic this quarter.
- Sep 5th and 6th – Annual boot drive. More than \$5,000 raised this year to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- Sep 9th – In-house training on responding to Mass Casualty Incidents.
- Sep 11th – FBFD participated in the 9/11 memorial at the pier.
- Sep 19th – Department wide marine rescue training and family day at Gamble Roger's State Park.
- Sep 28th – B and C shifts attended HazMat training at the EOC taught by Ron Gore

What to Expect When You Call 911

The average American dials 9-1-1 only once in his or her lifetime. Because of this, no one can be an expert at calling 9-1-1. In fact, we hope no one becomes an expert at it. However, in case you have to make that call, it's worth thinking about what's going on at the other end of the line. When you call 9-1-1 with an emergency, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Communications Center will answer. While the dispatcher who answers your call is obtaining your information, another one is dispatching the appropriate units for the help that you need—there is minimal delay. The questions the dispatchers ask actually help responders get to you faster. For a medical call, the dispatcher will ask specific medical questions. Don't worry if you don't know the exact answer, the dispatcher will be there to help. The pertinent information will be relayed to the responding personnel. Once the questions are answered, your dispatchers are trained to provide instructions to help you with a wide array of circumstances including bleeding control, choking, CPR, and childbirth. For fires, the dispatcher will ask specific questions so that the best information can be relayed to the responding fire personnel. They will give specific instructions, such as directing you and others to leave the house, aimed at ensuring your safety. For all calls, your dispatchers will be there to inform the responders and have a set of instructions to help you. Dispatchers are your first first-responders in an emergency. They're ready to assist you during the call you hopefully won't ever have to make.

Personnel Spotlight



Lieutenant Stephen Cox

Lieutenant Cox is a Florida State Certified Firefighter/Paramedic and Fire Officer 2. Stephen was hired in February of 2010 with a little over 4 years of experience as a Firefighter/Paramedic with a fire department in the Orlando area. Stephen also holds certifications as an aerial operator, vehicle and machinery rescue technician, and is trained to the operations level in marine rescue. Stephen has his Associates Degree in Emergency Medical Services. Stephen is currently assigned to A-shift with Firefighter Dixon.