

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: 166

Service Calls*: 58

Vehicle Accidents: 30

Fire Alarms: 26

Hazardous Conditions:** 21

Structure Fires: 18

HazMat: 8

Brush Fires: 6

Animal Rescues: 3

Vehicle Fires: 2

Water Rescues: 1

Aircraft Emergencies: 1

*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

- Jan 14th – testing conducted to hire a new full time Firefighter
- Jan 14th – Lt Snyder and Lt Cox from FBFD and FF Lawrence and FF Moore from FCFR awarded Life-Saving medals for rescuing a victim from a car submerged in a pond on Jan 2nd
- Jan 19th – Volunteer FF Beckman hired Part Time
- Jan 23rd – FBFD took delivery of the new Ladder 11
- Jan 31st – FBFD attended the first annual Public Safety Awards Dinner
- Feb 7th – New hire Firefighter Eaves started with the dept.
- Feb 15th-17th – All personnel attended orientation on Ladder 11; consisted of half classroom time and half hands on/practical time.
- Feb 25th – Fire station tour and First Aid presentation for the Girl Scouts
- March 3rd – Ladder 11 in service
- March 5th – Housing ceremony and official “In Service” date for Ladder 11.
- March 7th – Ret. Chief Creal received award for Volunteer of the Year
- March 7th & 8th – Fire station tours/safety presentations for the Sunshine Academy VPK
- March 7th-11th – FBFD hosted a Fire Service Course Delivery class, instructed by Lt Kennedy
- March 24th – Lt Cox and Lt Snyder received awards for 5 years of service as Career Firefighters with the City.
- March 28th – FF Walden was awarded the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant, totaling \$19,994.79 to purchase a new air compressor and cascade system to fill FBFD’s air packs/bottles.
- This quarter – 330+ hours of total training completed by FBFD personnel

Springtime Fire Safety Tips

As spring approaches, thoughts turn to cleaning up from winter, making repairs around the home, and continuing to enjoy the outdoors. Keeping a few safety thoughts in mind will help you make your springtime much more enjoyable.

In the Home:

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available)
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents

Outside and Around the Yard:

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Maintain a clear fire zone of 10-15' around structures. Clean up leaves and debris, and consider using stone or non-combustible mulches
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances
- Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage
- Keep 100' of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use

In the Garage or Shed:

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals
- Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored
- Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced, and readied for use

Safety, Continued...



Only use your grill outside.

Keep it away from siding and deck rails.

Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.

Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.

Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Open your gas grill before lighting.

Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

STAY FIRE-SAFE THIS SUMMER!

For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.



Personnel Spotlight



Roy Johnson has been a volunteer FF/EMT with the Flagler Beach Fire Department since September of 2008. He served as the President of the Volunteer Firemen's Association from 2009 – 2012. Roy performed numerous tours during the wildfires of 2011 in addition to volunteering on regularly scheduled shifts at the fire station. He also regularly participates in fire safety and prevention presentations for children attending area schools. Roy was responsible for founding an educational scholarship administered by the Volunteer Firemen's Association to assist emergency service providers in Flagler County. This fund has helped numerous members become certified paramedics as well as completing advanced course work in fire suppression. Currently Roy volunteers about 130 hours per month on a flex schedule with the full-time crew of Ladder 11. When not volunteering, Roy enjoys spending his time as a citizen of Flagler Beach with his charming wife Keri and their two young children Ethan and Logan.