

Beach/Parks/Recreation

Weekly Highlights April 17, 2024

- Beginning April 27, we will be providing lifeguard protection on the beach only on weekends until Memorial Day weekend at which time we will provide lifeguard protection seven days per week through Labor Day. During the times where there are no lifeguard services on the beach, Flagler Beach Fire Department will be the primary responders to all beach emergencies.
- On April 24, we continue with our beach safety education program at Old Kings Elementary School. On April 26, we will be presenting at Rymfire Elementary School.
- The Wadsworth Elementary first grade class will be visiting Flagler Beach for an educational field trip on April 18. The Flagler Beach Fire Department will be teaching them about fire safety, Flagler Beach lifeguards will be teaching them about beach safety, and the Flagler Beach Sanitation Department will be teaching them about recycling.
- The updated 2024 Junior Lifeguard parent information handbook and application packet are now available on the city website.
- This weekend we will begin beach training for summer lifeguards. The recruit training for new lifeguards will begin on April 20 and continue through May 26. We hope to have all United States Lifeguard Association and City of Flagler Beach Lifeguard Training completed by Memorial Day Weekend.
- ATVs and Jet skis are still being operated on a regular basis in order to keep all of our summer rescue vehicles and vessels properly maintained.



Flagler Beach Fire Department

Weekly Run Report from 4/11/24 – 4/18/24

CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE

EMS

9

FIRE

0

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

0

Service Call

13

Motor Vehicle Accident

0

HazMat

0

Water Rescue

0

Total

22

Penny Overstreet

From: Robert Pace
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Dale Martin
Cc: Penny Overstreet; Katherine Monroy
Subject: Weekly Highlights

Mr. Martin,

The following are the weekly highlights;

- Planning Meeting for Upcoming Training Exercises

There was a planning meeting held at the EOC to discuss upcoming training exercises, concepts and objectives. The training exercises will be offered to staff from the three fire agencies within the county. The planning group will meet once a month, with the first evolution scheduled for July 17th. Each training exercise are anticipated to be three-hour periods. One of the first goals is testing the schoolboard's reunification process as it compares to public safety objectives. The second training exercise will address an active assailant, as this is a multi-agency SOG/SOP priority.

- Significant Incident Response Meeting

There was also a Significant Incident Response Meeting held at the EOC. Attendees included senior staff members from the three fire agencies. Each of the senior staff members hold certification in ICS 300 & 400 and the importance of obtaining these certifications by jr. officers was discussed. This is especially important considering a response to a significant incident. Right now, there is a push to identify an instructor within the county to teach ICS 300 & 400. Students that register for the courses must be prepared to commit two days for the training. The possibility for technology failures was also reviewed at the meeting. Before closing, recognizing peaceful protest as a significant incident was suggested.

- Commissioner Spradley's Saturday Meeting

Chief Doughney and I attended Commissioner Spradley's Saturday Meeting held at his law office. Commissioner Spradley had several items listed for discussion with local residents in attendance. Chief Doughney and I were both given the opportunity to speak on the state of public safety within the city. For the fire department specifically, I spoke on staffing, education, training, the apparatus replacement plan and possible future station within the county. I felt the information was well received and it was nice to visit with Commissioner Spradley and local residents.

- Telecommunicator Appreciation Week

April 14th – 21st is Telecommunicator Appreciation Week. Every year when this week rolls around, Flagler County dispatchers are honored. The tribute involves agency heads from throughout the county delivering a meal to communication center. Chief Doughney and I always choose the same day. I'll take care of lunch and he handles dinner. April 17th was the day selected this year. I was unable to personally deliver lunch yesterday due to the Strategic Planning Meeting. Larry Wolfe assumed the responsibility in my absence. The dispatchers received pizzas, soda and cake stating the City of Flagler Beach Thanks you for your service. Larry reported that dispatchers could not have been more appreciative.

- ACLS & PALS Certification (Lt. Oberst)

Lieutenant Kyle Oberst is the OIC for C Shift. In addition to being the shift supervisor and in charge of daily operations, Lt. Oberst is also a State Certified Paramedic. A couple of his requirements as a Paramedic is to recertify as a ACLS (Advance Cardiovascular Life Support) Provider and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) Provider every two years. Lt. Oberst accomplished recertification as both an ACLS and PALS Provider. Lt. Oberst took instruction and obtained recertification through the PCFD.

- Response to Bombing Incidents Training

This week Deputy Chief Cox and Lieutenant Rainey are attending the Response to Bombing Incidents Training at the Energetic Materials Research & Testing Center in Socorro, New Mexico. This class, travel and lodging is fully funded by FEMA. The RBI course provides first responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely respond to terrorist incidents involving explosives. The RBI course focuses on first responders' health and safety by addressing personal protection issues that may arise when responding to terror incidents involving commercial and homemade explosives. Additionally, the course includes information on the recognition of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs); terrorist organizations, both foreign and domestic; and lessons learned from past terrorist incidents. The information better prepares first responders to safely recognize and respond to terrorist bombing threats.

- Impact Issues

The only scheduled event in the city this weekend is a memorial service on the beach. The service will take place in the area of South 23rd. There are approximately 100 visitors expected in the city.

I look forward to talking to you soon.

Thanks,

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