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Palm Bay Fire Rescue partnered with the Palm Bay Professional Firefighters Benevolent and Walmart to bring Thanksgiving cheer to 90 deserving families! Together, we provided turkeys and side items, ensuring these families could enjoy a warm holiday meal. This incredible event wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support of our Fire Chief and the hard work of our Life Safety Outreach Coordinator, Valerie Baptiste. Valerie's dedication to connecting with our community has been instrumental in the success of our outreach initiatives.



On November 26th, the Palm Bay Fire Rescue Command Staff gathered for a special annual ceremony to officially promote, pin, and swear in those who earned promotions or joined our department as new firefighters in 2024. Joining us were members of the City Council, our Medical Director, and dozens of proud families and friends. Here are the names of those celebrated on this special evening. Asst. Chief McKee - Batt Chiefs Richmond, Lamb, and Barna - Lieutenants Satawa, Drake, Koshinski, Childs, Bousquet, Trujillo, Curphey, and Plunkett - Engineers Wetterau, Benham, Sweeney, McCrea, T. Williams, J.D. Hall, McCarthy, Hanstein, Worthington, and Rosseau. We also celebrated the accomplishments of our New Hire Class (NHC24-01), who completed their orientation this past June under the leadership of our Training Division. Firefighters Booth, Raymond, DaSilva, Carbonell, Weymouth, Albright, Ferrara, Abston, Nestor, Hengehold, Rouse, and Skelly. Congratulations to all of those who were recognized. Job well done!



Palm Bay Fire Rescue, once again teamed up with Walmart and the Palm Bay Professional Firefighters Benevolent to host our annual Shop with a Firefighter! We had the privilege of taking deserving kids on a holiday shopping spree. And of course, Mr. and Mrs. Claus joined us to spread cheer and pose for photos with everyone — young and old! A huge “thank you” to Chief Lamb for always coordinating this event! Here are some photos of this fun & magical day! 12/13/24



MORE APPARATUS IS ON ITS WAY TO PALM BAY FIRE RESCUE!

We're thrilled to announce that Engine 9, the newest fire suppression unit in the city, will soon be joining our fleet! This state-of-the-art apparatus from Pierce is designed to serve the rapidly developing area along South Babcock Street near the Heritage Parkway. To ensure it's ready for action the moment it arrives, all tools and equipment will be pre-installed and fully outfitted ahead of time. Once in service, Engine 9 will enhance our ability to protect and serve this growing community. Stay tuned for updates on its arrival and deployment!



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Palm Bay Fire Rescue is proud to be the first in Brevard County to receive the cutting-edge LifePak 35 monitoring devices, delivered just before Christmas! Training for these devices will begin in the new year, with an in-service date set for February 2025. These advanced tools will enhance our ability to serve the community and elevate the exceptional patient care Palm Bay Fire Rescue is known for. In addition, Chief Furci has been hard at work acquiring equipment for

our new engines and squads, which are projected to enter service in early to mid-2025. Having these tools on hand and ready to deploy is critical to the success of our fleet and our ability to respond effectively to the needs of our citizens.



CONGRATULATIONS NEW HIRE CLASS 2024-002

Earlier this month, Palm Bay Fire Rescue proudly graduated its latest new hire class, "24-02." Like their predecessors in "24-01," this group endured a rigorous 8-week orientation, tackling the same demanding challenges. However, "24-02" was twice the size, requiring even greater teamwork and dedication. Our cadets banded together to support and strengthen one another, meeting the objectives set forth by our Training Division. Their hard work culminated in a graduation ceremony on December 13th, where, surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones, they officially received their shift and station assignments. A tremendous job well done to the 24 members of "24-02" and the dedicated men and women who shaped their training to meet the high standards and ethics of Palm Bay Fire Rescue!

