

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

5-11-17

a. Board of Commissioners:

There are 5 commissioners that are appointed by Beaufort County Council. They are: Carole Baum, (Chairman, Chuck Henry), Gary Stewart, (Vice Chairman, Geof Jenkins) and Geoff Brunning.

The Board is responsible for the development of a fire district strategic plan, to include goals and objectives (five year plan), approve an annual budget, and to approve Standard Operating Guidelines and Policies congruent with state, local and federal law.

The Board of Commissioners meet every other month on the third Wednesday of the month. The Scheduled meetings are posted in advance on the Beaufort County Web-Site, the Island Packet and the Beaufort Gazette.

b. Fire Department Staff:

The DIFD is comprised of 4 firefighters per shift. There are three shifts for a total of 12 firefighters. Additionally, we have one part time administrative assistant and one full time Fire Chief. There are two medics from Beaufort County EMS on duty 24 hours a day that are housed in the fire station.

c. What we do:

The DIFD is required by the State Fire marshal's Office to routinely perform Fire & Life Safety inspections in all commercial buildings, the school, foster homes, fueling facilities such as propane and gasoline and much more. Additionally, the DIFD fire marshal reviews all new plans for subdivisions, commercial property, new developments and new construction.

The DIFD responded to 212 calls in 2016. 101 of these calls were medical, 2 structure fires, 36 service calls, 8 Haz-mat calls, 6 vehicle accidents and various other calls.

Kids day at the firehouse is twice a year. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and fun for all the kids. The next one is in July. Exact date to be determined.

We hold Public Education classes at the school children twice a year.

We host the Annual Christmas play for the school kids each year.

The DIFD maintains all of their vehicles and equipment in-house with the exception of changing tires on the fire trucks. These tires are sent to Hilton Head.