



## We Need YOU!!

We would like to hear from you if you can volunteer a small amount of your time, or even if you have some questions first. You can call our office at: 386-801-2469

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[FireSupport@DeBaryVFA.org](mailto:FireSupport@DeBaryVFA.org)

Visit us online at [www.DeBaryVFA.org](http://www.DeBaryVFA.org) or on Facebook at "DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association"

You can also stop by any of our drills on Wednesday evenings at 7PM.

To Donate:  
Paypal: [www.paypal.me/dvfa](https://www.paypal.me/dvfa) OR  
Venmo: @DeBary-VFA



The DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association  
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## The DeBary Volunteer Fire Support Team

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## Association Member

Association Members help to raise money to buy equipment for the Fire Department and otherwise support and enhance fire and rescue services for the citizens of DeBary. Duties also include both emergency and non-emergency preparedness functions, community involvement, fire prevention and fire safety education programs. Members commit to attending monthly meetings and certain events.

## Support Member

Support Members serve to assist Firefighters and other First Responders on incident scenes from outside the hazard area by providing Rehab - hydration, snacks and rest that help protect firefighters and other responders from dehydration and heat related injury. (Heat and dehydration increase the danger of cardiac issues and dangerous mistakes.) We also help displaced occupants of a home with immediate comfort and support. Duties also include those listed under "Association Member". Members commit to attending drills & meetings and being available for emergency callout.

## Reserve Firefighter

Florida certified Firefighter/EMTs can go through a selection process administered by the Fire Chief to serve as Reserve (Volunteer) Firefighters. The Reserves work with the fulltime Firefighters on shift, responding to all types of emergencies and actively participate in on-scene operations. A monthly commitment of "on duty" hours on shift is required, in addition to other meetings and drills.

# A Look Back

In October of 1952, a group of residents got together to discuss the lack of fire protection; two weeks later, they decided to start a volunteer fire company. On June 23, 1953, the legal papers were received back, and the **DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association** was born. Ed Healy was named the first Fire Chief, and the first call came in October for a brush fire.

The department obtained its first fire engine in May of 1954; a 1943 Chevrolet combination pumper tanker from the city of Leesburg. The engine may have been an Army Air Corps surplus truck prior, as Leesburg was an Army Air Corps base during the war.



The city's first firehouse was finished and dedicated on February 13, 1955. This building still stands at 10 Columba Rd. and now serves as our Association Hall.

March 1962: The Firemen's Recreation Hall was dedicated, it is now known as Florence K. Little Hall.

In 1974, a new metal fire house, Station 14, was built on the corner beside the original fire house and was big enough to house multiple vehicles as well as offices and crew quarters.

In December 1983, DeBary gets 911 service.

In 1984, the department came under County control, and DeBary was protected by Volusia County Fire Services. The fire house was redesignated as Station 33.

in 1989 the Support Team, as it is now known, was born.

Then, in 2009, the city contracted fire/rescue services to the Orange City Fire Department, who now staff our station.

In 2015 the city bought the newest "Engine 33" from Pierce Mfg.; it has a 1250 GPM pump and carries 750 gallons of water.

In 2016, the city decided it was time for a "new" firehouse, and in July 2017, the new Station 33, became the third fire house in DeBary history.



In 2021, the Association was able to have a replacement vehicle donated to us. Thanks to DeBary residents and businesses, we were able to repaint, re-letter and equip the "New Support 33" which was put into service in 2022.

In order to more accurately represent our purpose and activities in and around the City of DeBary, we have filed a new name (DBA) for our group: "The DeBary Volunteer Fire Support Team"

Because of population growth, the city is now building a 2<sup>nd</sup> station in 2025, Station 39. A new Engine has already been delivered.