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Flagler County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Daniel VanDeusen graduates from the Emergency Services Leadership Institute

November 5, 2024 – Flagler County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Daniel VanDeusen recently graduated from the Emergency Services Leadership Institute (ESLI), sponsored and hosted by the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association. The program was designed to address the present-day leadership issues that affect mid-level through chief fire officers.

“It was a great experience going through this program and having the opportunity to learn from subject matter experts within the targeted curriculum,” VanDeusen said. “It has provided me with new tools to bring to the table.”

Participants are required to complete six of the seven areas of study that are offered:

- Human Resources and Labor Relations
- Personal Qualities, Leadership, and the Organization
- Government Relations and Public Policy
- Marketing Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Finance and Budgeting
- Emergency Management
- Community Risk Reduction

While each course can serve as an independent and specific educational experience, they serve collectively as a foundation for emerging fire services leaders as they advance towards promotion within their respective agencies, according to the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association website. Additionally, graduates of the ESLI can utilize coursework completed to achieve Fire Officer 3 and Fire Officer 4 certifications from the State Fire Marshal’s Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.

“Battalion Chief VanDeusen is committed to his personal and professional development, as this achievement bears,” said Fire Rescue Chief Michael Tucker. “Of course, Flagler County Fire Rescue supports and encourages all our men and women to endeavor to reach their full potential.”

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