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The Daytona Beach Fire Department conducts several community education programs, reaching out to the community to educate people in all types of environments regarding fire safety. Recently, though Lt. Larry Stoney, Community Education Officer for the department wanted to reach out to the community in a different way.

Coordinating with Theresa Hill, marketing manager for the Hilton Daytona Resort/Ocean Walk Village, they planned an extensive holiday meal for the residents of the Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County's emergence shelter.

The food was delivered in an ambulance and transported on a stretcher, much to the delight of the children who were temporarily living in the shelter. The chefs and cooking staff at the Hilton prepared the meal. The extensive spread included turkey, mashed potatoes, etc.

Throughout the day 29 residents including adults and children enjoyed the meal that day and then were able to have traditional holiday left-overs. Residents in the emergency shelter typically stay for six to eight weeks. Last year there were a total of 385 non duplicated residents living in the shelter, of those 166 were children, 215 were women and 4 were men.

"With 744 rooms and 7 restaurants, we are frequent customers of the fire department, so we have a strong and healthy relationship, so when Larry approached us with this, we thought it was a great idea," Hill said. With restaurants ranging in cuisine from sports bars fare to gourmet coffee shop with an array of pastries to a high quality steakhouse, the kitchens at the Hilton are equipped to prepare food for any size dining room and any type of palate.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to www.domesticabusecouncil.com. The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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