



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{BG}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: July 21, 2016

June 16 – July 20, 2016 – Continued work on our proposed FY17 budget both on the expenditure side and revenue side and continued updating our FY17-22 Strategic Plan linking our strategic goals to our proposed FY17 budget. Additionally I updated our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to match our proposed budget and strategic plan. Created 2 new CIP's as it relates to our vehicle replacement program as well as some renovation work proposed for Station 4 in FY17. Additionally Chief Blanco and I reviewed six (6) different funding strategies over the purchase of the Ladder Truck for FY17.

June 22, 2016 – A few of our Firefighters and myself attended Trauma Rounds at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

June 23, 2016 – Attended the monthly Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting. Continued discussion on the Interlocal Agreement between Manatee County and the Fire Districts for the collection of user fees. Chief Hoyle presented the final draft back from both Manatee County and Maggie. This agreement will be ready for your action soon. We need to update our User Fee resolution and separate out those fee's that Manatee County will collect at the Building Department as well as utilizing the same terminology in both the interlocal and our resolution. Chief Bounds is working with Attorney David Jackson on our re-write of our User Fee Resolution.

The only other item of discussion was over the CAD link to Fire Programs. This is still being investigated by our committee.

June 27, 2016 – Larry Sarver and I went to Sarasota County Fire Department’s grand re-opening ceremony of Fire Station 12, 3110 Bee Ridge. The original Fire Station was built in the late 50’s and was only 1500 sq. ft., this new one is over 12,500 sq. ft., 2.5 story high with a working fire pole. This Fire Station was LEED certified, I think silver and the reason on taking Larry was for him to see their new type of bay doors, LED lighting throughout the station, stained concrete flooring throughout – no carpet or tile, rain water capture and use, gray water use for toilet flushing and solar heating and many other features that made this a GREEN certified building. Willis Smith was the builder and finished this project on time and under budget. This Fire Station operates 1 Class A Engine and 1 ALS Rescue with 5 personnel assigned to each shift.

June 28, 2016 - Lieutenant Bloski received about \$75,000 of donated Haz-mat equipment and supplies from the 48th Civil Support Team, Florida National Guard. He will go over what all we received at our July 21 Board meeting, primarily this equipment/supplies are for mass decon.

June 30, 2016 –Chief Bounds, Lieutenant Chevalier and myself had a meeting to determine negotiation meeting dates. Dates are as follows, July 19, July 28, August 9, August 23, and September 6 and start time each day is 0900 and the location will be at the Administrative Office – Commission Chambers. These dates have been advertised and are posted on our website in the calendar of events.

July 6, 2016 – Chief Lane came up from Englewood to meet with me about the requirements to upgrade his Engines to Advanced Life Support, the process of getting the license, training EMT’s to Paramedic’s, what equipment, medications and supplies that would be required and the cost of upgrading to this level. In addition to this information I review all of the community benefits that would be obtained, performance measurements and including the new service “Community Paramedicine”, which utilizes Paramedics to conduct follow-ups on patients instead of going back to the ER (from suture removal to basic physicals). There are big dollars associated with this new service and many grants available to organization to implement this program in their community. Florida Blue actually will fund the start of cost of such a program as well as other major medical insurance companies. Manatee County EMS is moving towards this program, but they need to first make certain that they can meet the demands of 9-1-1 before they start tying up first out crews.

July 7, 2016 – Chief Smith and I attended the State of Florida Department of Health and Manatee County Health Department Table Top Exercise on the Zika Virus. This exercise was held at the EOC and ran from 0900 to 1230 hours and it was a great learning event for all of us and it clearly identified everyone's role, including ours in the event of an outbreak here in Manatee County. Currently in the United States there are over 200 cases, which about 95% of them being in the State of Florida, however none of these cases were caused by getting bitten by a mosquito here in Florida, all these cases occurred in South America or in the Islands, meaning getting bit there and getting sick back in the States. This virus produces flu like symptoms with one big difference, a patients eyes will be very blood shot. Also the infected patient could get bit by a mosquito here and carry the virus and then bit someone and transmit the virus, this could happen here in Florida.

The Zika Virus is NOT new, it has been around since the early 40's and was originally found in South Africa, Uganda Zika Forest. The concern today is when the virus infects a pregnant woman or a woman that wants to have kids, the virus will cause birth defects, and the most common is the microcephaly (abnormally small head).

July 11-14, 2016 – Conducted a ton of research for the Manatee County Fire Chief's Association over Narcan pricing and over a new FDA approved product:



This new device is the first of its kind and it is given intranasal and the dose is 4mg, not .4mg like our current auto-injectors and it is actually cheaper than a single dose syringe or auto-injector. A single dose syringe of Narcan costs on average of \$47.00 with the MAD device, auto-injector cost is \$495.00, this new device cost \$75.00 for 2 (\$38.00 each).

I have already obtained the permission of Dr. Nonell if the Manatee Fire Chief's want to go this way and if they do, I will need to modify our current protocol to reflect this new device.

Right now all of the Fire Districts are reviewing my research and will be letting me know which way they want to go.

July 12, 2016 – Attended the SMFR Firefighters Pension meeting. Firefighter Pension is in great shape despite the huge swings in the market, over all so far this year, we are up by 2.5%.

July 19, 2016 – The District has begun negotiations with the IAFF.