



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: October 20, 2016

September 13, 14, 15, 2016 – All personnel were rotated through Administration over the course of three days for the purposes of having everyone register into the new State of Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services, Office of Emergency Medical Services new database for the management of licenses. The State of Florida has changed over to a more secure computer system/software making it very hard for someone to hack into, sort of like the “Chip” technology. Chief Bounds set up ten (10) lap top computers (the ones that we received from SRQ) in the training room and we were able to do everyone at one time and to ensure 100% compliance with the State of Florida’s request.

September 14, 2016 – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District Hazardous Materials Team participated in a Regional Training Drill that was funded through the Department of Homeland Security down in Charlotte County. This drill was a Terrorist event that released chemicals and a bomb with 40 patients. Haz-mat Teams and Law Enforcement from Region 6 participated, each having a particular part when they arrived on scene. For more information this story with pictures is on our website.

September 15, 2016 – Converted electronic files of our FY17 budget from “Proposed” to “Adopted” and placed them on our website. Additionally we added all of the final resolutions pertaining to our non-ad valorem assessment rates, millage rate and budget on the website, which again puts us in compliance with Florida Law. Additionally Debbie Tuckerman has taken care of completing

all of the required DOR forms with the State of Florida and with Manatee County.

September 21, 2016 – Robert and I had another meeting with Lt. Conner and Larry Betts over the implementation of the new Fire Programs software “Wild Fire” to confirm in-service training dates with all personnel and actually change over date to this new reporting software. We are looking at November 7, 8, & 9 for the in-service training with change over to the new reporting software November 14. So far, everything is on schedule.

September 22, 2016 – I attend the monthly Fire Chief’s meeting. Chief Hoyle updated everyone on the status of the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the District’s over the collection of our service fees. Due to some changes with how the County wants this, the format of the agreement, we will need to redo ours again. Also Chief Hoyle reported that they now have people for the Appeals Board, including an attorney. Also, Chief James Crutchfield gave a presentation over the new Community Paramedicine Program that has been implemented. I will explain this program in person at our next meeting.

September 26 - 29, 2016 - Issued over 50 Press Releases and invitations for our October 1, Open House event to kick off Fire Prevention Week.

September 29, 2016 – Phill Baker from Boyd Insurance and Pam Hancock from PGT, Mark Crawford and myself did a photo session of them giving us the check for \$3600.00 for ½ the cost of our Driving Simulator. This story is also on our website.

October 1, 2016 – We conducted our 2nd Annual Open House to kick off Fire Prevention Week and again, it was a huge success. Everyone did an outstanding job. We had 100% attendance by all of the agencies that were invited that assisted us in educating the public of various safety tips. We had over 200 citizens attend during this 4 hour event including County Commissioner Betsy Benac and West Manatee Fire Commissioner Randy Cooper. Our Drone was a big hit with everyone this year. For more information and pictures, please go to our website.

October 4, 2016 – Robert and I attended a meeting at the Manatee County Public Safety Building in reference to Fire District’s operating ALS Non-Transport Engines. The Fire District’s that are interested in operating ALS Non-Transport Engines are North River, West Manatee, City of Bradenton, and us.

Also on this date Robert coordinated the closing over the purchase of our new 107' Ladder Truck. Robert and Rick did an outstanding job with this process and I am very proud of them.

October 16, 2016 - Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District participated in Morton's Gourmet Market 17th Annual Chili Cook-off. Chuck Moonen once again entered in his famous Haz-mat Chili.