



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, Fire Chief <sup>BG</sup>  
**RE:** Chief's Report  
**DATE:** March 16, 2017

**February 17, 2017** – I was asked to speak at the Sugar Creek Country Club about Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District, importance of citizens trained in CPR and in the use of their new AED that they purchased. Over 200 residents attended. I spoke from 0900 to 1100 hours.

**February 17 – March 15, 2017** – Worked on our 2016 Annual Report. We should have it completed by March 16.

**February 22, 2017** – Staff had a meeting with Labor Attorney Karen Morinelli over recent changes to the law that governs Veteran Preference. Karen reviewed our current veteran preference documents and provided changes based on this new law. A lot of changes pertained to the advertisement of job openings, use of their VA forms and changes to our employment application. These new changes will be used in our current job posting of two Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic positions.

**February 28, 2017** – Our Directive, SOP/Rule & Regulation committee had a meeting to go over two (2) Directives and eight (8) revisions to current Directives. Our Committee reviewed all changes and these ten (10) Directives were issued to all personnel for review. These were added to the share drive and a hard copies were provided to the Stations for their books.

**March 2 - 27, 2017** – The Insurance Service Office (ISO) called to advise that they will be reviewing our department on March 27. We received all of the

survey/evaluation forms and have been putting everything together for his evaluation and inspection. We will be evaluated under the new ISO criteria.

**March 2, 7, 9, 2017** – Provided hands-on training over airway adjuncts (oral, nasal & I-gels) on intubation heads, February – March EMS Module on Target Solutions is “Respiratory Emergencies”. I provided a review of these skills and then all employees were able to practice on multiple intubation heads. I also reviewed CPAP use in Pulmonary Edema and provided an actual demo on the intubation on how CPAP works.

**March 3, 2017** – Captain Thayer was notified by our Work Comp carrier that we were once again approved for the T.I.P.S. grant that we submitted over Personal Protection Equipment – Halo Nomex Hoods. This grant is a 50% reimbursement type of grant and can only be used for Safety Training and Safety Equipment and needs to be able to demonstrate safety prevention in the work place.

**March 4, 2017** – Commissioner Marken, Lieutenant Lambert, FF/EMT Rich Gatani, Inspector Frank Meola and I volunteered to collect money for MDA. We set up at the corner of Honore Avenue and University Parkway from 0900 to 1200 hours. The total collected by the IAFF members over the 3 day period was over \$110,000.00, which was a record. In 2016 they only collected \$68,000.00.

**March 8, 2017** – Received notification from Kaleo Pharmaceutical that we were approved for another donation of the EVZIO Naloxone Auto-Injectors (200 doses). So far I have been successful three (3) times in obtaining this medication free of charge for all of the Fire Districts in Manatee County. Kaleo’s Donation Agreement has been processed and we should receive this medication sometime this week.

**March 13, 2017** - Staff had a meeting with Gehring, our insurance broker over changes to healthcare and to start talking about insurance for FY2018.

**March 14, 2017** - I had a meeting with Jay Bush from Manatee County Technical College over Paramedic School for my Business Plan and I have arranged the same type with Sarasota Technical College over their Paramedic Program.