

**MARCH 16, 2017
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **Update on Hiring Process-Close date 3/10/17 @ 1700 hrs. there are over 80 candidates in system**
Chief Gorski updated the board on the process.
- * **TIPS Grant & EVZIO Narcan Grant**
Chief Gorski reported that we will be receiving another TIPS grant for halo hoods. The Narcan grant has been approved also.
- * **Website Updates**
Chief Gorski showed commissioners the changes that were made to our website.

NEW BUSINESS

- * **ISO Review under new rating system – March 27 @ 1300**
Chief Gorski reported that staff has been working diligently on the ISO review scheduled for March 27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief report on the status of the pension plans.

* **Union Report**

Adam reported that we contributed to the Boot Drive, March 3, 4 & 5th. The Union collected over \$100,000 over the three days. He also reported that he has attended the negotiations at Cedar Hammock.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

* **Minutes not available**

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his report. He also distributed Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Center appreciates the great relationship we have with the Union. Commissioner Marken spoke about a class being offered, she will get more information to the commissioners. Chief Gorski let everyone know that our HazMat team will be receiving an award for Manatee County Fire Chief's Association meeting on March 30. Fire Marshal Adent reported that she submitted a nomination for the Sons of the American Revolution award for the Fire Safety Commendation Medal for Focus on Fire Prevention and they will receive their award on March 17th. She also reported that she will be entering DROP on April 1st. Deputy Chief Bounds reported that we had a meeting with Gehring Group on developing our Wellness Program, funded by CIGNA.

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be April 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary