

## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

## Interoffice Memorandum

TO:	The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM:	Brian Gorski, Fire Chief
RE:	Chief's Report
DATE:	April 20, 2017

March 18-25, 2017 - I was on vacation.

**March 27, 2017** – The Insurance Service Office (ISO) came to review and evaluate the District under the new criteria. We were prepared for this evaluation and had all requested items ready for his inspection. According to ISO it could take as long as 6 months before we hear back from them about our evaluation and ISO rating.

**March 28 – April 4, 2017 –** National Testing Network submitted our list of new candidates, the first 50 with a combined score of 80% or higher. We then sent each candidate an email inviting them to complete an application and attached all of the required documents. Application period opened on March 28 and closed April 4, 2017 at 1700 hours.

**March 28 2017** – The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) at 0830 hours released the Personal Income Growth for Florida, which is 4.10%.

**March 30, 2017** – I attended the monthly Fire Chief's special meeting and their regular meeting, which was held at Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue. The special meeting was advertised in the legal ads and it was to review the applications received for the various positions of the Appeal Board. We received the exact number of applications for the required number of positions. At this time a resolution is being drafted for each Fire District to take to their Board for ratification.

After this review, the Manatee County Fire Chief's held their annual awards in which our Haz-mat Team received the "Fire Chief's Unit Citation" for their outstanding performance during a gasoline tanker roll-over on I-75.

The other item that we spent time discussing was the proposed Manatee County Ordinance that was developed for the Fire District's that are interested in operating ALS Non-Transport Engines. The proposed ordinance outlines the procedures for a Fire District to follow in order to get their COPCN certificate.

**April 4, 2017** – A software company called Fireworks, provided a demo over their inspection, pre-plan and incident report software to numerous District personnel.

**April 5, 2017** – Chief Sousa, Chief Rampino, Chief Bounds and I had a meeting with the Public Safety Director and a Manatee County Attorney over the COPCN Ordinance. We brought attorney David Jackson along to assist in this re-write. It was a very good meeting and this ordinance will be going to the Manatee County Board of Commissioners on April 25.

**April 6, 2017** - Chief Sousa, Chief Bounds and I finished working on the revisions to COPCN Ordinance and sent it to David Jackson and to the County Attorney.

**April 10, 2017** – Chief Bounds, Chief Smith and I had a meeting with our Labor Attorney, Karen Morinelli over some questions we had on some of Firefighter/EMT candidates based on their applications.

**April 12, 2017** – We held our FY18-23 Strategic Planning Workshop with all personnel to kick off the FY18 Budget Process. As a group, we reviewed our Mission and Vision Statements, Strategic goals, our progress on current goals, performed SWOT analysis over the District going ALS Non-transport and reviewed the many budget requests for FY18.