



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: June 15, 2017

May 22 – June 15, 2017 – Robert and I began working on our proposed FY18 budget and our proposed FY18 Revenues. My goal is to present our proposed budget before our meeting in July. We received our 1st read over our taxable values for next year which does show an increase in both property values and new construction. You all were copied on this by email.

May 25, 2017 – Attended the monthly Fire Chief's meeting at Bradenton Fire Station #1. I gave everyone a proposal to revise the Manatee County Fire Chief's Award program to include recognition award, like Honor Guard, for CSIM Team. Captain Thayer drafted the proposal and I presented it. Everyone agreed with his proposal and it will be added to this policy. Additionally I was asked by this group to revise their current policy over the "Phoenix Award", everyone like SMFR policy and that is that every "saved life" gets recognized.

We had discussions over a recent Manatee County Commission meeting that members of public were present to speak about the current CERT teams throughout Manatee County and the lack of support by the County, especially Emergency Management, no one returns their calls or responds to their emails. According to Bob Smith, Public Safety Director, probably ten or more years ago the County received Federal Grant money to initial train and equipment Teams and after that they are on their own. The County Commission told the members of the Public that were present over CERT that they would have discussions with the County Administrator and Public Safety Director and would get back with everyone.

Bob Smith is correct about the initial funding that all Counties received to get CERT started, but this revenue is long gone, but it does/did not mean that the County no longer involves them in drills or stops communicating with them. Southern Manatee has a CERT in University Park and even before I arrived here at SMFR, SMFR always did training drills with them on an annual basis. East Manatee has a very large CERT team in Lakewood Ranch, matter of fact this Team actually has a dedicated funding stream, everyone in Lakewood Ranch gets assessed an annual fee. There are other Teams in Manatee County, but I not certain of their locations.

I was requested by the other Fire Districts for a copy of our Business Plan for ALS Non-transport Engines. West Manatee and North River already had a copy, but East Manatee requested it and so did Bradenton.

May 26, 2017 – Picked up 45 AAOS 10th Edition EMT Text Books and Workbooks from Sarasota Technical College. Everyone is using the 11th Edition, thus they cannot use these any longer for school and so instead of placing them in the dumpster, they were given to me. We already have these books in all of Stations so these were given to all the Fire Districts here in Manatee County. They are still good and can be used as a reference book for their EMT continuing education program while working on their EMT/Paramedic modules.

May 30, 2017 – Made a job offer for Firefighter/EMT Mark Bauer, all contingent on passing background check, drug screen and physical.

May 31, 2017 - Made a job offer for Firefighter/EMT Cliff Smith, all contingent on passing background check, drug screen and physical.

June 5, 2017 – Chief Sousa, Chief Rampion, Chief Bounds and I had a great meeting with Doctor Nonell at our Administration Office. Our meeting was to find out if he would be our Medical Director for ALS Non-Transport services if each of respective Boards approves our proposals. Without any hesitation, Dr. Nonell said yes. He was very excited about this initiative and supports it 100%. I will tell you all more at our June meeting.

June 6, 2017 – SMFR was requested by the Manatee County Commission to come to their meeting to do a brief presentation over the recent sulfur fires at the Manatee Port and the Callaghan Tire Fire. We will show you the short video

presentation that was shown to them. They were really impressed with SMFR and their Hazardous Materials Team.

At noon, Chief Sousa and I were invited to the Bradenton Kiwanis for lunch and to speak to everyone over the benefits of Non-transport Advanced Life Support Fire Engines. We spoke for about 20 minutes and then answered questions that were asked by the audience. There was about 40 members that attended our talk.

June 7, 2017 – Went to Sarasota County Surplus and picked up 8 Physio Control AED's, Mega Code simulator and 2 Physio Control Life Pack 12's with battery support chargers. The Life Pack 12's are the devices that we need for our ALS Engines, the cost for one Life Pack 12 is over \$28,000 and the charger is \$3500.00. The Life Pack 12 runs 12 Lead EKG's, provides hand-free defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, pacing plus it monitors EKG, records, displays and measures SA02 and ETC02. We just need to get batteries and the cables, which will be a minimal cost. With now having two (2) of these and they are in excellent condition, we can eliminate that cost in our ALS Non-Transport Business Plan. I will provide a demonstration at our June meeting.

June 8, 2017 - I was invited along with the other Fire Chief's in Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte County to participate in the opening of the IAFF's 73rd Annual Convention of the Florida Professional Firefighters. Our Local 2546 hosted this year's conference and it was held at the Hyatt House in Sarasota.

I conducted our Post Incident Analysis (PIA) our May 18th 5 Alarm Commercial fire. We invited all of the agencies that assisted us and a lot of them did show up. We started at 0930 hours and finished it by 1230 hours. A lot of good information came out with some potential changes to some of our policies and SOP's as they pertain to Rehabilitation, Foam, the need for more multi-agency drills, development of a call back policy and the need for multiple Safety Officers when an incident occurs of this size – which we did, and the need for specialized resources for incidents like this (front end loaders – to assist with overhaul). At the conclusion of our PIA I told everyone that we would provide them with a copy of our summary.

June 13, 2017 – Debbie, Robert and I participated in the State of Florida Department of Revenue's 2017 TRIM webinar presentation. This is the first year that the Department of Revenue is doing this, prior years were always taught by a person on different dates throughout different locations in Florida.

June 14, 2017 – We had a meeting with the Gehring Group and Cigna over our Wellness Program and the use of the \$10,000 that has been to us by Cigna for this program.

June 15, 2017 – Robert and I had a meeting with Phil Baker (Boyd Insurance) over FY18 insurance cost. This first meeting was to obtain basic payroll information, add/deletions of apparatus, personnel, etc. We should have our proposed FY18 Insurance costs within the next week or so.