



## 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:** July 20, 2017

**June 15 – July 20, 2017** – Robert and I continued working on our proposed FY18 budget and our proposed FY18 Revenues. My goal is to present our proposed budget at our meeting in July along with 4 to 5 different budget scenarios.

**June 21, 2017** – We were asked by Manatee County Emergency Management to review our recent 5 alarm fire and Manatee Port sulfur fires to the Disaster Preparedness Committee that is held monthly that involves all of Emergency Service agencies and hospitals.

**June 26, 2017** – Our two (2) new Firefighter/EMT's, Cliff Smith and Mark Bauer started their 40 hour Orientation Program. On this day I spent time with them going over our District, expectations and important documents such as Rules & Regulations, IAFF Agreement, Strategic Plan, Protocols and SOP's. Key staff personnel spent time with them going over paperwork, computer programs, passwords, and other important information.

**June 27, 2017** – Attended Fire Graduation for Class 717.

**June 28, 2017** – Physio-control was here performing our annual preventative maintenance on our AED's and at the same time I had them enter our two (2) Life Pack 12's that I received free from Sarasota County surplus into their maintenance database, actually all they had to do was to bring them up from Sarasota's database and move these two over into ours.

I had a meeting with Division Chief Sean Dwyer and Division Chief Jason Evans (Training Chief's from Manatee County EMS) over revisions to our BLS protocols and to obtain information from them over the items carried on their ALS Engine that they operate in partnership with Myakka City Fire District.

**June 29, 2017** – I had a meeting at the University Park Country Club with Dr. Lloyd Kramer, Paul Charlesworth and Bill Costello over CERT. For over five (5) years our District has been working with the University Park County Club (UPCC) CERT Team in providing them with annual training. This training usually is being provided by Lieutenant Wayne Lambert. The UPCC CERT members have a lot of respect for Lt. Lambert and enjoy his teaching of the CERT requirements. The purpose of this meeting is that they are not getting any support from Manatee County Government over their CERT Team and were told to call the Sarasota Technical College Fire Academy Bill Costello since they provide the initial training to become certified in CERT. The Manatee Technical College does not provide CERT Training at this time, but in the near future they may begin.

The purpose of this meeting was to see if we would assist them with this initial training, which I told them we would. The UPCC has 20 new members and they are planning this CERT course in September. The CERT course costs about \$2500.00 per student and the UPCC will be paying the cost themselves since Manatee County Emergency Management did not re-apply for the Federal/State dollars to fund these courses. That week I did talk to Sherilyn Burris, Emergency Management Chief and she explained to that since she did not have anyone with her organization to teach CERT and since Manatee Technical College did not seem to have an interest in providing CERT at this time since did not apply for this annual “free money”.

I told Sherilyn she should apply during the next grant cycle. This money is used for training and equipment. Since UPCC is training 20 new residents, Sherilyn advised me that she had a lot of CERT bags in surplus that we could get to UPCC for these new members, which they will need in order to provide care during a real disaster.

**July 6, 2017** – Completed another grant for the free EVZIO Naloxone Auto-injectors. I requested another 200 doses. June, July and August are our peak months for opioid overdoses, July being the busiest month for the past 3 years. This grant was written for all Fire Districts.

Received a phone and email from Gary Tibbetts, assistant to Congressman Buchanan, asking me if I would become a member of their Congressional Fire and Rescue Awards for Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which I did accept.

**June 15 – July 9, 2017** – Finished a power point presentation for our July 10 the presentation over non-ad valorem assessments, exemptions and common elements. Both Maggie and Robert assisted me in the development of this power point presentation.

**July 10, 2017** – Staff participated in a software demo called ESO, this is the same incident reporting software that Manatee County EMS utilizes. The reason for the demo is because one of the requirements of the CON process for ALS Non-Transport Engines is to utilize the same reporting software for EMS reporting. Basically we would be given a tablet for each ALS Engine to use. We would pay the yearly license fee for the two tablets, which would be around \$1000.00 for both. When our personnel arrive on scene they would began documenting patient information, vital signs, treatments and EKG through this tablet and when EMS arrives on scene our personnel would then through blue tooth transfer this information over to their tablet.

Maggie, Robert and I attended the monthly Manatee County Fire Commissioners meeting. I was asked by the Manatee County Fire Chief's to speak over non-ad valorem and exemptions. Additional I was to speak about assessment methodologies and the importance of doing one for their District. Robert will be presenting information over "common elements". Maggie will be present to assist us in our power point presentation. The meeting started at 1830 hours and was held at West Manatee Fire Rescue District.

**July 11, 2017** - I attended our quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustee's for the Firefighters Pension Plan.

We had a demo on a new software product called PStrax. This software provides daily inventory and accountability of apparatus equipment and supplies, and generates work orders for either repair or replacement.

**July 12, 2017** – Dr. Lloyd Kramer and Mr. Paul Charlesworth came to my office to continue the discussion over their upcoming CERT training program and the CERT Bags from Manatee County Emergency Management.

**July 13, 2017** – Out of the office today for cardiac cath.

Fire Marshal Leslie Adent held a planning meeting with everyone over our Annual Open House for Fire Prevention Week, which will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017.