



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: March 15, 2018

February 19 - March 8, 2018 – Staff worked on preparing our 2017 Annual Report, which should be ready for distribution by March 15, 2018. A lot of work was put into this year's annual report by all personnel.

February 19 – February 20, 2018 – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District personnel participated in teaching “Hands-only” CPR classes to High School Seniors at Booker High School. These classes were taught by personnel from SMFR, LBKFD and Sarasota Memorial Hospital and we assisted Sarasota County Fire Department and Sarasota County School Board with the roll-out of their “Hands-only” CPR and Pulse-Point campaign. During the month of December 2017, SMFR personnel assisted Manatee County with their roll-out of “Hands-only” CPR and Pulse-Point campaign, but their program was to train all county employees. Both events were great exposure for our Fire District and our personnel enjoyed teaching these classes.

February 28, 2018 – Received notification from Kaleo Pharmaceuticals that our grant for Narcan Auto-Injectors was approved. They will be shipping 160 doses, which will be divided up among all of the Fire Districts.

February 22, 2018 – Attended the Manatee County monthly Fire Chief's meeting. Discussion focused on a request from law enforcement wanting everyone's Knox entry key for all schools located in Manatee County. However, after a lengthy discussion with a representative from Knox, there are some easier solutions. Chief Blanco was designated as our representative to go with the Knox

representative to attend a meeting with law enforcement to discuss these other solutions, which is easier and cheaper. The bottom line – the Fire Districts did not want to give their keys to law enforcement, instead Knox has a new system, which does not affect our key, but allows law enforcement to have their own key that will open the box, 2 key system (cheapest and easiest solution). I brought up that maybe today we should look at where the boxes are located and possibly relocate or maybe even have more than 1 Knox box at a school depending on the size of the school campus, everyone agreed to this, especially of what has happened at schools over the past 3-4 years with mass shootings.

Also at this meeting we were updated about the status of law enforcements status of their active shooter training and we all have a requested a copy of their DVD that all of their deputies are required to watch so we can show it to all of our employees.

Chief Blanco and I volunteered to assist MTI in the selection process of applicants applying for the Russell Randolph Scholarship Fund, which was set up after his death to pay for the tuition of Fire and EMT school for a candidate that could demonstrate financial need.

March 2,3 & 4, 2018 – SMFR personnel participated in the annual MDA boot drive, which over these 3 days Southern Manatee collected more than \$17,000 and during this same time period, based on all of the Fire Departments in Manatee and Sarasota County collected over \$117,000, last year \$104,000 was collected.

March 13, 2018 – Attended a meeting at the Public Safety Complex over setting up the CAD to recognize an ALS Engines. Both Chief Sousa and Chief Rampino were present for this meeting. Actually Chief Sousa established the meeting since he is now operating ALS Non-Transport apparatus.

Staff had a meeting with Maggie Mooney-Portale and David Jackson over the revision of the recovery ordinance.

March 14, 2018 – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District along with the other Fire Districts and with Sarasota County Fire Department participated in the annual Airport drill, this year it was a table top exercise.