

## Operations Report

# Fire Commission Meeting

March, 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

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- Firefighter Collins was relocated to B-shift (from A-shift) and has started his paramedic program training on Feb 20 along with Captain Thayer and Firefighter Wernet. Bobby has maintained his current role/responsibilities as the training director and has support from the FTO's, myself and Captain Bloski in the event he needs assistance. We have a lot of confidence in the success of both of these employees and the Operations division supports them strongly.
- Life Scan physicals were completed, a few employee health issues discovered by Life Scan, which is common each year, and is considered a plus to our personnel and the department's health...Excellent Benefit!
- Manatee County Radio Group meeting was held on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> and the switch over to P25 is getting closer, hopefully by August. All agencies have been asked to place new end user equipment orders (SMFR's order has been budgeted and is ready to go) we are purchasing 12 Tate portable radios, 7 Tate base radios for the stations and 3 Tate mobile radio for vehicles.
- All fire department hose and ladder testing were completed from February 26<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>
- We have received the new pickup truck that replaces Captain Bloski's older staff car. The new truck is a Ford F250 with a topper and slide out tray in the bed for Hazmat gear and equipment storage. The truck should be fully operation by the March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Myself and three Battalion Chiefs attended the SRQ table top training exercise on March 14<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for next year's live training event. The table top and the live training exercises both assist SRQ with maintaining their FAA regulation requirements. The table top exercise last 2-3 hours and is held on airport property which involves fire and law enforcement agencies from Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Also, present our FAA observers, local hospital representatives and various other agencies.