



## 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:** May 17, 2018

**April 19, 23, 24, 2018** – Finished providing in-service training to all of our personnel including administrative staff over the new 2018 BLS / ALS Treatment Protocols. With these new protocols our personnel will be able to now perform CPAP on a severe congestive heart failure – pulmonary edema patient. CPAP is the ultimate treatment for CHF/PE patients and has been pushed down as an EMT skill over 3 years ago. After meeting with Dr. Nonell and Manatee County EMS Staff I was able to convince them to allow EMT's to perform this treatment. Dr. Nonell really liked my protocol that I developed and he incorporated to be used county-wide. Another great achievement for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District.

**April 25, 2018** – I had a meeting with Dr. Lloyd Kramer from University Park Country Club over his CERT Team. Dr. Kramer works with Lieutenant Wayne Lambert at Station 5 in providing their on-going annual training. Lt. Lambert is well respected by the residents of the University Park Country Club. Both Dr. Kramer and I were invited to participate in a meeting on May 3 that Manatee County Emergency Management put on regarding CERT in Manatee County.

Chief Bounds, Captain Bloski and I attended Region 13 Trauma District meeting at the Public Safety Complex. Besides Manatee County personnel at this meeting, including Dr. Nonell, the new Director of Trauma for Blake (Dr. Ralph Barker) was present along with Blake staff.

**April 26, 2018** – we held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Strategic Planning Workshop to kick off the start of the FY19 Budget year. We reviewed our potential non-ad valorem assessment revenues for FY19 based on a P.I.G. of 4.22%, as well as FY19 continuation requests as well as new budget requests. We also reviewed our performance measures, strategic goals, mission and vision statements and we also conducted some Team building exercises. We started at 0900 hours and ended our session by 1530 hours.

**April 27, 2018** – Personnel from Southern Manatee Fire Rescue participated once again in a “Streetwise Class” for the graduating adult EMT class at STC. I had 30 patients that we moulage up with different illness’s or injures. We started at 1400 hours and ended at 2100 hours with an MCI incident that involved all 30 patients that were involved in a mass shooting / bomb blast. About 15 of my patients were high school students from Manatee County and the other patients were made up of our employees and from Cedar Hammock.

**April 28, 2018** – I conducted an ACLS Provider Renewal Class for all of our Paramedic’s and was able to get Chief Bounds and Kyle Eldridge also signed off as ACLS Instructors. Counting me, SMFR now has 3 ACLS Instructors that can be utilized in teaching and renewing our Firefighter/Paramedic’s every 2 years. There was NO cost to this. I did the class at Sarasota County Fire Station #10 and our personnel were mixed with Sarasota County Firefighter/Paramedic’s so in addition to renewing our personnel I was able to do their personnel while signing off Chief Bounds and Kyle Eldridge as instructors. All of our personnel are good until 2020. By doing this joint class we were able to use all of the Training equipment (intubation manikin, patient simulator, Life Pack 15’s and supplies that Sarasota has.

**May 2, 2018** - Motorola gave a demo at our Administration Building over new radio technology that was made specifically for firefighting, from portable radios to wireless mics including a water proof radio. The water proof portable radio is water proof up to 10 feet. They also had a portable radio with portable microphone that can be subject to direct flame contact for a period of time without damage to this radio. I have seen this test on YouTube. With Manatee County and Sarasota County going onto the new radio system, a provider can use any brand radio. The wireless microphones work great with no distortion, which is good for SCOTT air pack use or use within a level A garment. We have been invited to go to their testing facility down in Plantation Florida, which is their research and development facility and is supposed to be really interesting.

I told them that right now we are pretty busy but we do have the interest to go down there and when we set up the date/time to go, you all are invited to go down there with us.

**May 3, 2018** – Chief Bounds, Chief Blanco and I attended a CERT meeting at Trailer Estates that was put on by Manatee County Public Safety Emergency Management. At this meeting were the various CERT Team leaders from around Manatee County and Fire Department personnel from those areas that have Teams. Dr. Kramer from University Park County Club was present to represent this CERT Team. Manatee County Emergency Management wants to establish quarterly meetings. The main purpose of this meeting is to establish a line of communications for the various CERT Teams and Manatee County as well as open the door for on-going training for these Teams.

**May 8, 2018** - We had a check presentation today from Pam Hancock (Preferred Training Incentive Program for Safety grant program) awarding us with a check for \$5000.00. Captain Thayer submitted two grant applications back in October 2017, one for an item called a Polar Breeze which is a portable air conditioner to be used in Rehab and the other was for Secunet III devices, which is a device that is placed over a steering wheel to prevent deployment of the air bag during the extrication of a patient for decontamination, again to prevent injury not only a patient but to our personnel.

**May 9, 2018** - We conducted an Advanced Pediatric Life Support class to all of our Paramedic's utilizing the Handtevy Pediatric System that utilizes Dr. Nonell's pediatric treatment protocols. Our Paramedics were able to practice their intubation skills, medication dosages, intraosseous (bone) cannulation utilize the EZIO gun, and work various pediatric emergencies utilizing the equipment that they will be using on our ALS Engines. This class was taught by Dustin Martinez, Firefighter/Paramedic from Sarasota County Fire Department that was assisted by Chief Bounds, Kyle Eldridge and I with the skills stations. No cost to us for this training and certification.

**May 14, 2018** – Chief Blanco, Lee Whitehurst, David Ezell, Gil Young and I were nominated as committee members for the “Chief Russell Randolph Firefighting Academic Scholarship”, which I was elected as the Chair worked on creating this scholarship program for high school kids that were currently in the high school fire program. This program can provide financial assistance to a student in need that wants to go on to obtain their minimum standards certification. Chief Blanco worked on creating all of the documents for this scholarship program and

did an outstanding job. On this day, we went out to the Manatee County Fire Academy to introduce them to this new scholarship program and to encourage them to fill out an application if they require financial assistance. We did work with Mr. Omar Edwards from the Manatee County Technical College.

**May 15, 2018** - Had a meeting with Dr. Kramer from University Park Country Club CERT Team over some portable radio's that I obtained from Sarasota Surplus, old Motorola 800 MHz portable radios, chargers and batteries that I obtained for their use. These radio's no longer able to function on the 800 MHz system, however they can be used a direct 2 way radio with about 1.5 mile range. This CERT team had no communications so I was able to get them these radios free, the only cost which is paid by them will be to get them serviced and to get the direct channel programmed into each of them. I took Dr. Kramer down to the Motorola repair shop to get him set up in making this happen, which is located in Sarasota off Palmer Blvd. Again, any cost to this is paid by them, not us.