



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, ^{BG} Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: July 19, 2018

June 18 through July 18, 2018 – Working on the proposed FY19 Budget. Updating Revenue projections for both our non-ad valorem, ad valorem and our other misc. revenues as well as our impact fees. We are about 96% completed on the expenditure side of the FY19 budget, we are still waiting for our health care costs, work comp and our other insurances through VFIS as well as our cost for the Auditor that we are still out for bid on. This bid will close on July 16.

June 27, July 11 and July 18, 2018 – Shawn Myles and I have been attending a weekly meetings established by Public Safety Communications that pertains to a new CAD called Rapid Deploy. Last year we saw a demo of this CAD and it was outstanding. Rapid Deploy is a CAD that is made for Fire/EMS/Law that interfaces with multiple feeds that provides instant information for the responder. When we watched the live demo it was like watching a James Bond movie. This CAD also interfaces with pretty much all of the incident reporting software out there. Both Sarasota and Manatee County are looking at going to this new CAD system and the cost is a fraction of the cost of the current CAD Intergraph and a much cheaper annual maintenance cost. Our meetings are every Wednesday until the middle of October. In August we will begin training over of this new CAD with a goal of starting the pilot program around October or sooner. Manatee Sheriff, Bradenton PD, Manatee EMS, and Southern Manatee will be the ones conducting the pilot program. Sometime in late August or early September a few of our Engines will be given an I-Pad/Tough Book that will be running this new CAD for us to evaluate.

June 28, 2018 – I attended the monthly Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting. At this meeting we presented two (2) scholarships from the Russell Scholarship fund. Our committee received two (2) completed applications from 2 High School graduates that just completed Fire 1 and want to go on to become a Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic and both had demonstrated a financial need for support. Our committee approved both of them for funding up to 3/4's of the tuition cost. (See our website for more on this story).

Chief DiCicco from Manatee County EMS went over their EMS reorganization that involves turning some of their 24 hour ambulances into 12 hour units and only staffing them during peak times. One of these ambulances is the one that they recently placed in service at Parrish Fire District. Both of the ambulances at our two Stations will remain staffed 24/7.

July 9, 2018 – Chief Blanco and I had a meeting with Wilfred Miranda (Manatee County Radio Communications Manager) about the stalled radio tower across from our Station #3. According to Mr. Miranda their plan is still to move forward at this existing location, however they wanted to know if they had to move it, would we be willing to talk to them. We told him yes, but we would need to involve our Commissioners for approval. East Manatee is allowing them to place an antenna on their Station #5. I did get a copy of the lease agreement from Chief Whitehurst to review. Also, we told Mr. Miranda that we were willing to show up and speak to the public at their scheduled public meeting over the importance of this radio project and the many benefits it will have to everyone. I can provide more details at our July meeting over this radio tower that we learned on July 5.

July 10, 2018 - Fire Marshal Adent and I had a meeting with representatives from the University Park Country Club over their emergency access roads/gates and the problems that they are experiencing with residents parking their cars on these emergency access roads especially when these residents are having a party. We assisted them with information and getting their security guards certified to issue parking tickets, but first making sure that these road are clearly marked as emergency access – no parking, and give warnings first before they actually issue a citation.

July 16, 2018 – Staff conducted the first day of orientation to our four (4) new Volunteer Firefighter/EMT's/Paramedic's. After completion of their orientation class they will be introduced to all of our Commissioners at either their August or September Commission meeting.

July 18, 2018 – I had a meeting with staff from Sarasota Technical College about the next Paramedic school that will start October 22, 2018. We will be sending another 4 Firefighter/EMT's to this class. We are pretty much on schedule with the Business Plan that was presented to you all back in the summer of 2017.