

## Operations Report

# Fire Commission Meeting

September 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

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**August 21:** I attended a Firefighter Mental Health seminar at MTC along with DC Bounds. The seminar covered topics relating to firefighter PTSD, suicides and post fire decontamination needs. All of the speakers expressed concern for the alarming rate of incidents occurring nationwide related to these topics and how they are affecting and changing the fire service in our Country. Our department is looking at these issues seriously and will/are taking actions to educate ourselves and help prevent occurrences.

**August 25:** We have started the installation of the Genave Alerting System at our station 3. The installation work is being performed by FF McGinley and IT Shawn Myles, along with MC Radio Division. Once station 3 is complete we will have three of the five stations done, but plan on holding off on stations 1 and 2 until MC Radio Division upgrades the alerting system with multi-unit dispatching capability.

**August 27:** Attended the monthly Manatee County Radio Group meeting at the PSC. The hot topic was the radio tower progress for the new Motorola P25 radio system. The County is currently waiting a presentation from Motorola, at the MCBOCC meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, in which Motorola should offer a different proposal(s) for tower sites in order to move forward with the new radio system.

**August 28:** Paramedic assessment scenario was held in preparation for the new class that begins October 22. FF's Pratt, Hylwa, Wojcik and Velazquez will be attending the program until completion in November 2019.

**August 30:** Attended the Rapid Deploy Systems end user training; the Rapid Deploy is a new web based dispatching system. Southern Manatee is working with Manatee County to develop a web-based pilot program and implement its use in dispatching and communications from apparatus in the streets to the dispatch centers. Southern Manatee is the only fire district involved in the pilot program; I have assigned three senior Lieutenants, IT Myles and myself to oversee our involvement in the programs progress.

**September 4:** Attended the Operations Chief's meeting,

**September 6:** Took part in the District's Health Insurance meeting.

**September 11:** The District is involved in several 9/11 events, in the morning we will have several personnel representing SMFR at the 9/11 memorial downtown, At noon Ladder 339 long with Ladder 649 will display the American garrison flag at Mission BBQ during their 9/11 event, early evening the Blue Knights (law enforcement motorcycle club) will be doing their annual ride-by our administration building to pay respect to the 9/11 memorial and finally that evening L339 will display the American flag at Applebee's on Lockwood and University during a 9/11 rally.