

Operations Chief Report

Fire Commission Meeting

December 20th 2018

November 27: The Administrative Chiefs, and crew members who were deployed to North Florida post hurricane Michael, attended a presentation made by Manatee County Board of Commissioners that recognized all personnel who were deployed to the Hurricane's aftermath. The presentation included all fire, EMS, law enforcement, volunteer organizations and county employees that were sent on the deployment. There were several hundred people present and many groups rotated in and out of the chambers for this event.

November 28: Performed interviews for new volunteers with the three Battalion Chiefs. We selected 3 candidates out of 7 applicants.

December 3: Attended a half-day leadership class with the Battalions and Hazmat Captain at the Civic Center.

December 4: Met with the MCROG committee working on revamping the HazMat ROG for the County. Later that morning the Operations Chief Committee gathered and covered several topics, but most important, we are attempting to reestablish the push for a county wide alerting system that can be managed by MC and used at all fire & EMS stations. The topic will be presented to the Fire Chiefs in January.

December 6: I hosted an operational meeting for all SMFR Captains and Chiefs. We covered topics from personnel to budgetary items, then we summarized 2018 and focused on our goals for 2019.

December 11: In the morning we (Chiefs Gorski, Bounds, Blanco, Smith and Perry) attended Manatee County's monthly awards ceremony in which SMFR had a crew receive a lifesaving award along with many other awards given out to county employees as well as citizens. In the late morning a group of firefighters, Lieutenants, IT and Chiefs attended a demonstration of new management software that may aide SMFR and cut costs of operational task. We will hear more from the representatives and provide feedback as needed.