



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, ⁰⁶ Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: January 17, 2019

January 3, 2019 – Chief Blanco and I had a meeting with Chief Lane from Englewood Fire to see if they would like the donation of E10 for the Englewood Fire Academy. E10 still can be used to pump with and can be driving in slow and short distances, however it does require about \$10,000.00 work to the transmission. We listed this Engine a year ago on Gov.deals with no takers and lowered the price a few times. Since we did not get any interest I then asked to see if Manatee Fire Academy wanted it, which they did not. I then asked Sarasota Fire Academy and they did not want it either. I then asked Chief Lane and he is interested and does want it.

January 7, 2019 – Jury Duty.

Participated in a conference call between Sarasota County Fire, Sarasota Police, Sarasota Sheriff, Cedar Hammock, Manatee County EMS, and Manatee County Sheriff over the early morning shooting incident in Sarasota involving Rescue 4 and its personnel. Without a doubt this was an ambush style attack in which the Rescue took 4 to 5 bullets into the driver's side of the Rescue.

Based on what we were being told by law enforcement, Sarasota County Fire Department immediately locked down all Fire Stations in Battalion 1 and 2 and went to a multiple unit response to all calls, so all Fire and Medical calls would receive immediately law enforcement response. At Station 4, law enforcement assigned officers/deputies to be stationed there around the clock. Any calls into

the 9-1-1 center that was automative computer voice asking for assistance for medical or fire response immediately goes to law enforcement first.

Based on the advice of law enforcement we (Cedar Hammock, Southern Manatee and EMS) mirrored Sarasota County same procedures for 24 hours and then all agreed to regroup on 1/8/19 about going back to normal response and normal operation.

January 8, 2019 – Chief Bounds, Chief Blanco, Captain Thayer, Lt. Chevalier and I had a meeting with Dr. Avila in regards to the possibility of them conducting our annual physicals as well as other medical services such Work Comp (non-emergent) injuries, drug screens, etc. Dr. Avila office is located just east of I-75 on SR 70. Currently East Manatee, Myakka City, City of Bradenton, North River, and West Manatee are using Dr. Avila for their health services.

We were all very impressed with their facility and staff and without a doubt they can provide all services. They have their own lab to draw blood and process all blood samples in house. Other items noted was their own X-ray department with MRI/CAT Scam and pharmacy that carries pretty much all the medications and IV fluids that a hospital would carry with the exception of a few medications.

At 1000 hours Chief Regnier from Sarasota County Fire Department contacted me to advise me that based on some new information from law enforcement they will be extending their lockdown and response procedures for another 24 hours and that he would have Chief Hartley and Chief Carson participate in our 1330 conference call and share the information on why they extended it.

At 1330 hours Chief DiCicco set up the conference call with all agencies involved. Based on the advice of Law Enforcement we continued the same response plan as yesterday including keeping all stations in lockdown status. Again this only pertained to Sarasota Battalion 1 and 2, Southern Manatee, Cedar Hammock and Manatee EMS. Everyone agreed to keep it the same until 1/9 and then meet again to determine if we should continue or go back to normal operation.

Lt. Chevalier, Chief Blanco, Chief Bounds and I had a labor-management meeting to discuss our 10 probationary employee's and their written exam that they must take prior to be released from probation.

January 9, 2019 – Had a meeting with Chief DiCicco over Medical Direction with Dr. Nonell once we obtain our ALS Non-Transport License.

January 14, 2019 – Chief Sousa, Chief Rampino, Chief DiCicco, Chief Whitehurst and I had a meeting with Dr. Nonell over Medical Direction here at our Administration Building. Each of us provided Dr. Nonell with a status of our plan to go ALS Non-Transport.

January 17, 2019 – Southern Manatee hosted the monthly Communications/PIO Managers meeting. This meeting involves all of the PIO's or Communication Managers from Manatee County Government, City of Bradenton, Manatee County School Board, Manatee Sheriff, Bradenton PD and City of Palmetto and the other governmental agencies in Manatee County. Last year I was asked by Manatee County Information Outreach Manager Nicholas Azzara if I would like to participate with group and I said yes. We discuss the ways that we communicate to the public and how we can help each other out in getting messages out to the community especially during a disaster. Since we are hosting it this month I asked Commissioner Marken to attend since the group wanted to learn more about the Fire District's and how they are set up and managed and wanted to learn more about how we communicate to the public from safety messages, newsletters, website and common messages during a disaster.