

Operations Chief Report

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

March 21st, 2019

February 25th: Attended the SMFR Strategic Planning meeting with all Administrative personnel and line officers.

February 25th: After the planning meeting I attended the Manatee County Radio Group meeting. There was discussion regarding the use and sharing of radio frequencies between Sarasota County and Manatee County groups.

February 28th: Attended the MCFCA meeting, as the Chair of the Operations Group I delivered the most recent proposals from the Operations division regarding Battalion Chiefs responding automatically to all second alarm events and the creation of an auto-page for Battalion Chiefs when any second alarm event transpires in County.

March 4th - 7th: Led the team to Wisconsin Pierce Plant for the pre-engineering of the new Hazmat truck. Gould, Lambert, Questionati and I spent 3 days in sub-zero weather planning the layout of the truck. They have given us an arrival date of October 2019 for acceptance of the apparatus. I will keep the Chief and board update of its progress.

March 12th: Safety Committee meeting was held, multiple topics reviewed including the handling of contaminated gear post fires and new fire helmet reviews.

March 13th: Attended the semi-annual table top exercise at SRQ, Airport, along with BC's Perry and Smith. This exercise is followed by a live drill next year that simulates an aviation emergency on SRQ property. Today's exercise will reaffirm response procedures and capabilities of SRQ Fire, SCFD, SMFR, CHFR along with LE and EMS from both Counties.

March 20th: I partook in the annual Hazmat drill in Parrish Fire District. This drill is in conjunction with Emergency Management's First-In Team drill held in Duette. I remained in Parrish at the Hazmat site and worked as an evaluator for the team. Most of the drill was organized and managed by Captain Bloski; our Hazmat team responded and performed very well, as expected.

March 21st: I attended a seminar in Tampa, Criticism and Discipline, with DC Bounds, Captains Thayer & Bloski, BC's Smith & Perry, DVP Chevalier. The seminar was meant to enlighten our outlook on personnel evaluations and a general discipline management refresher.