



## Operations Chief Report

# Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

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**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** I met with our Apparatus Spec Committee to review the status of the new Haz-mat truck. I gave an update of what took place in Wisconsin and any minor changes we had made to truck since the last ASC meeting. We also discussed the next future apparatus project and which direction we would like to move towards if an approval is made to purchase a new spare pumper. Also, attended the monthly Manatee County Radio Group meeting with IT Myles. The most recent update on P25 is the County will be ready at the end of this summer to cut over the radio systems, but Manatee County along with Sarasota County will have to wait to see what becomes of the Hi-Hat Ranch radio tower situation (faulty structural tower foundation) in Sarasota before the new radio system cut over can take place. All other facets of the project are moving smoothly.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>:** I attended the MCFCA meeting at BFD station 1. Some of the topics of discussion revolved around closest unit response committee being revitalized and firefighter accountability systems on fire grounds. MCEMS had the new Raptor transport bus on site for demonstration; the bus can be used on large structure fire scenes, mass causality transports or any other large emergency event.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** On this date MCFCA held its monthly Operation's Chief meeting. At this meeting the Operational leaders within the County met and discussed several items including lock-down policies for stations and apparatus in the event of civil disturbance, Command staff training for all EMS and Fire departments, working fire-file that would list all prompts needed during structure fires for ECC and Command post.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Myself and IT Myles attended the new CAD/MPS meeting at EOC to view the introduction of the newly selected Hexagon-10 CAD system. This system was selected, by Manatee County, to replace the current CAD with a more user friendly, web based and technologically compatible dispatching methods. SMFR has been the only fire district invited to survey the pilot programs; myself, Shawn Myles and others have partaken in multiple meetings with the County to evaluate and provide input from the fire departments operational point of view and we are excited for these changes as is our communications center.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** I went to the PGIT conference in Orlando with DC Bonds and Debbie T., the conference was very informative and as always well worth the time.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Assisted Chiefs Gorski and Bounds with an EMS drill at Southeast High School. The drill is designed to test the staff on a medical emergency with a student(s) and we evaluate their response plan, treatment of patient and patient transfer to fire rescue then EMS. We performed this same drill at Rowlett school back in February and the experience was so well received that word spread and now we have been invited to SEHS.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Myself and Larry Betts met with a group of fire marshals and inspectors to discuss SB 7026 regarding school emergency procedures during an active shooter response. Fire Chief Bailey of PFD will be leading the group as we discuss ways to accommodate the bill and coordinate Manatee County's School board representative on to best approach the needs of all parties involved.