



Operation Chief's Report

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

May 16th 2019

April 22nd: The Apparatus Spec Committee met at the Pierce Mfg. Plant along with Commissioner Durant to view our options regarding a new spare pumper of the commercial chassis type. The thought is to look at replacing our oldest spare pumper with a new less expensive model that will last long and be more reliable. No decisions were made and the committee is still looking a pricing and practicalities.

April 23rd: The MCFCA's Operations group met at ECC with their supervisors to discuss and perform trial runs for dispatch Battalion Chiefs automatically to second alarm structure fires County wide. The test performed well and the Fire Chief's Association is in strong support of the concept. We will make a final decision later this month and hope to be functional by June.

April 25th: I attended the MCFCA monthly meeting. The meeting held mostly ongoing discussion of old business, nothing new to add.

April 27th: Engine 321 assisted City of Bradenton with district coverage during the annual Heritage Parade. E321, with its crew stood by in the parade route and handled any fire/medical calls on the north side of Manatee Avenue.

April 30th – May 2nd: DC Bounds and myself attended the 40th annual Firefighters and Law enforcement Pension conference in Tallahassee. We met with Lt Chevalier (new appointed trustee) at the conference; the event was very informative and as always, a learning experience.

May 7th: MCFCA operations Group meeting was held. Several topics were discusses including the second alarm Battalion chief response, the creation of a working incident file for structure fires, Command staff training topics for the next quarter and a lengthy discussion on the MCROG outlook for 2020.

May 9th: Attended SMFR's Safety Committee meeting. A main topic in the meeting was establishment safety guidelines for the replacement of firefighting hose lines and supply lines. Currently we have no guides other than NFPA recommendations that are not always financial beneficial nor a proper fit for our operations.