



## Operations Chief Report

# Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

---

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The Operations group of MCFCA has been meeting with ECC supervisors to create an automatic second and third alarm response for Battalion Chiefs throughout Manatee County. On this day the Ops group met at ECC and did various trial runs on their training simulator to test the response effectiveness of the plan. We are hoping for implementation by the end of June.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** During the MCFCA meeting two sub-committees were established.

The first one will handle the KNOX Box concerns that have arisen between MSO and the School Board of Manatee County. We will be working to establish the best method of Knox box access for MSO without compromising the security of the fire districts Knox keys. The drive behind this is active shooter scenarios and providing MSO with quick access to school buildings.

The second committee is working on station alerting systems, more so the need to agree upon a common alerting system that can be used by all fire agencies in the county and possibly be maintained by Manatee county under a service level agreement.

Additionally, during the meeting the lead fire coordinator (Chief Whitehurst) stated that he wants to advance Captain Thayer to a fire coordinator role from his current position as assistant coordinator.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** I spent the day (along with numerous line personnel) attending a class call "The Charleston 9" which is a class presented by Dr. Griffin who is a current Battalion Chief with the Charleston Fire Department and was a pump operator during the fatal Super Sofa fire that took place in 2007 which killed 9 firefighters of the Charleston Fire Department. The class was very moving and an eye opener for all; the need for ongoing training, fire service and fire science education was clearly demonstrated during the presentations. Excellent learning experience!