



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, Fire Chief <sup>BG</sup>  
**RE:** **Chief's Report**  
**DATE:** July 18, 2019

**June 27, 2019** – Monthly Fire Chief's meeting had a lot of discussion over the new Cancer Law for Florida and many insurance companies now offering plans that meet the State of Florida minimum requirements of this law. Also, discussion occurred over an issue that developed with the Manatee County School Board pertaining to Knox Boxes and giving certain law enforcement officers access to these boxes. A separate meeting is being established to discuss this further. No update on when our new Radio System will be turned on, we have been told all the work in both counties has been completed and that right now they (both Sarasota and Manatee) have a difference of opinion on what frequencies everyone will have – this is crazy.

**June 20 – July 18, 2019** – We continued to update and build the proposed FY20 budget. I did provide you all with a breakdown of the cost by cost center for Haz-mat, Fire Prevention, and our ALS Program as compared to the total FY20 proposed budget as requested from the June 20 Commission meeting.

**June 20 – July 5, 2019** – Drafted two Tuition Agreements for Board review and comment and then forward to Karen Morinelli for her review. On July 7-8, Karen sent back this agreement with changes, her recommendation and changes was then sent back to you all on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and so far, 3 of you have okayed her revisions. I will take and get it signed sometime this week or next week depending on our volunteer's work and school schedule.

**July 1, 2019** – Captain Thayer scheduled a demo with a vendor over the Intraosseous drill (EZIO) drill used to drill into a bone for the purposes of administering intravenous fluids and administration of medications. We will eventually have to purchase one for each ALS Engine. Additionally, this vendor also provided a demo on their video intubation equipment. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> vendor that we have looked at over the intubation equipment and out of the 4, this one has scored the highest rating by our personnel and it is cheaper compared to the other vendors.

**July 9, 2019** – Attended our quarterly pension meeting. Nothing new to report. Pension still is in great shape. Since one of the trustee members will be going into the DROP, he will no longer be allowed to hold his current position as a trustee. There was discussion about advertising this position, but Debbie Tuckerman advised the group that they will have 2 positions up for election so do it at that time.

Chief Bounds, Inspector Betts, Shawn Myles and I participated in a 2-hour webinar over the new ESO reporting software. This is the new software that we will be going to document our EMS and Fire incidents, which is a requirement of the COPCN process is to use the same software as MCEMS. Currently West Manatee is using it, but only the EMS side of it.

**July 9 – July 10, 2019** – Chief Bounds and I Recalculated and triple verified our proposed FY20 Non-ad Valorem based on the PAO NAV portal that was uploaded with our new rates, the reason why we did this, Chief Bounds picked up a major problem with our proposed rates, the PAO only uploaded about ½ of our proposed rates based on the 5.8% PIG, the other half still had our current rates at last years P.I.G. percentage. This was immediately corrected and like I said recalculated and triple verified. At the same time, on June 26 we were notified to complete and verify the DR-420 ad valorem data which we did. Based on both this work we then updated our FY20 Proposed revenue and expenditure budget.

**July 11, 2019** – Chief Bounds and I attended Sarasota Memorial Trauma Center Trauma Reunion. This is their annual event in which they bring back their prior major trauma patients to meet the personnel involved in the care and review their case with everyone. These are cool events to see these patients that were near death upon arrival of pre-hospital providers and then see them now fully recovered.

Attended the quarterly CERT meeting at the Public Safety Building. All local CERT Teams and Fire Districts meet quarterly with Emergency Management personnel at the EOC to discuss training, equipment and drills.

**July 17, 2019** – The IAFF and the District began bargaining negotiations. This is the first of 5 advertised meetings.