



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, <sup>BG</sup> Fire Chief  
**RE:** **Chief's Report**  
**DATE:** January 16, 2020

**November 22, 2019** – Chief Bounds and I arranged a meeting between our Paramedic's and Dr. Nonell. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce Dr. Nonell to our Paramedic personnel and then allow Dr. Nonell the opportunity to review his expectations working under his license as our Medical Director. Additionally, Dr. Nonell took the time to explain his testing procedures in order to be released as a Charge Paramedic, which eased the fears to some of our personnel.

**November 22, 2019 to present date** – Work processes completed to obtain our DEA License and most importantly our ALS License from the State of Florida. Both licenses have been obtained and are hanging on the wall. All equipment supplies and medications have been obtained except for morphine which has a delivery date of 1/8/2020.

**December 2, 3, 4, 2019** – I was asked by the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport to provide their Firefighters in-service training on the treatment of overdose patients with Narcan. The airport is seeing a rise in their medical calls pertaining to overdose, from calls within the Terminal to calls at the SCAT/MAT Bus stop to even an overdose incident on a passenger plane.

Attended a joint Training Drill between our Haz-mat Team and Sarasota County Fire Departments Haz-mat Team.

**December 4, 2019** – Dr. Nonell began conducting testing scenarios with our Paramedic's. Second group is scheduled for January 8, 2020.

**December 5, 2019** – Southern Manatee assisted Sarasota Memorial Hospital in the delivery of a Hands-Only CPR Event at Booker High School. This was an all-day event and this class was taught by Kristie Menke, RN-Cardiovascular Nurse Specialist, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Fire Inspector Larry Betts, Firefighter/Paramedic Ian Segneri and myself.

**December 7, 2019** – The District held their annual Christmas / Awards Banquet. The food was supplied by Sonny's BBQ and was free due to the District once again winning the annual Chili Cook-Off thanks to FF/EMT Moonen secret chili recipe. We did have a great turn out of our Firefighters and their families. This years recipients of awards were as follows, Staff Employee of the Year – Deputy Chief Blanco; Officer of the Year – Lieutenant Tony Hauck; FF of the Year – Firefighter/EMT Mike Geiser and Rookie of the Year – Firefighter/Paramedic Mario Disi.

**December 9, 2019** – We attended a special meeting of the Manatee County Fire Chief's Association. This meeting was called to discuss as a group East Manatee's potential "Friendly Law Suit" against the Property Appraiser over the assessment of common elements. The next step will be to arrange a meeting between all of the District's and Property Appraiser to discuss this issue to see if a resolution can be achieved and if not, East Manatee will file their suit.

In addition to this topic, since our Interlocal Agreement between all Districts pertaining to Hazmat requires me to update all the District's over Hazmat services, from training, equipment and call volume. In addition to providing all the District's with an update, I am also to provide an annual report, so I took this opportunity to ask everyone what they wanted to see in this report, which they did. This report is being worked on now and will be ready for distribution for our January 2020 meeting.

**December 12, 2019** – Chief Bounds and I renewed our Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor Certifications. Our Instructor License allows us to renew our Paramedic's ALCS provider cards every 2 years in house and saves the District a lot of money. Our only cost will be for the Ecard that is issued upon completion of the course.

**December 17, 2019** – Back on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District and Sarasota County Fire Department participated in a joint public education event at The Haven located at 4405 Desoto Road. The Haven is an inclusionary school for all ages.

While conducting this educational event, Lieutenant Adam Chevalier began talking to the staff at the school to determine if we could assist them in purchasing a new multi-passenger stroller. This stroller allows for six (6) kids to be transported around campus by one staff member.

On Tuesday, December 17 at 0930 hours, members from the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District Benevolent, Sarasota County Fire Department - Sarasota Firefighters Benevolent and Local 2546 presented the staff of The Haven with checks for the purchase of this new stroller. This story and pictures can be seen on our website and Face Book page.

**January 6, 2020** – Captain Bloski and I had a meeting with Manatee County GIS over the map layer that contains the 214 SARA Title III properties. There was an issue with the GPS coordinates on a lot of these properties and has become an issue of accuracy for everyone. Federal law requires these properties to report their hazardous materials and quantities annually to the County and to the Hazmat provider and part of their requirement is to provide GPS coordinates of their property of where it is stored, which for accuracy GIS uses 5 digits past the decimal, the more digits pas the decimal means the more accuracy of the location. When these properties report, some are only providing 1 or 2 digits past the decimal. We can up with a resolution and will have this ready for next CAD map roll-out in April 2020. The real fix needs to come from the Federal Government in making certain that they spell out the requirement of going a minimum of 5 digits past the decimal.

**January 7, 2020** – I attended the monthly Awards Ceremony at the Manatee County Public Safety Building. Southern Manatee had three incidents in which our personnel were awarded the Genesis and Phoenix Awards. We had a great turn out of our personnel at this ceremony. Lieutenant Bonds, FF/EMT Brian Craycraft and FF/EMT Jerry Bennett received the Genesis Award for a childbirth, FF/EMT Bennett delivered a healthy baby girl.

FF/EMT Kiel Duquette, FF/EMT Tim Keusch, FF/EMT Bernadette Kenniff and Captain/Paramedic Bobby Thayer received a Phoenix Award for saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim. This patient was discharged from the hospital 3 days after this event with no neurological issues.

Lieutenant/EMT Brian Hodges, FF/EMT Steve Gibson and FF/EMT Brittan Williams responded to University Parkway and US-301 for a childbirth. Since this was on the County-line, Sarasota County Fire Department was dispatched as well. When all units arrived simultaneously, they found their patient had already delivered a baby girl. Our personnel assisted in clamping and cutting the cord and in the care of the mother along with Manatee County Paramedics, the newly born girl was given to Sarasota County Fire Department FF/Paramedics to continue the care of this patient. Great Teamwork by all. Mother and her baby were transported to SMH.

**January 8, 2020** – Six (6) more of our Paramedic's go in front of Dr. Nonell to be signed off as Charge Paramedic's.

Chief Blanco arranged a demo for all Fire District's pertaining a new Station Alerting system called Locution System. This demo was here at our Administration Building.

**January 9, 2020** – We attended the first quarterly EMS System meeting at the Public Safety Building. Topics discussed pertained to Stoke, Cardiac, Sepsis and Trauma Alert protocols and data review. Additionally, we discussed current and future protocol development.

**January 16, 2020** – Manatee County IT Director Paul Alexander arranged a meeting to come to my office to review and discuss an interlocal agreement that pertains to IT services that covers the I-Mobiles/MDT's. If you all recall a few years back the County asked us to be a test pilot with these devices. Manatee County has been providing maintenance services and updates to our devices annually while building an interlocal agreement for all other Fire District's. The Fire District's support this concept since right now they either have no one maintaining them or they are paying high dollars to an outside vendor. This draft interlocal agreement will also contain a replacement program if a District wishes to participate in replacing their I-mobiles/MDT at the end of their life cycle, which is usually four (4) years.

A lot of work went into this interlocal agreement and Mr. Alexander wants to review it with me first before he takes it to our January Fire Chief's meeting.