



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{BC}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: February 20, 2020

January 21, 2020 – We had the mandatory pre-submittal meeting for RFQ# 2020-01 at Station 2 at 1000 hours. We had three firms attend this meeting and they were given a tour of this facility. The three (3) firms that attended were Sweet-Sparkman Architect, Fawley-Bryant Architect and Hall-Darling Architect. During this tour we answered some basic questions that they had and after about 1.5 hours this meeting concluded. We reminded them of the deadline date/time for questions and deadline date/time for receipt of their proposal.

Physio-Control was on site and conducted their annual preventative maintenance on all the Districts defibrillators.

January 23, 2020 – Attended the monthly Fire Chief's meeting. We discussed "Active Shooter Training", Narcan 2nd Grant Distribution, and Chief Rigney reviewed their recent case of where a person challenged the Fire Prevention Ordinance that was heading to the Board of Appeals, which it never really got to this Board as it was settled through some sort of resolution, however since this was the first case there were some errors found within the Appeals Ordinance. Chief Hoyle told everyone that he will work with Maggie and revising this ordinance for everyone.

Paul Alexander addressed the group over the draft Interlocal Agreement / Service Level Agreement between Manatee County and the Fire District's for Information Technology Services as it relates to our I-mobiles, gateways, software, maintenance and replacement. Everyone supported this agreement and I placed

as the point person to send this agreement to Maggie Mooney (9 out of 10 Districts now use Maggie and David) for them to review and work with Anne Morris (County Attorney) on any changes and to produce a final draft for each District's Board of Commissioners. As of Monday, February 10, Maggie completed her review and did send it back to all the Districts for final review before she submits it back to Anne Morris.

I did present the group with the 2019 annual report for Hazmat services which is a requirement of our Interlocal Agreement. I also told everyone that I was successful again in obtaining another grant for Narcan, should be delivered sometime in February, another 200 doses.

January 29, 2020 – around 0830 hours Debbie Tuckerman, designated person to receive questions over the RFQ, received 3 questions from Hall-Darling Architect firm. The deadline according to our RFQ for questions was January 29 at 4:00, since these were received prior to the deadline, I had Debbie respond back to them indicating receipt and that we would provide the answers. I reviewed the questions and wrote responses to these questions, however before we sent it back, I had our attorney review it. Once David returned it back to me with some edits, I accepted the changes and we then sent it to all 3 firms, since we told everyone up front and questions/answers that we would do this.

February 6, 2020 – I was invited by the Manatee County Health Department to participate in a meeting over the Novel Coronavirus 2019n-CoV, now officially named the virus as COVID-19, a new virus of the Coronavirus family, however this virus is extremely contagious when compared to the other Coronavirus strains. They know that it effects the human respiratory system and can pass through droplet contact (sneeze, cough) and indirect contact (virus sitting on a surface and a person touches this contaminated surface), they do not know how long the virus will survive on a surface outside of the host. Every day they are learning more about this virus, its spread and how it effects the human body. In the beginning the incubation period was thought to be 2 to 5 days, weeks later than raised it to 2 to 14 days and today it is raised again to 2 to 24 days.

The direction right now from CDC, State and Local Health Department is to stay educated with the daily updates. They will be producing soon for the public an information flier over this virus, but for now the best prevention is education, handwashing, stay a minimum of 3 feet away from a person showing signs of the flu and if sick with flu like symptoms contact your Doctor and stay at home, limit

your exposure to other people. Avoid contact with people that recently traveled from one of the infected countries.

January 13 to February 20, 2020 – As you all know we went live with our ALS Program and we have made a positive impact to our citizens within our District, our Paramedic's now when they get on scene of a cardiac patient, instead of just putting them on oxygen, they are now administering ASA, Nitro, establishing an IV and running a 12/15 lead and calling a STEMI alert before the ambulance arrives on scene and when the ambulance arrives, we just cut their scene down to a bare minimum because all of the interventions have been completed and now they are arriving at the hospital Cath lab quicker which means a faster identification of which artery is block and quicker insertion of a stent and then immediate blood flow to that area of the hospital preventing further injury to the heart muscle and preventing death. We have multiple examples of this.

We recently had a meeting with our Paramedic's at Station 5 to allow them to provide us with feedback and to answer any questions. We are still working through some documentation issues with our incident reporting software, not any problems with our guys in their documentation, it pertains to just learning all of the features that ESO provides us when it comes to documentation and to ensure that we have consistency among the 3 shifts.

Lastly, which I will provide more details at our February 20 Board meeting, we have been working through some CAD dispatch issues, which would be easier for me to explain in person vs. put in writing for you to read. Some of these issues already have resolution to them and with some others there maybe no resolution until we go on live on the new CAD.