



Operations Chief Report  
**Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting**

February 20<sup>th</sup> , 2020

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**January 23:** I attended the Fire Chiefs meeting with Chiefs Gorski and Bounds.

**January 27:** The annual bunker gear inspection and cleaning took place this week. Lt Burton did an excellent job coordinating the task along with the Done-Right Fire Gear company. Several items were replaced due to age or other reasons, but this was anticipated by Lt Burton and had been budgeted. This annual service is performed to aid in the betterment of our firefighter's health and safety.

**February 3:** I held our monthly Command Staff meeting to discuss the upcoming months goals and concerns. The planning of new S-328 was laid out by BC Gould. Staffing concerns were addressed by the BC's concerning paramedic school and some personnel injuries recovery time frames. Several other topics discussed from training to Hazmat operations.

**February 3:** BC Gould hosted the Mira Lago post incident analysis (PIA) via web access. All crews on the scene of the fire were given the opportunity to join in and verbalize their actions and or concerns, if they had any. The PIA was a success and as always beneficial to our personnel's learning environment.

**February 4:** I attended the SRQ Padre drill meeting at Sarasota Airport along with BC Gould and Capt Bloski. The drill has been in preparation for several months and will kick-off on Feb-25<sup>th</sup>. The focus on this year's drill will be an aircraft landing at SRQ with a Hazmat situation on board. Several fire, law and emergency agencies will be present as well as our Hazmat team, FAA, media and local hospitals. This type of exercise is required every 3 years by the FAA for the airport's authority.

**February 4:** As Chair, I hosted the MCFFA's monthly Operations Group meeting at BFD. We discussed the new P25 radio cut over plan from ECC, EMS's response to structure fires (should they be limited to Alpha responses or downgraded), Hazmat MCROG 407 was... we determined to hold a special meeting accomplish this guideline and several other minor topics.

**February 5:** The P25 radio upgrade(s) and new equipment installation has begun. The Manatee County Radio Division has selected Feb 20<sup>th</sup> as the official cut over date when all radio traffic in Manatee County will switch from EDAC radio to digital P25. This transition is a tremendous advancement in radio technology for Manatee and Sarasota counties and has been in the works for 4+ years. These accomplishment tie directly to

the safety and welfare of our firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMS workers county wide.

**February 10:** Our Command staff will be holding a meeting at station 5 with the ALS engine company (351M) and crews to discuss the ALS programs status since its inception 30 days earlier. This will be the Paramedic and crew's opportunity to express concerns and help guide this program in its early stages. Later, this same day, the executive Chiefs will be meeting with ECC and EMS's Chiefs to adjust response concerns for 351M.

**February 13:** We will be having a Training Meeting hosted by Capt Thayer. This meeting is for the SMFR's training committee to discuss the direction of our training programs and assign task as well as establishing goals for our personnel in training. We will also examine our internal Directives concerning the promotion guidelines.