SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief

RE: **Chief's Report**

DATE: October 15, 2020

September 12th, 2020 – Submitted the Interlocal Agreement between SMFR and Manatee County Government for CARES Grant back to Manatee County along with the grant application that totaled $90,379.73. On Tuesday, September 15th, this agenda item was present to the Manatee Commission and was approved without discussion and on October 1, 2020, we received a check from Manatee County for $90,379.73. This was for reimbursement for the PPE that purchased by SMFR during the time from February to September 30, 2020.

September 14th, 2020 – The District placed in service their second ALS Non-Transport Engine, Engine 341. We placed the ALS License on the windshield as required and signed over their narcotics to the Paramedic in Charge and shortly after this unit began providing ALS services.

September 23rd, 2020 – I had a meeting at Sweet-Sparkman Architects to go over his contract prior to having him sign it as well as the scope of work that was recently revised by our committee. Todd Sweet had no changes to the contract and did sign it. This will be presented to you all for final ratification at our October 15 Board meeting.

September 29th, 2020 – Chief Bounds, Chief Blanco and I did the 2nd round of reviewing the applications for the Financial Specialist position. We received a total of 68 applications. Debbie Tuckerman, Debbie Hiser and Chief Bound s the initial review of the applications to determine that meet the minimum qualifications as advertised. Debbie Tuckerman at this time scheduling interviews that will occur on October 20 and October 21.

September 30th – October 1st, 2020 – I had numerous conversations with Attorney Maggie Mooney over the Governors latest Executive Order as it pertained to public meetings to provide you all with your options for our October meeting. More discussion will occur at our October meeting but the bottom line is for governments to start transitioning back to regular "meeting in the public" meetings, but there is an "Hybrid" option that would allow for both meeting in person and virtual. If the Board agrees to the "Hybrid" then it will also have to be offered to the public. I will explain further at our October meeting.

September 10th – September 30th, 2020 – Staff worked on getting the revised Fire Prevention Code and Ordinance ready for the first reading at our October meeting and the second and final reading for November. Legal has completed their review and it is ready for the first hearing. Fire Marshal Adent will provide a presentation outlining the areas that were revised.

October 1, 2020 - Chief Bounds, Chief Blanco and I had a meeting with our Labor Attorney, Karen Morinelli, over some injury cases, one on the job (work comp) and the other off the job. The reason for the meeting was to get some guidance on each of these cases to ensure that we handle them correctly.