Operations Chief Report

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

November 19th , 2020

October 22nd : The new engine 351 was officially placed into service and has been running as the ALS unit in zone 5. The crews are very pleased and appreciative of the new pumper and thank you for your support.

October 27-29th : During this week SMFR hosted the MCFCA's Command Staff training at our Admin building, COVID-19 precautions were in place the entire time. This training event brings in all the Battalion Chiefs and EMS District from the entire County for a specific training. This quarterly training was focused on Hazmat Response and an Expo of our team's equipment and capabilities. This was the first time we have been able to "show off" our new Squad since February due to all the COVID concerns. The team did an excellent job expressing on scene actions, response, and communications.

November 2nd : Manatee Technical College signed the last document and planned to pick up E11 (the donated fire pumper) from our station 4. All equipment, radios and SMFR documents had been removed from the engine. Again, we apricate your generosity to MTC and their fire program.

November 9th: Today Myself and Captain Bloski started working on an AFG Regional Radio Grant for all the fire districts of Manatee County. The intent of this grant is to replace all the Harris radios, which are 10 plus years old County wide with new Motorola product line. Because this is a regional grant only one District can host it and Southern Manatee, as the ones who have pushed for the grant, will be writing, and hosting the grant process. This grant opens early this December and is awarded in April – June 2021. We anticipate, that if awarded, Southern Manatee could save $145,000.00 on the cost of radios.

November 17th: The County's Operations Group, via MCFCA, is still working steadily on the Closes Unit Response (CUR)module for Hexagon 10. The county is ready to implement testing later this month or in December. All County Districts are on board and are agreeing on responding as such (closes unit). If any unforeseen situations take place, such as a district running an abundance of calls due to the CUR we do have a way of modify the response matrix to help ease the burden. In all we are very excited to be able to provide a better service for our citizens. I will keep you posted as we continue to move along. Currently the projected launch date is June 2021.