



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Robert Bounds, Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: September 16, 2021

NOTE: From this point forward until, an unspecified time, we are going to generate a separate report regarding all COVID-19 issues, to include personnel updates, cumulative numbers, vaccine administration, the latest updates from CDC, etc. This report will be an addendum to the "Chief's" report.

August 24, 2021 – A formal letter was sent to Manatee County EMS for the excellent care they provided to two (2) of our personnel at the storage building fire on U. S. 41. Thankfully, both of our personnel were transported, but released shortly thereafter.

Sick time usage continues to be at an all-time high due to a combination of off duty injuries and COVID. We are currently around 500+% over our budgeted amount. We will plan on doing an amendment, post October with no resolution required.

August 25, 2021 – The job posting on National Team Testing (NTN) closed today. After reviewing the qualifications, we had eleven (11) qualified individuals. The individuals were contacted via email and invited to submit a formal application. The schedule has been set for inhouse fire/medical testing on September 24. Tentative job offers will be made October 12 with a projected start date of October 25.

August 26, 2021 – We were informed by VFIS that they will discontinue to "pollution" coverage as is related to the use of Universal Gold (class B) foam as it is known to contain polyfluroalkyl substances (PFAS). 27 States have enacted legislation to prohibit its use, although Florida has not. Captain Bloski is

working on a plan to donate the product to a federal organization, they have a phase-out plan until 2024.

August 30, 2021 – A/C Blanco and I met with Atlas Construction at station 2 for a final review of the renovations to be performed. No changes. We are waiting on several documents from the attorney before contracts can be signed.

September 1, 2021 – Met with Phill Baker (Boyd Insurance) and signed all of our FY22 insurance documents. The actual figures were placed into the FY22 budget, draft #3.

September 2, 2021 – A “draft” resolution and memo were sent to legal regarding the October 1, 2021 purchase of a Pierce Custom Pumper. The request is to use 10% of the purchase price (\$634,297) or \$63,430 from impact fees. The plan is to place the order October 1, 2021 with an anticipated delivery date of no later than July 2022.

September 7, 2021 – Contacted Spirit Movers to dismantle the bunkrooms at station 2 and place three (3) of them in the temporary modular structure on premises, the other three (3) will be put into a “pod” storage unit on site along with all other existing station furniture and miscellaneous items.

September 8, 2021 – Capt Bloski was able to find an organization to take our class B foam, Transmontaigne Operating GP LLC. Which operates at the Port of Manatee, falling under federal guidelines. We had our attorney produce a hold harmless agreement for the donation of this product due to the controversy surrounding it. The operation will take place on Friday September 10. All fire districts and Manatee County were notified that SMFR will not have class B foam until approximately October 4th when we will receive the replacement product, known as Universal Green.

September 9, 2021 – Attended the 911 luncheon at the Grove in Lakewood Ranch. The Memorial service will occur on September 11, 2021 from 0900-1000 at Rossi Park, 400 3rd Avenue West. This is the 20th anniversary and is expected to be well attended.