



# **SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**

## **Interoffice Memorandum**

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners

**FROM:** Robert Bounds, Fire Chief

**RE:** **Chief's Report (June & July)**

**DATE:** July 15, 2022

**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.

Additionally, Chief Blanco will include all information related to the construction of station 2 as a separate item, including change orders, time schedules, etc.

**June 20, 2022** – Bounds, Blanco, Tuckerman & Janee attended the Truth in Millage (TRIM) workshop. No substantive changes for the coming year.

**June 21, 2022** – Received new K-9 oxygen masks from SPCA group.

Met with Battalions and hazmat to discuss ongoing problem of gas leaks at the Venue. TECO is requesting a meeting to formulate a plan to reduce the number of incidents.

Bounds, Thayer & Anderson attended a workshop at East Manatee Fire Rescue to discuss the implementation of Advanced Life Support (ALS).

**June 22, 2022** – Union negotiations all day. We finalized all articles and everyone seemed very excited. Our wage and incentive offers far exceeded the Union's request. I believe the District is well positioned and will enjoy a smooth 3 year contract period.

**June 27, 2022** – The revised Hazmat Agreement (03/22-09/30/2022) was sent to the County for review and approval the their Board of Commissioners. It will be on the Manatee County BOC agenda in July.

The new alerting system (Locution) was reviewed by Maggie/David for legal sufficiency.

**June 29, 2022** – The 2022 DR-420 (Ad Valorem) was received. We completed the revenue projections and those will be presented to you at the July BOC meeting.

**June 30, 2022** – The Non-Ad Valorem figures were posted by the Property Appraisers Office. The revenue projections were completed.

Draft #2 of the FY23 budget was revised with revenue projections @ 95%. I will distribute this draft at the July BOC meeting.

**July 4, 2022** – Staff holiday

**July 5, 2022** – I was lucky enough to have jury duty all day (yeah me)!

**July 6, 2022** – I received the proposed contract from Jim Angle regarding the mandated Performance Review for Independent Special Taxing Districts. I sent it to Maggie/David for review. The statue went into effect July 1, 2022 and is due by October 2023. This was a “piggyback” off of WMFR’s RFP.

**July 8, 2022** – After much back and forth with Cigna I finally received a tolerable renewal rate of 13% with no plan changes. Although this may seem a little high we were status quo last year and I fully expected a 10-12% increase for this year. We also had a few very large claims in 2021 which also drove the rates.

**July 11, 2022** – I had our audit firm CS&L provide training/guidance with Janee and Debbie to address possible areas of improvement related to our audits. Both believed this to be very beneficial. We also set preliminary dates for our FY22 pre-audit as well as the “official” audit.

**July 12, 2022** – Bounds & Blanco met with Ten-8 representative and a liaison from Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin regarding lead times, pricing and pre-payment.