



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Robert Bounds, Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report (July & August)**
DATE: August 18, 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.

July 18, 2022 - I submitted a nomination today to Congressman Vern Buchanan's office for Lieutenant Derek Foss. These are the Congressman's annual awards and I nominated Lieutenant Foss for the "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" award. I will let you know if he will receive it and date/time for the presentation.

July 19, 2022 - We had a virtual meeting with Cigna to review the proposed renewal rates for 2023. We received a negotiated renewal rate for health with a 13% increase, a 6.2% increase for dental (2-year policy), and a 4% increase for vision (2-year policy). We locked in the rates with the negotiated increases.

July 21, 2022 - A copy of the proposed FY23 budget (2nd draft) was given to you at the regular BOC meeting. A third (3rd) draft with revised revenues and updated insurance numbers will be distributed and with minor adjustments should be completed.

July 25, 2022 - Submitted adjusted assessment rolls for Non-Ad Valorem to the Manatee County Property Appraisers office.

All department paramedics have completed the renewal for advanced cardiac life support (ACLS).

July 27, 2022 – We received the signed Interlocal Agreement with the county for hazmat services.

July 28, 2022 – Attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's Association meeting where Lt. Foss received the Manatee County Star of Gallantry for his selfless donation of one of his kidneys.

August 2, 2022 – Received FY23 Work Comp. renewal rate, which decreased significantly. Email sent to all Commissioners.

August 3, 2022 – Held a command staff meeting to establish department goals/objectives for FY23.

August 4, 2022 – We had a video conference with Locution. This is the new station alerting system being installed at station 1 due to the end of life of First In. This system will allow for individual unit tones instead of a single station alerting on an IP platform. Going forward this will be the preferred alerting system in Manatee County. Installation should begin sometime in October/November.

August 8, 2022 – We did a video award presentation to an EMT in Montana who pulled a child and his mother from a wreck on 53rd Ave and 15th Street East. The car was badly damaged and on fire and he broke out the window to rescue both victims. The mother did not survive, but the child did.

August 9, 2022 – We had an on-boarding meeting with Jim Angle and his team. They will be conducting the mandated "Performance Review" that was put into law and became effective July 1, 2022. There is huge amount of data gathering to be done by staff. The "review" should be completed by February 2023 and presented to the BOC sometime in May. The deadline for completion and submission to the State is June 30, 2023. I will keep you all apprised of its status.

August 10, 2022 – We are having a meeting today with Deputy County Administrator Robert Reinshuttle to negotiate new terms for the Hazmat Agreement with the County. Commissioner Center will accompany Rick and I to the meeting. We can discuss the outcome at the BOC meeting.