



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: September 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.

September 19, 2022 - Progress with the mandated "performance review" is proceeding. We have conducted two (2) teleconference meetings with Jim Angle and established a portal for uploading of documents.

September 20, 2022 - SMFR will be having an end of the year awards gathering. We have secured the venue of Palm Aire County Club. It will be held on December 3, 2022 from 1800-2200. All employees are invited with a +1.

September 21, 2022 - A/C Blanco and myself had a conference call with Chase Meyers from Sweet/Sparkman in regards to the "close-out" package for station 2. We should be able to complete this shortly and remit the final payment to Atlas Construction (retainage).

September 26, 2022 - EOC briefing regarding Tropical Storm Ian who is expected to form into a Hurricane shortly and possibly impact the West Coast of Florida.

September 27, 2022 – Ian now is a major hurricane and is expected to further strengthen with a projected landfall sometime in the early afternoon of the 28th. All fire certified admin personnel were sequestered, and regional dispatch was put into effect around 1700 hours.

“C” Shift was called in early to prepare for the arrival of Hurricane Ian.

September 28, 2022 – Category 4 Hurricane Ian made landfall in Costa Maya near Ft. Meyers Beach. Deployment teams are formed, and we are awaiting request, post storm. Winds exceeded 50 mph at this point and all FD

September 29, 2022 – SMFR began area reconnaissance to ascertain damaged areas within our District and ensure roads are clear to travel. We remained in contact with Manatee County First-in Teams to coordinate needed response areas.

“B” Shift released to return home.

Regional Dispatch was concluded around 1300 hours and normal dispatching resumed

Admin fire certified personnel were released

September 30, 2022 - “A” Shift instructed to return to shift at 1200. “C” Shift was released at 1200 with the arrival of “A” Shift.

Our first engine strike team lead by Lt. Bonds was deployed to Port Charlotte.

We did have minor damage to a couple of buildings. Admin had the antenna damaged, Station 3 had 2 large pine trees down (no property damage) and a tree from the adjoining subdivision fell and broke 2 small sections of fence. I contacted the HOA and they will repair the fence.

October 3, 2022 - Our new Financial Specialist started. Her name is Andrea Fullen, and she will be attending the October BOC meeting for formal introductions.

October 9, 2022 – Our engine strike team returned today, no engine/equipment damage and all personnel are tired, but uninjured.

A request for a Hazmat Strike Team was received from Region 6. Capt. Bloski + 1 hazmat technician and Squad 328 with four (4) personnel. All personnel deployed around noon, headed for Ft. Meyers Beach.

October 12 & 13, 2022 – CS&L Accountants began our FY22 pre-audit.

October 17, 2022 – The deployed Hazmat personnel returned from Ft. Meyers around 1300. Capt. Bloski reports no damage and no injuries. Deployed personnel were given a minimum of 48 hours off to rest/recover and then to resume normal duties.