



# SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

## Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Robert Bounds, Fire Chief  
**RE:** **Chief's Report (November)**  
**DATE:** November 09, 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.

**October 24, 2022** – The performance audit is ongoing. We continue to gather and upload the information requested to a portal. The projected timeline for completion is still sometime in March/April.

**October 25, 2022** – We had a Zoom meeting with Amerigas, railroad personnel, and county personnel. Amerigas applied to the county for a temporary permit to conduct transloading operations on a spur line near their facility. The county asked for input from Fire, Police, and Public Safety. We did our code research and due to the proximity of houses, daycare and a church SMFR did not endorse the idea.

**October 27, 2022** – Sent certified letter to the County (Reinshuttle & Litschauer) regarding the Hazmat Funding Agreement. I will keep you all apprised.

**November 1, 2022** – Began preliminary work on 2022 Annual Report.

Spoke with FEMA representative to set-up the exploratory call for reimbursement from Hurricane Ian. All estimated costs have been submitted to FEMA. There

are two (2) submittals required, one for the engine strike team and its backfill and another for the hazmat deployment (SERT).

Had one on one meeting with the new head of the radio shop on ways to improve communications/service. He is a retired Battalion Chief and seems very committed to improving communications for fire.

**November 3, 2022** – Myself, Debbie T, Janee, and Andrea has our exploratory meeting with FEMA. A lot of good information that will assist us with in the recovery process.

**November 8, 2022** – Following the regularly scheduled Pension Board of Trustee meeting we held Dwayne Mckeaver’s disability hearing. Pension Attorney Glen Thomas was in attendance via phone. A letter of permanent disability was received from the orthopedic surgeon. The Trustees elected to grant the disability based on the medical information as well as the letter from the attending physician.

**November 9, 2022** – Tropical Storm/Hurricane Nicole is approaching, and we are in the process of making final preparations. We are not expecting any significant impacts, but we are taking all precautions. All station roof repairs have been completed and should pose no risk during this storm.

Crews are participating in the passenger aircraft disaster response exercise (PADRE). This is the first time in 3 years that this drill is being held.

We have made the last lump sum payment to Atlas Builders for station 2 (retainage). There are two (2) minor punch list items to complete so we held the last \$5k.