



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ³⁶
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: June 20th, 2013

May 16th, 2013 – had a meeting with the West Coast EAP (Employee Assistance Program) for the purposes of getting information to establish a program for the District and their employees.

May 20th, 2013 – We participated in our 3rd meeting with Sarasota County, Town of Longboat Key, and the City of North Port over the regional SCBA (air pack) grant. Since Sarasota County is the largest Department they will be the ones to submit this grant application, however all participants will need to supply them with detailed information about their Department, service area served, age of equipment and at what standard does their SCBA comply with.

May 28th & June 6th, 2013 – I had a meeting with staff over the development of a new web-site for the District. A lot of progress has been made and as of April 18 our new site, www.smfr.com went live and replaced the old site. Pension tab that contains pension information has been added to the site.

May 30th & June 13th, 2013 - We held two (2) successful negotiation sessions with the IAFF.

May 30th, 2013 – had a meeting with Netwurx, which is the company that provides information technology support to the District. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a strategic plan up to three years that would address a computer replacement program, moving the District from local servers to a cloud based network, common software and licenses, and to either develop or

purchase applications that would improve efficiency in processing payroll and other things that we are doing manually and on paper.

June 3rd, 2013 – assisted Fire Chief Paul Dezzi of the Longboat Key Fire Department with assessment for Lieutenant.

June 5th, 2013 – attended a meeting at Ten-8 over a demo on a new safety product for fire and ems apparatus, it is like a the black box on an airplane that monitors and records vehicle data from speed, braking, G-forces, emergency response vs. non-emergency response, seat belt use, backing up, etc., this product is actually made by Zoll Medical. Currently Ten-8 offers a black box, however this product captures much more vehicle data plus it sets off alarms to tell the driver to slow down, you're backing up without a back-up person, seat belt not connected, etc. The cost is around \$5000 per apparatus.

June 6th, 2013 – We had a meeting with staff over Hazardous Materials Response for our District. I learned who within our department is on the County-wide team, status of the County-wide team, training, and equipment. On July 16, 2013, I will conduct a strategic planning session with the District Team members to develop a 5 year plan with goals. This plan will be incorporated into the District's Strategic Plan.

June 11th, 2013 – Myself and Debbie Tuckerman attended a webinar on Ad Valorem Taxes that was through the Florida Department of Revenue.

May 30th and June 12th, 2013 – our apparatus committee had two good meetings. May 30th they had E-One demo some trucks and June 12th, Pierce brought show trucks to demo to our personnel. Good information was exchanged. Next meeting is scheduled for July 17 and they plan on bringing in Sutphen to demo some of their products.