



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{BG}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: July 18th, 2013

June 20th, 2013 – we had a meeting with our Medial Insurance Provider about FY14 projected cost and the financial impact of Obama Care. Commissioner Cena was present at this meeting. Initial projection of cost to the District for FY14 is a possible 9% increase.

June 24 – 28th, 2013 – On Vacation.

July 3rd, 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 as well as press releases added about our Safety Award and Training Events.

July 8th, 2013 - Attended a meeting between Sarasota County Fire Department, Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue and the Sarasota Bradenton Airport Authority. The topic once again was to discuss fire responses to Airport property, current mutual aid and first response automatic aid.

July 9th, 2013 – attended our quarterly Pension Board of Trustees meeting. We heard reports from Chuck Carr (Southern Actuary) and Paul Shamoun (FMPTF) over the District Pension Plan as well as the impacts of GASB 67 and 68 and new Florida Law on reporting the financial liability. Overall the District's Pension at this time is in great shape.

July 9th, 2013 - I had a meeting with staff over Hazardous Materials Response for our District. This meeting focused on a format for our July 16, 2013 meeting. On this date we 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.

July 10th, 2013 - We held one (1) successful negotiation sessions with the IAFF.

July 11th, 2013 - had a meeting with Netwurx, which is the company that provides information technology support to the District. The purpose of this second meeting was to continue with the development of 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. We are planning a presentation to the Board at our August 15 Board meeting.

July 16th, 2013 - We conducted our first strategic planning session with the District's Haz-Mat Team members. An additional meeting will need to be held in order to continue building the frame work for the five (5) year plan.

July 18th, 2013 - We participated in a 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 participates 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. This meeting was to go over the quotes that we received and to start drafting our need statements.