



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{PG}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: October 17, 2013

September 25th & 26th, 2013 – Staff from the District's Auditor (Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell) began their work processes for our annual audit of the year ending 9/30/13.

September 26th, 2013 – We attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting at Trailer Estates Fire Rescue District Station 1. Items of discussion were over adding more FTE's for the Assistant Fire Coordinator positions and Fire Coordinator positions due to upcoming retirements. We also discussed a common County-Wide apparatus and station numbering system, currently duplication exists, meaning there are 2 Engine 31's, etc. primarily the duplications exist between North River and the City of Bradenton. Chief Teates from East Manatee talked about his plan in providing Haz-mat training to his personnel to bring them to the level of Technician. There was also discussion by Cedar Hammock about the Technical Rescue Team. Lisa Kalmbach talked about each District having an MOU or some sort of document that spells out that Manatee County ECC provides dispatch services, currently there is no agreement at all that exists. This is the same as it relates to automatic aid, there are no written contracts or agreements over this, just run cards that are signed by the various agencies.

October 1st, 2013 – I attended the Council of Governments meeting with Commissioner Marken. Discussion focused on short term rental properties and because of some legislative action last year, City and County government lost their ability to control. City of Holmes Beach and Anna Maria are asking everyone to support them in changing the legislation to allow "home rule" in

establishing local regulations to control these rentals. Additionally, Nicholas Azzara spoke about the 2014 Legislative session and the bills that Manatee County Government either supports or opposes (copy attached). Cheri Coryea spoke about the current status of jobs in the county and what is planned in the out years based on targeted industries (copy attached).

October 3rd, 2013 – I attended a meeting at the Manatee County Technical Institute Fire Science for the purposes of meeting the coordinator and touring the facility. The school has a burn building, smoke tower and other live fire props and they are only being used by students, no fire districts use their facility at all. We talked about Southern Manatee using their facilities for hands-on live training. As this develops, you all will be informed our development of a hands-on training schedule.

October 5th, 2013 – I attended the Sarasota County annual Open House for the kick-off of Fire Prevention week.

October 8th, 2013 – we held our Pension Board meeting. I brought in a guest speaker, Mike Hartley, Battalion Chief, Chair of the Sarasota Firefighters Pension Board. The purpose of this was to discuss disability and making some revisions to the Districts Pension Plan that addresses an annual re-certification of a disability. Currently the District plan does not require any re-certification once a disability has been granted.

October 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2013 – we had Blue Cross come in to provide flu shots to all of personnel.

October 10th, 2013 – we took our Apparatus Specification Committee down to the Englewood Fire Training Center for a demonstration of two (2) types of compressed air foam systems (CAFS). Our committee is looking at the CAFS systems vs. a regular Class A foam system for our new apparatus.

October 11th, 2013 – Myself, Debbie Tuckerman, and Robert Bounds attend a 2 hour class on “Citizens in Sunshine? Don’t Get Burned” that was put on by a local law firm (ICARD Merrill & Williams Parker), the speaker is out of the State of Florida Attorney General’s Office (Pat Gleason). This was held in Sarasota.

October 15th, 2013 – Had a meeting with Chief Gould over our personnel becoming Haz-Mat Technicians by completing the States 160 hour course. We have about 23 Firefighters that are interested in this course and becoming Haz-

Mat Technicians and establishing a Haz-Mat for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District. This is one of goals in the Districts Strategic Plan.

October 15th, 2013 – attended a meeting with Lisa Kalmbach from Public Safety Communications (ECC). This meeting was in reference to a county-wide apparatus and station numbering system to eliminate some of the duplication that now exists. Lisa provided me with a copy of a proposal that she submitted a while ago to correct this problem, however no action was ever taken. The plan that she developed back in 2007 would eliminate the duplication that exists today. Probably in November, myself and Lisa will be presenting a plan to the Fire Chief's to eliminate this duplication.

October 15th, 2013 – attending a meeting with Doctor Nonell, Ron Koper, Larry Luh, and Jerome Ruffing pertaining to the finalization of our BLS medical treatment protocols and our MOU.

October 15, 16, 17, 2013 – I had Big Brothers / Big Sisters come in to talk to our personnel about their programs to see if there was any interest of our personnel in becoming a Big Brother / Big Sister.

October 16th, 2013 – attend Sarasota County Fire Chief's meeting. We discussed Fire Assessment methodology and Automatic Aid Agreements. Currently Sarasota County and Southern Manatee are drafting an automatic aid agreement for the University Parkway area, we both have Fire Stations that service this area and the citizens of both counties could benefit from this.



MANATEE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Manatee County SUPPORTS the state taking full responsibility for funding and operation of detention facilities serving juveniles, both for pre-disposition and post-disposition days and implementing juvenile justice reform, as recommended by the Detention Cost Share Proviso Workgroup. In the alternative, SUPPORT the dissolution of the current shared County-State Detention relationship in a manner that eliminates the administrative burdens for all parties and establishes a more collaborative and equitable detention model.

PORT MANATEE/ TRANSPORTATION

Manatee County SUPPORTS the ability for Port Manatee to operate as an independent entity and would OPPOSE efforts to consolidate or remove autonomy from Port Manatee. Manatee County SUPPORTS action that would facilitate business collaboration and marketing opportunities with neighboring ports. Manatee County SUPPORTS fully funding Enterprise Florida's international budget in order to meet the goal of increasing international trade and efforts that promote the Florida International Gateway as the most efficient port asset through which to move freight. Manatee County OPPOSES raids of the Transportation Trust Fund to subsidize other areas of the state budget.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Manatee County SUPPORTS Local Government Funding Request for beach renourishment by the Governor in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's budget for the FY 2014. Manatee County, as ranked near the top of the state priority list, requests \$109,000 in state cost share grants for FY 2014 to fund final design, permitting and monitoring activities on Anna Maria Island beaches; and \$179,077 in state cost share grants for FY 2014 for completion of the Longboat Pass Inlet Management Plan, and \$77,500 in state cost share grants for FY 2013 planning and design for inlet maintenance construction.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX**

Manatee County SUPPORTS amending or revising current law in a manner that is 1) revenue neutral for local governments; 2) simplifies administration and collection of the current tax base; 3) provides for a broad and equitable tax base; 4) provides for the enhanced stability and reliability as an important revenue source for local government; and 5) provides for the opportunity for market-based growth.

SENIOR HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION**

In an effort to avoid unintended abuses of the 2012 Senior Homestead Tax Exemption, Manatee County urges the state to amend changes to F.S. 196.075 that would 1. Base the applicant's eligibility on all personal assets instead of household income; 2. Require the person applying for the 25-year residency requirement to have qualified for a homestead exemption for at least the most recent 15 years; 3. Provide that the exemption goes away when the original qualifying owner no longer owns the home; and 4. Would penalize fraudulent claims for the exemption similarly to other fraudulent homestead claims.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

Manatee County SUPPORTS full funding of regional planning councils to, at a minimum, cover the costs of statutory responsibilities, and to support enhanced economic development activities. Manatee County would OPPOSE legislation prohibiting or restricting the ability of a regional planning council to provide planning and technical service to its local governments.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Manatee County SUPPORTS legislation that would amend F.S. 893.138, extending from six to 12 months the period under which criminal activity pertaining to prostitution, drugs and dealing in stolen property must occur on more than two occasions.

HOME RULE ISSUES**

Manatee County SUPPORTS the statewide Keep it Local Florida movement which is committed to preserving local control and ensuring local taxpayers have the greatest say in how they are governed.

** Asterisks denote items that are supported by the Manatee County Council of Governments which is comprised of Manatee School Board, the Town of Longboat Key, the Cities of Anna Maria, Bradenton, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach and Palmetto and Manatee County Government.

MANATEE COUNTY'S SECONDARY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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| VACATION RENTALS** | In order for counties and cities to address their citizens' concerns, Manatee County SUPPORTS a full repeal of 2011's House Bill 883 which preempts local authority from regulating, restricting or prohibiting vacation rentals differently from other residential properties based solely on their classification, use or occupancy. |
| CANDY-FLAVORED TOBACCO BAN ** | In accordance with Manatee County Resolution 12-089, Manatee County SUPPORTS legislation that would close an omission in Florida statutes regarding the promotion and sale of tobacco products to young people by allowing the distribution of candy-flavored tobacco products in establishments that are open to minors under the age of 18 within Florida. |
| FERTILIZER AND LANDSCAPING** | Manatee County SUPPORTS the ability of local government to enact fertilizer ordinances intended to improve water quality and reduce nutrient levels in local waterways. Manatee County SUPPORTS enhanced statewide promotion of the Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices as a basic level of water quality protection with more stringent protection available for specific water bodies in need. |
| INTERNET SALES TAX** | Manatee County SUPPORTS legislation that promotes an equitable competitive environment between "brick and mortar" businesses and remote business establishments conducting business in Florida. |
| LIBRARY FUNDING ** | Manatee County SUPPORTS restoring state funding to the public library system, which would jeopardize the vital federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds Florida receives annually. |
| PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS** | Manatee County SUPPORTS the ability of local government to enact local pain clinic ordinances that provide local officials an effective tool in curbing the growing epidemic of pain pill abuse. Manatee County would OPPOSE legislation that would preempt the regulation of pain management clinics to the state. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS TAX** | Manatee County SUPPORTS the authorization of local governments to modify local ordinances in a manner that reflects in a more simplified, efficient and equitable tax system that supports communities and economic development through business recruitment. Manatee County OPPOSES legislation that would eliminate the Local Business Tax. |
| SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON COMMERCIAL LEASES ** | Manatee County OPPOSES legislation that would exempt state sales tax and local option sales tax on commercial leases. |
| JOINT USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES** | Manatee County SUPPORTS legislation that would provide immunity from liability for district school boards that adopt public access policies or enter into joint-use agreement except in instances of gross negligence or intentional misconduct. |
| RED LIGHT CAMERAS** | Manatee County SUPPORTS the ability of local governments to install traffic safety devices as a cost effective way to reduce the instance of red light running at local intersections, and improving safety to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians along roadways. |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING | Manatee County SUPPORTS restoring to 2007 levels the state funding for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Trust Fund and its distribution to counties for affordable housing activities. |



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JOB CREATION BY TARGETED INDUSTRIES, MANATEE COUNTY As at 8.27.13

| Targeted Industry | Figure 1: | Figure 2: | | Figure 3: | Figure 4: | Figure 5: | Sample Companies |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | Jobs Projected to 2021 | Jobs Created to 2012 | Average Wage by Targeted Industry | Incentives Adopted | Incentives Paid Through 2012 | Projected Capital Investment | |
| Manufacturing | 1845 | 553 | \$48,195 | \$2,782,627 | \$966,293 | \$212,126,300 | CEC Motors & Utility Services, Air Products |
| Headquarters | 676 | 233 | \$46,684 | \$2,267,451 | \$955,608 | \$55,465,595 | Feld, It Works! Global |
| Infotech | 180 | 122 | \$64,661 | \$416,330 | \$216,330 | \$6,850,000 | Star 2 Star, Clare Controls |
| Life Sciences | 260 | 49 | \$61,650 | \$633,799 | \$302,407 | \$62,369,000 | Dentsply, ISPG |
| Financial Services | 133 | 18 | \$40,000 | \$133,000 | \$75,000 | \$1,462,627 | |
| Sports Performance | 90 | 46 | \$39,500 | \$90,000 | \$41,000 | \$40,000,000 | IMG (90) |
| Hospitality | 35 | 0 | N/A | \$125,000 | 0 | \$15,500,000 | |
| Global Logistics | 25 | 11 | \$44,500 | \$41,135 | \$34,135 | \$4,712,000 | |
| Cleantech | 21 | 0 | \$38,465 | \$12,600 | 0 | \$12,100,000 | |
| TOTAL | 3,265 | 1,032 | *\$46,936 | \$6,501,942 | \$2,590,773 | \$410,585,522 | |

*Average wage of all EDI/QTI companies

Source: (i) Economic Development Incentives Awarded by BOCC (.xls) (ii) Manatee County Quality Job Creation (.xls)

| 2011 Manatee County Wages: | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Average Annual Wage = | \$35,633 |
| 115% = | \$40,978 |
| 150% = | \$53,450 |
| 200% = | \$71,266 |

Jobs Created by Targeted Industries in Manatee County: 2009 - 2012

| Targeted Industry | 2009 Projected | 2009 Actual | 2010 Projected | 2010 Actual | 2011 Projected | 2011 Actual | 2012 Projected | 2012 Actual | 2009-2012 Total Projected | 2009-2012 Total Actual |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Manufacturing | 20 | 20 | 104 | 99 | 255 | 404 | 321 | 30 | 700 | 553 |
| Headquarters | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 183 | 87 | 50 | 190 | 233 |
| Infotech | 0 | 0 | 28 | 44 | 31 | 11 | 67 | 67 | 126 | 122 |
| Life Sciences | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 75 | 35 | 89 | 49 |
| Financial Services | 0 | 0 | 26 | 6 | 39 | 12 | 30 | 0 | 95 | 18 |
| Sports Performance | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 30 | 28 | 11 | 16 | 66 | 46 |
| Hospitality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 35 | 0 |
| Global Logistics | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 18 | 11 |
| Cleantech | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 20 | 188 | 156 | 499 | 658 | 633 | 198 | 1,340 | 1,032 |

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Workforce training collaborators will need to know the number of jobs being created per Targeted Industry in Manatee County so that the skills needed by incentivized and related companies are available as needed. The following charts are drawn from Departmental data about economic development incentives in Manatee County.

