



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: November 21, 2013

October 17, 2013 – Big Brothers / Big Sisters finished up with their presentations about their various programs and to see if there was any interest in any of our personnel in becoming a Big Brother / Big Sister. According to Catherine Ferrer we had six (6) Firefighters interested in their school program.

October 24, 2013 – Participated in Manatee County EMS Quality Assurance Program. We reviewed EMS call data from response times, peak times, to cardiac arrest resuscitation percentages, Stemi Alerts, Stroke Alerts as well as discussed new equipment and new treatment protocols. Doctor Nonell, all local resource hospitals, Blake Trauma, and Manatee County EMS Staff, myself and Chief Gould were present for this meeting.

October 24, 2013 – Had a meeting with Chief Tobias from Sarasota County Fire Department pertaining to an Automatic Aid Agreement that we are working on for the University Parkway area.

October 28, 2013 – Myself and Robert Bounds attended a meeting at Sarasota County EOC that pertained to new software called ARM 360. ARM360 is a new software program that is being used by the Federal Government for real-time damage assessment which in turn enables deployment of the right resources to the right location in real-time. This software utilizes GIS mapping and GPS for exact location of damage. The software runs on a laptop or even smart phone and downloads instantly. The other use for this software was the potential use when a building is damaged from a fire, it gives a more accurate estimate of dollar loss than what is currently being done, which is a guess. This software

also connects and utilizes the Property Appraiser / Tax Collectors data base, which gives you an immediate and accurate property values and loss. This software is currently being used throughout Florida and other States, Sarasota County and North Port are currently utilizing this new software.

November 6, 2013 – I had a meeting with Firefighter Rich Gatanis and Battalion Chief Chris Gould over our web-site with some ideas for public education for the holiday season; i.e. holiday cooking fires, Christmas tree fire video clip, etc. and about the home page stories. Since turning our web-site on we had over 4374 views and the average time of viewing site was 2 minutes and 37 seconds.

November 8, 2013 – Went to St. Boniface Church to speak to a group of citizens about CPR and automatic external defibrillators (AED's). They are interested in getting people certified in BLS-AED and even purchasing 2 to 3 AED's to have on their campus.

November 11, 2013 – Captain Crawford arranged to have George Helm, Board Certified Workers' Compensation Attorney provide an in-service training session on Work Comp. Laws and the two presumption laws. Besides having Southern Manatee personnel in attendance, he also had other Fire Departments from the area attend.

November 12, 13, 26, 2013 – On October 1, 2013, the District implemented an Employee Assistance Program for all employees through West Coast EAP. On the above mentioned dates, staff from West Coast EAP provided an in-service training program to all personnel. EAP is used when an employee might be experiencing financial problems, marriage problems, drug and/or alcohol problems, and other issues.

November 14, 2013 – Rich Berman from the City of North Port and Paul Dezzi from Longboat Key Fire and myself worked on the FEMA Regional Air Pack Grant. This grant is open and we are entering our data within the on-line application. The grant window will close on December 5, 2013.

November 20, 2013 – Attended the Sarasota County Fire Chief's meeting. Items of discussion were combined training drills at the two Fire Academies, County-wide SOP's and Automatic Aid Agreements.

November 21, 2013 - **Sarasota** County School Board invited me to talk to High School Students about becoming a Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic. This was career day for the High Schools.