



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, ^{BG} Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: March 20, 2014

February 18, 2014 – Staff had a meeting with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department Financial personnel in regards to a the Financial software program called "Great Plains" The Sheriff's Department has been a user of Great Plains since the early 90's and we were interested in the company that provides them technical support. The District currently uses S2, which is very expensive and slow to respond to an issue. The Sheriff's Department uses Tribridge and we were interested in finding out more about this company.

February 20, 2014 – Myself, Leslie and Robert attended a meeting at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport in regards to Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement issues on the Airport property. Cedar Hammock and Sarasota County were also present at this meeting. The Airport was concern over the fact that they (Airport Authority) did not have the authority to provide fire code enforcement on the buildings that are located on airport property. According to the Airport's attorney in order for them have this authority they would need to amend their enabling act or have a written agreement between the two county governments. The Airport attorney said that they were going to work on developing these agreements and provide us with a copy for our records.

February 27, 2014 – I attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting that was held at Longboat Key Fire Department. We basically discussed the revision of some Manatee County ROG's and listen to a guest speaker by the name of Rebecca Compton. Mrs. Compton was from Manasota Memorial Funeral Home and she explained to us a new program for first responders. This program

provides funeral services to a first responder free of charge and a discounted rate for their family members. Also at this meeting we discussed the nominations that were submitted for the annual Manatee County Fire Chief's Awards Program.

March 4, 5, 6, 2014 – I conducted the written and practical BLS Protocol Test to all of our personnel. The average score for the District was 98.32% on the written and so far everyone passed the practical exam.

March 5, 2014 – Had a meeting with Ron Koper, Manatee County Public Safety Director, over the MOU for First Responder Services and the BLS Protocols.

March 6, 2014 – I had a meeting with our Staff Officers, Battalion Chief's and members of the IAFF over the review of our new SOP's and Rules and Regulations. We are in the final stages of this review.

March 11, 2014 – We had our annual meeting with the Manatee County Property Appraiser Office to discuss this year's tax roll for FY15. According to the Property Appraiser Office the reviewed changes to use code and stressed the importance to us make certain that we identify what was deleted vs. new and that our resolutions utilizes these new use codes. Additionally there was more discuss about pictometry and the use of pictometry for building or parcel information. There was also discussion over a new spreadsheet (tax roll) that Fire Districts will be provided in the 2015 tax year as well as direct access through the web to make changes. The Property Appraiser also reviewed the key deadlines for the non-ad valorem 2014 tax roll.

March 12, 2014 – Contacted the Bureau of Economic Analysis to see if the State of Florida Personal Income Data has been posted, it had not. It is projected to be posted sometime during the week of March 24, 2014. This information is needed to determine the average over the past 5 years. This average percentage is the allowable amount that our non-ad valorem rates can be raised.

March 17, 2014 – Worked with the State of Florida – Department of HRS-EMS in creating an electronic file with the State of all of our EMT and Paramedics for bulk recertification when it comes to renewing all of our certifications. All of our personnel will be renewed at once in seconds.