



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners

**FROM:** Brian Gorski, <sup>PG</sup> Fire Chief

**RE:** **Chief's Report**

**DATE:** April 17, 2014

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Attended a meeting at the Public Safety Building – Emergency Communications Center with the other Fire Districts over Fire Response to Medical Calls. The purpose of this meeting was to review the current dispatch matrix which was at least 12 years old to determine if changes need to be made in regards to our response to medical calls. This matrix was given to us to take back to our organizations to review with our personnel for potential changes. Another meeting date/time was established. Additionally there was discussion over the response of the Light Technical Rescue Team, revising their dispatch matrix as well other types of responses, i.e. Hazardous Material Response.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – I attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting which was held at the Manatee County Public Safety Building. This meeting included the annual MCFCA Awards in which Battalion Chief Chris Gould received the 2013 Fire Officer of Year Award. Other items that were discussed by the group was the re-writing of the Manatee County Hazardous Material Resolution that would identify the assets, transfer of these assets to the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District, budget and purchasing procedures between Manatee County and the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District. It was decided at this meeting to allow Ron Koper, myself and Chris Gould to work on this document to get it accomplished. Other topics of discussion were the regional 800 MHz radio project and the update of the CAD roll out in June of this year.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** – Finished our BLS Medical Protocol Exam testing of our personnel and the practical exam over the use of the I-gel airway. Southern

Manatee Fire Rescue is the first district in Manatee County to complete the in-service training and testing. Our final average score for all personnel was **98.32%**.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014** – We had another meeting over the revision of our rules, regulations, SOP's and Directives. Our committee is getting closer to completion. This will be an annual event to ensure that all our policies, rules, regulations and SOP's are always updated and current and it will be completed by equal representation by all levels of supervision including Firefighters.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014** – Myself, Chief Gould had a meeting with Ron Koper, Manatee County Public Safety Director, over the re-write of the Manatee County Hazardous Materials Resolution, Haz-Mat assets, and the funding from Manatee County Government for Hazardous Materials Response. Manatee County Government is willing to transfer all Hazardous Materials Assets, trailers, supplies and funding to Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District in exchange for providing these services. You all will be updated as we move forward this new resolution.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** – Staff held a budget workshop with the Board. We discussed revenue, revenue projection tools for FY15, continuation expenses for FY15, new programs for possible inclusion in the FY15 budget. Our session started at 0900 hours and was over by 1200 hours. Staff provided historical information and graphs over revenue both ad valorem and non ad valorem, expenditure history over the past 5 years and we also discussed the new 5 yr. average in personal income growth and the impact to the non ad valorem rates.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** – Myself and Chief Blanco had a meeting with Chief Mike Rampino (North River Fire Chief). Chief Rampino requested a copy of Vehicle Replacement Program and wanted us to explain how we created it and maintain it.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014** - From 0900 to 1530 hours each day, I conducted an in-service training session on our new BLS Medical Treatment Protocols to Cedar Hammock, West Manatee, and City of Bradenton. During this training session I reviewed by hands-on application, Advanced Airway procedures by utilizing the I-gel Airway. Additionally I went over the new equipment that will be carried on our Engines, such as portable battery-operated suction units, I-gel's, E-MAT Tourniquets, Glucometers, oral glucose, baby ASA and other

items. I provided this training at Cedar Hammock Training Academy. I will finish these departments on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – I had a meeting with our Attorney to finalize our vehicle resolution and budget amendment resolution for our April 17 Board Meeting and our HIPPA policy that I developed.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Staff had a meeting FPL Representatives over energy usage at our facilities to see what we could do to reduce our usage due to rising costs. A study will be conducted that would provide us with information on how we can reduce our usage through the use of energy efficient equipment, etc. When this report is completed a copy will be provided to the Board for your review. Additionally if any equipment or changes need to be made, we will ensure that it is incorporated into our proposed FY15 budget.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Our Department along with many other agencies participated in the annual Sarasota-Bradenton Airport drill.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – I was asked by the Sarasota County School Board to speak at the State of Jobs Conference about the profession of Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic.