



Quarterly Report: Special Operations Team

April thru June 2014

Battalion Chief Gould

Hazardous Materials Team:

Southern Manatee Fire Rescues Special Operations Team participates in the Manatee County Hazardous Materials Team (MCHMT) which is comprised of firefighters from the nine Fire Departments within Manatee County and is under the direct supervision of the Manatee County Fire Chiefs Association (MCFA). Equipment and funding is provided by Manatee County Public Safety (MCPS). MCPS, MCFA and Southern Manatee Fire Rescue (SMFR) have tentatively agreed to have SMFR manage (MCHMT) and transfer all fixed and non-fixed assets to the SMFR.

Our efforts in this last quarter have been geared toward gathering the information needed to finalize this agreement and train our team members. We have:

- 1) Completing a detailed countywide inventory of (MCHMT) Fixed and Non-Fixed assets
- 2) Completed a (MCHMT) budget and list of expenditures for FYE 2014
- 3) Completed a detailed five year budget for SMFR Hazardous Materials Team
- 4) Drafted a preliminary Memo of Understanding (MOU) between MCCFA, MCPS and SMFR defining the roles and responsibilities of each party.
- 5) Prepared the Special Ops info for the SMFR annual report

Response Capabilities:

At no cost we improved our Haz Mat response capabilities by reallocating current Manatee County Haz Mat Equipment and SMFR surplus equipment. We were able to:

- Upgrade Tech Trailer to a larger trailer with generator gives us night time capabilities and more equipment on scene. By rearranging the Haz Mat trailers assigned to the SMFR stations-No Cost
- PID Meter placed on E-311. No Cost
- Chlorine B- Kit Placed on Tech Trailer
- Drager colorimetric tube kit placed in service
- Chemical Absorbents received- pads and socks, binders, neutralizer
- Allocated a laptop from FPB which will enhance our on scene Chemical research capabilities
- Stream lined Technical Decon Procedures – Reduced the amount of Equipment needed
- Added Emergency Decon Procedures to Technical Decon – No Cost
- Dually tied to tech trailer for faster response. No Cost
- Sta. 1 staffed with an average of 3 technicians per shift using on duty personnel
- In the works- Reallocating current Radiological Equipment and Dosimeters to Tech Trailer waiting for detectors to return from calibration form State Bureau of Radiation Control. No Cost

Funding:

- MCHMT is currently under spending restrictions while the MOU is being finalized. Currently there is \$8448 in unencumbered funds in the MCHMT expense account. Because of our monthly trailer maintenance agreement with the county the funds will be reduced by \$517 in August and again by another \$517 in September for a projected total of unencumbered funds \$7424.
- Request for additional purchases for FYE 2014 are on hold but have been listed on the attached worksheet. Projected 2014 expenses and will equal or exceed the \$7424.
- Received \$3600 in supplies from Emergency Management grant money to replenish supplies
- Applied for \$11,200 LEPC Grant and received preliminary approval from LEPC to host a 24 hr Life Safety Class – We are awaiting final approval from Department of Transportation.

Equipment:

- The Trailer are scheduled to be serviced this month-No additional cost
- Air Pack are Scheduled to be serviced this month
- Radios are going in for PM this week- No additional cost
- We have a need to replace the tires on the North Ops Trailer and on the West foam trailer. Est Cost \$896

Current Projects:

- Currently researching Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Budget
- Creating procedures and Policies

Personnel:

Melser and Laraway Resigned from MCHMT

27 SMFR personnel attended and completed the 160 hr Haz Mat Class and have been added to MCHMT

Special Ops Training Report :

Conducted four MCHMT trainings this quarter:

- Three Trainings were held at SMFR Station 3- Bloski
- One training session was held at CHFD Station 3- Gould

Haz Mat Shift Training with SMFR Crews:

- Technical Decon Procedures (Hands-on)-Gould ,Bloski ,Naples, Dagostino
- Red Dragon LPG Burn off kit Procedures (Hands-on)- Gould
- Online TECO natural Gas Emergencies Class- TD Crawford

Special Ops Training Report : cont-

24 hr Life Safety Class- NSR Solutions LLC. submitted a proposal to the LEPC for class instruction. As of June 26th, the LEPC and state emergency management have it under review with decision next week. The dates for class have been established being August 4-8th, then August 12-15th. The class is scheduled to be held at CHFR station #3 as stated earlier. Target attendance stands at 53 to 90 firefighters from the county including SMFR volunteers.

2. Meth Lab Awareness class- This class was a great success held in May. The only update was personnel was not granted state CEU's since they had to be submitted prior to class. The staff was unaware of this so we will not be able to gain these hours at this time. Class had attendees from outside agencies COB , WMFR, EMFR , CHFR and NRRFD.

3. Radiation Class- This class remains in the planning stages and will be possibly hosted in September/November time frame. Capt. Crawford is lead contact for this. This class will cover responding to radiation instruments along with detection. No changes from last report.

4. PER 211 Medical Management of CBRNE Event- On June 16th the package was submitted to Texas A&M university for acceptance. We are currently awaiting a response. In addition, Steve Simpson of Manatee Emergency Management, is aware of our efforts and excited to host this regional class at the Public Safety Center. We have set a class date of Nov 3-4th as class times. This class will cover medical protocols for working in the CBRNE incident using computer patient simulators to administer drugs and ALS procedures.

5. Hazmat Drills- There is was no drill held in June 2014. The next current drill will be on July 17th at Tropicana Bradenton. The plant management are in full corporation with these plans and we look forward to B-Shift hazmat personnel integrating operations with the Tropicana Emergency Response Team. The drill plan has been sent to B-Shift personnel for planning. A copy can be forwarded if needed.

6. Florida SERP classes - Two State Emergency Response Planning classes were held at the administration building hosted by SMFR. FF Foss lead the class instruction that was attended by on six shift each day personnel. This class part of our refresher series to all hazmat personnel.

7. Operations Sysco- A HSEEP Drill is in the planning stages for Sysco plant located in Palmetto, Florida. Sysco invited the SMFR hazmat team to meet and plan an ammonia response drill in Feb. 2015. Our first meeting was June 12th and objectives along with a brief tour was conducted. A planning session will in July to further expand drill ideas and concepts. This drill will include Sysco personnel, SMFR Special Operations Team, and the North River Fire District. This drill will simulate an Ammonia leak at their site. The draft HSEEP can be sent for review. FF Bloski serves as the exercise coordinator.

8. Operation Railcar- A HSEEP Drill is in the planning stages for 2015 at the Tri-Ag Railcar center in Palmetto, Florida. Initial planning has been conducted with them looking to host table top drills on October 21-23rd with SMFR personnel. More meetings are expected to plan a full exercise in the 1st quarter of 2015 with SMFR Special Operation Team, Tri-Ag personnel ,and North River Fire District. This exercise drill will simulate a leaking railcar. The draft HSEEP can be sent for review. FF Bloski serves as the exercise coordinator.

