

SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief

RE: Chief's Report

DATE: September 18, 2014

<u>August 25, 26, September 2, 4, 10, 15, 2014</u> - Staff had numerous meetings with Krono's-Telestaff personnel over the building of our scheduling and payroll software. This software does the shift scheduling as well as payroll. During these first few weeks we built the database with our employee information and certifications and set up the demographics by station.

August 27, 2014 – We had another meeting with Keever & Associates over Medical Insurance plans and costs. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled within the next 2 weeks to go over medical insurance plans that they can offer. The reason for us seeking out other options, is because the District's current plan is becoming unaffordable and projected to go even higher in FY16, actually projected to be higher than Pension costs.

September 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11, 2014 – I provided the in-service training over the new BLS Medical Treatment Protocols to the North River Fire District.

September 16, 2014 – We had another meeting over our SOP's and Rules and Regulations. Our Committee has finished more than half of these and now have them being reviewed by all employees.

<u>August 21 through September 18, 2014</u> – we continued to work on our proposed FY15 budget, both continuation and proposals, to get this ready for the September 10 and September 18 Board meeting. Additionally, we finalized our work on the revenue side of the budget and now have an up to date impact analysis completed on all scenarios. Since the TRIM notices being sent, the

District has received a total of ten (10) phone calls/emails with questions. The questions ranged from their square footage, non-ad valorem rates, ad valorem proposed rate and budget questions.