

**OCTOBER 16, 2014  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2014

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; and Commissioner James Cena. Anthony Evans, Treasurer was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Moment of Silence/Pledge**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Special Business**

**Quarterly Employee Awards**

Chief Gorski presented length of services awards to the following:

<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>
Michael White	Brent Ranney	Marc Morgan
Christopher Snider	Ryan Kaliher	
David Sedgley	Duane Ely	
Charles Moonen	Christi Hollins	
Tim Keusch		
<u>25 Years</u>	<u>30 Years</u>	
Robert Thayer	Jim Grote	

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the consent agenda items withdrawing the Treasurer's Report for discussion. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. After discussion, Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\* **Fire Prevention Ordinance**

Chief Gorski updated the Board on the status of the Fire Prevention Ordinance. It was noted that the Ordinance will need two readings, the last one being in December. Chief Gorski asked the Board if they would like to move the December meeting up a week due to the holidays. The Board agreed to hold the December meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Advertisements will be published as required.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution 2014-09 Statement of Uncollectable Accounts**

Chief Gorski and Fire Marshal Adent spoke on writing off Siesta Inn's false alarm fees. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve Resolution 2014-09. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

2. **Inter-local Agreement with West Manatee Fire**

Chief Gorski spoke about the Inter-local agreement with West Manatee Fire. *Commissioner Marken motioned to approve the Inter-local Agreement with West Manatee Fire. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3. **Pension Committee**

Chief Gorski reported that the Trustees held a meeting on October 14. There are two appointed Trustees whose seats will be expiring in January 2015. Both are willing to stay on the board for another four years. The next meeting is January 13, 2015. Both the Premium Tax and Supplemental Compensation have been received.

\* **MCFCComAssn Meeting Report**

Commissioner Cena reported on the October 6, 2014 meeting of the Manatee County Fire Commissioner's Association.

\* **Union Report**

Chief Gorski reported that Adam could not attend tonight's meeting. They are still working on the Rules and Regulations and Directives.

### **VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

4. Minutes of October 2, 2014 meeting for information only.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

5. Chief Gorski gave an overview of his report. He also distributed Customer Satisfaction Surveys that have been received. Chief Gorski also reported that we have received an email that we did not qualify for the FEMA grant.

Fire Marshal Adent gave an update of Fire Prevention Month activities to date.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Durant asked for commissioner comments.

Commissioner Center spoke regarding additional executive staff in the wake of Deputy Chief Berry's retirement. He also inquired about a succession plan.


Chairman Durant echoed Commissioner Center's comments. There were no additional comments from Commissioners or Staff.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 6:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.**

  
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Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Melanie A. Marken, Secretary