



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, <sup>BG</sup> Fire Chief  
**RE:** **Chief's Report**  
**DATE:** January 15, 2014

**November 24, 2014** – I had a meeting with the Manatee County Information Technology Director Paul Alexander over the development of a service level agreement for support & eventually replacement of the I-mobiles/MDT's. Manatee County wants to use us a pilot program first before they offer it to everyone else. Another meeting will occur sometime after January 2015 to continue this discussion going.

**December 1, 2014** – A meeting was conducting at the Parrish Fire Department with Chief Johnson and a consulting firm which was hired by FPL to conduct a risk analysis and response capabilities for the FPL plant located in Parrish. They were hired to assist FPL in determining what resources will be needed to control incident before the arrival of the Fire and Haz-mat units from the Parrish Fire Department and Southern Manatee. Basically this firm will be used to justify FPL spending money to replace some of their outdated capital equipment used by them for an initial response as well as determine at what level FPL staff should be trained at.

**December 2, 2014** – Staff participated in a second Train the Trainer course over the use of our new Tele-staff scheduling and payroll software.

**December 3, 2014** – We took delivery of our new Scott breathing apparatus and accountability system. Asset inventory information and identification began today.

I had a meeting with Chief Smith over our application and other documents for becoming CPAT and National Fire Team Testing. Chief Smith has done an outstanding job with the Transportability study, application and other documents in getting us set up with this system. We should be a member before the end of this month which will put us in line for our January job posting for our new Firefighter positions.

**December 4, 2014** – Staff had a meeting with our IT vendor Netwurx to discuss our current Strategic Plan Objectives and Goals as it pertains to Information Technology.

**January 8, 2015** – had a meeting over recent changes to the Veterans Preference Laws pertaining to hiring. The District will need to revise their employment application to incorporate these changes. A meeting is scheduled with our Labor Attorney to review our processes as it pertains to VA preference laws to ensure that we are in compliance with these laws.

**January 13, 2015** – Staff attended a meeting in Sarasota that was coordinated by Air-Bus (new 800 MHz radio vendor for both Manatee/Sarasota), the meeting was over Station Alerting. Fire Departments from both Counties attended this meeting.