



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, ^{BG} Fire Chief
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: August 20, 2015

July 20, 2015 – Staff had a meeting with our new Auditor to identify their needs and to confirm their timeline for conducting the Districts and Firefighters Pension annual audits.

July 21, 2015 – Staff had another meeting with our Labor Attorney and the V.A. Attorney to make certain that everyone was in agreement over promotional points for veterans and who all was eligible for these points. We had five candidate's that applied for V.A. promotional points, but only one was eligible.

July 23, 2015 – Staff attended the monthly Manatee County Fire Chief's Association Meeting. Chief Hoyle was absent so there was no update over the Permit Fee Collection by Manatee County nor any update over the Appeals and Enforcement Board policy.

We did have a lot of discussion over the increase in overdoses in our County. With the law that just passed this year, 1st Responder agencies are now allowed to carry and administer Narcan. Chief Krivjanik reviewed their overdose statistics and talked about us using Narcan. I told Chief Krivjanik that I would volunteer to research cost, protocol usage and training for everyone and report back at our August meeting. Chief Krivjanik went over some organizational changes within his rank structure trying to line it up with the Fire Service rank structure.

July 30, 2015 – The District held a retirement ceremony for Lieutenant James Grote. Ceremony was well attended by his peers, family and friends.

August 4, 2015 – Our Insurance Committee had another meeting with Nick Zec. Nick provided other HSA compatible Plans from Humana and United Health Care and reviewed the pro’s and con’s of each of these plans. The cost range was from \$1.35 million to \$2.3 million a year.

August 1 – 5, 2015 – We finalized our RFP for Insurance Broker with our Attorney.

August 6, 2015 – The District began advertising our RFP for Insurance Broker both in the newspaper and on our website. The close date of this RFP is August 17 at 1400 hours.

August 10, 2015 - I took our Firefighter/Paramedics to a training class on a new Pediatric system called “Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System”. This new system is much easier to use compared to the Broselow Pediatric System. This new system is being implemented in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

August 15, 2015 – Staff had a meeting with Phill Baker to finalize our FY16 VFIS insurances and workers compensation. Phill was able to get us lower rates than what was previously proposed to us back in early June.

August 17, 2015 – The RFP for Insurance Broker is due by 1400 hours. Insurance Committee will schedule date/time to review, evaluate and score each proposal.

August 20, 2015 – Staff has set up meetings with radio vendors to start obtaining information about types of radio’s and cost for the FY16 budget. The District has about 25 radios that were not replaced with the radio grant years ago and these radios are not P25 compatible.

July 17 through August 20, 2015 – Worked on the proposed FY16 Budget and Revenues.