



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, Fire Chief (56)  
**RE:** Chief's Report  
**DATE:** January 21, 2015

**November 19, 2015** – Attended the monthly Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting. Chief Hoyle brought everyone up to speed over the Interlocal Agreement that pertained to the collection of our Plan Review fees. This Interlocal Agreement was finally reviewed by Manatee County Legal and they had some suggested changes in which now is being circulated to all us including our Attorney for review. The Board of Appeals Policy is almost ready to come forward to everyone's (Fire District's) Fire Boards to adopt. We are looking at February to bring this forward to you all for review and adoption.

**December 1, 2015** - had a meeting with Manatee County EMS and all of the Fire Districts to finalize the revisions of our BLS Medical Protocols for Doctor Nonell's approval. Our new protocols will follow the new 2015 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiac and Strokes and does allow EMT's to do more treatments until the arrival of Manatee County EMS. Additionally during 2015, laws passed that allows 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and EMT's to administer Narcan in an heroin overdose as well as Epinephrine for an allergic reaction. Narcan will be given Intranasal via an atomizer. We should be completed with these new protocols in the next week or so. All of personnel will go through an in-service and hands-on training and will be tested.

**December 5, 2015** – Station 5, Battalion 3, Fire Prevention Staff and myself participated in a Fire Prevention Program at Home Depot and to receive Smoke Alarms from Home Depot through Kidde because of Southern Manatee Fire Rescue work with Smoke Alarm Program. We received 100 of the new 10 year Battery Smoke Alarms free to continue our work in Fire Prevention.

**December 7, 2015** – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District was invited to Blake Hospitals Trauma Survivors Reunion. This was a great event that brought patients and the people (Firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, Nurses, Doctors, Surgeons) that were involved in their care from the time of their accident – Trauma Center Care – Surgery – Intensive Care to Rehabilitation together so they can meet those involved in saving their life and celebrate their life. Words cannot even begin to describe how neat this was to hear their stories and how and why they survived. Eight of us from Southern Manatee Fire Rescue showed up and participated and sadly no other Fire Department nor did EMS attend. Blake did an outstanding job with this annual event.

**December 7 - 17, 2015** – Finalized the revision of our “Request for Proposal” for Insurance Broker to get it ready for advertisement on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This will be advertised in the newspaper and on our web-site.

Worked with Attorney David Jackson on both of our Funding Methodology Resolutions for the purchase of 1 Fire Engine and 4 Inspector Vehicles. This will be ready for Board action at their January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting.

**December 21, 22, 23, and 2015** – I provided the in-service training to all of our personnel over the new BLS Medical Treatment Protocols. We had revisions to at least 12 of the treatment protocols. These revisions allowed our personnel to do more in the care of patient prior to the arrival of EMS and it also updated them to the new 2015 American Heart Association Guidelines. Sometime from now to the end of January, first of February all personnel will go through a skill assessment and exam over these new revisions.

**January 4, 2015** - \_ Our “Request for Proposal” was placed on our web-site and the advertisement began in the local newspaper.

**January 5, 2015** – Representative Jim Boyd and I conducted a Press Conference here at the Administration Center in regards to Heroin problem in our community and the recent donation of the medication Naloxone (Narcan) Auto-Injectors that we received from the Kaleo Pharmaceutical Company that Representative Boyd was able to secure for us. Channels 10, 7, 13 and the Bradenton Herald attended our Press Conference and we received great coverage on this story and received GREAT feedback for our citizens and even we received phone calls from Fire Departments in other States wanting to know more about our program and this donation. Our story has been added to our web-site.



Right after this Press Conference, all Southern Manatee Fire Rescue Engines began carrying and utilizing the Naloxone (Narcan) Auto-Injectors (another 1<sup>st</sup> for Southern Manatee and 1<sup>st</sup> in the County).

**January 6, 2015** – Distributed the Naloxone (Narcan) Auto-Injectors to Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue, West Manatee Fire Rescue and East Manatee Fire Rescue and provided these organizations with an in-service over its use, the in-service was to their Training Officer(s).

**January 7, 2015** – About 8 of us attended the opening/dedication of Sarasota County Fire Station #17, located at the University Town Center, about 1 block south of University Park Way, near the northeast corner of Desoto Road and Honore Avenue. This new Station in the beginning will operate a Class A Engine and an Advanced Life Support Rescue and then eventually a Truck Company. The Firefighters occupy one half of the building and the other half is occupied by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Distributed the Naloxone (Narcan) Auto-Injectors to the Parrish Fire Rescue District and the City of Bradenton Fire Department and provided their organizations with an in-service over its use, the in-service was to their Chief's their Training Officers.

**January 11, 2015** - Distributed the Naloxone (Narcan) Auto-Injectors to Myakka City Fire Department and North River Fire Rescue and provided these organizations with an in-service over its use, the in-service was to their Training Officer(s).

**January 12, 2015** – Attended quarterly Pension meeting. Representatives from the Florida League of Cities were in attendance and reviewed the Actuarial Valuation as of 10/1/15 for FY16 for the Firefighters Pension and the GASB 67/68 as of 9/30/15 for the Firefighters Pension. Both reports have documented that the Firefighters Pension Plan is financially sound and with this required report guided by Florida Law that was to show how bad the unfunded liability was to local 175/185 plans, actually reports that Southern Manatee's Firefighters Pension as of 9/30/15 the "Funded Percentage" is 104.87%, meaning as of 9/30/15 the net fiduciary position was greater than the total pension liability, which if you applied a letter grade to this plan, it would receive an A+++.

I am sure that there are plans out there that are severely unfunded and show a large unfunded liability. Since Pension was and still is a hot topic locally as well as at the State level, our reports can be obtained from our web-site for public review. At our 1/21/2016 Board meeting I will explain in more detail these various reports over the District's Pension Plan.

Provided a make-up class (in-service training) for C-Shift personnel that missed the classes on December 21-23.

**January 13, 2015** – Provided a make-up class (in-service training) for A-Shift personnel that missed the classes on December 21-23.

**January 14, 2015** – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue was invited and we did attend with 5 personnel to take part in Sarasota Memorial's Hospital Trauma Center first Trauma Survivors Reunion Luncheon. This was a great event that brought patients and the people (Firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, Nurses, Doctors, Surgeons that cared for them) together so they could meet each other and share their stories and to celebrate their life being saved. This was a really great event for everyone.

Chief Bounds and I had a meeting with Netwurx on a status update on a project that they are building for us and that is a paper-less-voice controlled vehicle check off program, currently our personnel use a 6 page vehicle check-off sheet in checking out their apparatus on a daily/weekly basis. When completed, this will be an electronic program on a tablet that will guide them through the check off that our employee will respond back with voice that automatically will record/digitalize their response to item that was being checked. We will save a lot of trees once this program is implemented. As we get closer to completion, we will provide the Board with a demo.

City of Bradenton Fire Department Training Captain Ed Corsino and his Shift Training Officers came by our Administration Center for a class on Naloxone (Narcan) and the new Auto-Injectors. I made a power point presentation for them and then provided them with hands-on training with these new Auto-Injectors. These Field Training Officer will then go back and provide this training to their personnel on their respective shifts.

**January 19, 2015** – Lucky me – Jury Duty.



**January 20, 2015** – Provided a make-up class (in-service training) for B-Shift personnel that missed the classes on December 21-23. All personnel including staff personnel have received the in-service training.

**January 21, 2015** – Staff and I attended a meeting at Manatee County Public Works in regards to the 45<sup>th</sup> Street (Lockwood Ridge Road) project. The purpose of this meeting had nothing to do with the purchase of our land it had to do with response out of the Station and returning back to the Station to ensure that there are no obstacle's and the placement of the emergency traffic control device in front of the Station and having control of the intersection lights at 45<sup>th</sup> and State Road 70.