

**JANUARY 21, 2016**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, January 21, 2016

**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; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, 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 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

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

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- Promotional Ceremony

The following were promoted to Lieutenant:

Lt. Derek Foss, Lt. Tony Hauck and Lt. Justin Sperko

- Annual Awards

Chief Gorski presented Service Awards to the following personnel:

- \* Captain Mark Crawford – 25 years of service
- \* FF. Kevin Lemery – 25 years of service

The Rookie of the year award was presented to FF Jordan Velazquez. The Firefighter of the year award was presented to FF Ed Tumolo and the Staff Employee of the year was presented to Debbie Hiser. The officer of the year award was presented to Lieutenant Ryan Kaliher.

- Phoenix & Genesis Awards

Chief Gorski presented Phoenix & Genesis Awards to the following personnel:

**Phoenix**

Lt. Marc Morgan	Lt. Adam Perry	Lt. Justin Sperko
FF Tony Lear – 2 calls	FF Rich McGinley	FF Justin Markey
FF Bill Pratt	FF Pete Saxman	FF Jason Weissman

**Genesis**

Lt. Marc Morgan	Lt. Adam Perry	
FF Matt Garcia	FF Tony Lear	FF Rich McGinley
FF Justin Markey	FF Robert Moore	

Chief Gorski noted that a memo was in their packets listing all current and open Officers/Appointments.

- **Annual Election of Board Officers**  
*Commissioner Cena made a motion to leave positions as they are. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Board Appointments**  
*Board Appointment will stay the same.*
- **Chairman Appointments**  
*Appointed Officials will stay the same.*
- **Presentation of the 2015 FYE Discussion Draft Audit**  
Deputy Chief Bounds introduced Jack Alexander of Stroemer & Company. Jack presented the Districts September 30, 2015 Annual Financial Audit (Discussion Draft).

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- \* **Request for Proposal Insurance Broker – RFP2016-01 Revised**  
Chief Gorski reported that the RFP for Insurance Broker was revised and reposted.
- \* **Station 4 Property Sale**  
Chief Gorski updated the Board with the status of the sale of property at Station 4.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution 2016-01 Funding Methodology – Purchase of Fire Engines**  
Chief Gorski presented Resolution 2016-01 for approval. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept Resolution 2016-01 Funding Methodology – Purchase of Fire Engines. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
2. **Resolution 2016-02 Funding Methodology – Purchase of Inspector Vehicles**  
Chief Gorski presented Resolution 2016-02 for approval. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept Resolution 2016-01 Funding Methodology – Purchase of Inspector Vehicles. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* **Pension Committee**  
Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief report on the January 12, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting.
  
- 3. **General Plan Actuarial Valuation GASB 67/68 Supplement.**  
Deputy Chief Bounds gave an overview of the General Plan Actuarial Valuation and GASB 67/68 Supplement. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the 2015 General Plan Actuarial Valuation and GASB 67/68 Supplement. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  
- \* **January MCFComA Meeting – January 26, 2016**  
FYI
  
- \* **Union Report**  
Adam Chevalier reported that they will be holding meetings to get ready for negotiations. Adam also outlined several cost studies that will be done on the Firefighters Pension Plan requested by the union members.

### VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

- \* No December Meeting

### CHIEF'S REPORT

- 4. Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his report. He also distributed Customer Satisfaction Surveys. Chief Gorski spoke on the County-wide User Fee Resolution.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment. Deputy Chief Bounds added that the cost study for the Firefighters Pension Plan was to include an ad-hoc 13<sup>th</sup> check.

### COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Center had questions on the audit and September 30 carryovers. Commissioner Cena asked Chief Gorski if he had thought about a Station 6. Commissioner Marken spoke about the User Fees and the cost study for the Firefighters Pension Plan. Chairman Durant thanked the Board for re-electing him and the Awards Ceremony was awesome. He also asked about an Awards Banquet for next year.

Chairman Durant asked for Administration comments. Executive Management Asst. Tuckerman noted that we have almost completed the changing of banks. Customer service has been great with Harbor and the fees should have dropped drastically. We are also taking credit cards for User Fees. Fire Marshal Adent gave an update on the smoke alarms. Deputy

Chief Bounds noted that we are scanning checks for deposit with Harbor. We have also set up a temporary account for the FEMA Fire Act Grant.

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be February 18, 2016.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary