



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{BG}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: March 17, 2016

February 17, 2016 – Staff including our IAFF Representative had a meeting with our new Insurance Broker Gehring Group. The purpose of the meeting was for them to introduce their staff to our staff and to review their many services that they will be offering to us. Additionally our Attorney completed the review of the contract that we will be executing with the Gehring Group and it will be brought to our March 17th meeting for your signature.

February 24, 2016 - Chief Bounds, myself and Debbie had a three way conference call between Harbor Community Bank and their attorney and our attorney over our existing loans with Bank of America. Chief Bounds is trying to consolidate the three remaining loans into one with Harbor Community, however these existing loans are SWAPs and one of them does have an early payoff penalty, and some other issues with it so at this point we have involved our attorney. Chief Bounds can explain further.

February 25, 2016 – Attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's monthly meeting. Basically talked about the Rules for the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals, a standard form to be used in making an appeal and the selection of the board members. Additionally we discussed taking this to our Boards in March and in April for adoption. I provided a summary over the usage of Narcan so far used in Manatee County and a reminder to everyone to let me know when it is used so I can report this usage for the grant. Myself and Jerome Ruffing spoke to everyone about the up-coming Safe Kids event on April 23 and getting

everyone's support and participation to make it a great event for Manatee County.

Paul Alexander, Manatee County I.T. Director, spoke to the group about establishing a working group for the CAD interface between CAD and Fire Programs. Which we all support and have committed personnel to this project.

February 29, 2016 – Our SOP Rule/Regulation & Directive Committee had a meeting to review a few changes to existing Directives and over the District's forms. Changes were made immediately, updated and placed on the share drive and hard copies sent to all Stations to update their books. The District should never have any rules/regulations, directives or SOP's more than a year old. The purpose now for the committee is to constantly keep this documents updated and when changes are needed to be made, to make them quickly and get the updated ones out as quickly as possible removing the old.

From 1200 to 1700 hours, myself and Station 1 personnel from C-Shift did an interview and story for Fox News, the major network out of Miami over the heroin problem. We covered everything from the number of calls, protocol changes, getting the Narcan on a grant, training, and actually use of these medications. We also then took them to the patient simulation lab and ran an actual scenario on the simulator so they could film and see the effects of narcotics on the human body and then simulated the administration of Narcan and the effects of the human body when this drug is administered, which was really cool. Then we did mock scenarios that they filmed using the patient simulator of our personnel treating an overdose victim. This will be Nation-wide coverage is to be aired right after the Florida primary. I will keep you posted over this coverage!

March 7, 2016 – We held a meeting at Southern Manatee for all Fire Districts Exposure Control Personnel. The purpose of this meeting was to share our Exposure Control Plan, flow and treatment algorithms with everyone and recent experience with a few recent exposures and to share contact information. Cedar Hammock, North River, Sarasota Bradenton Airport, West Manatee were present at this meeting.

March 8, 2016 – Chief Blanco and Lieutenant Naples arranged for a meeting and demonstration of radios from Harris and Tate Radios. We had Cedar Hammock, Sarasota-Bradenton Airport, West Manatee, and East Manatee at this meeting. Harris radio's introduced their new line of Fire portables as well as the Tate Radio, which the Tate Radio is not really made for the Fire Service, however

it is a very cheap radio, portable radio just over \$1000.00. With the new radio system going on line for both Sarasota and Manatee County, you will be able to use any radio with this system, meaning it will support Tate, Harris and Motorola radios. The new system is to be on line by fall of 2017.

March 14, 2016 – Staff had another meeting with the Gehring Group to finalize their contract and to review our existing health plan for compliance under the new laws and to discuss our mutually agreed upon time-line of events that we expect from the Gehring Group.

March 17, 2016 – Staff is scheduled to have a conference call with our work comp carrier to discuss our current claims. This is an annual call to review claim status and to either keep them open or close them out or if there are any issues.