



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Gorski, Fire Chief  
**RE:** **Chief's Report**  
**DATE:** April 21, 2016

**March 21, 2016** – Attended the quarterly meeting at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. Cedar Hammock, Sarasota County, Southern Manatee and Airport personnel discussed the airports recent adoption of the Fire Prevention Code and now discussing the adoption of the Board of Appeals. Additionally the Airport is now interested in responding off the airport (mutual aid/automatic aid) and would like to work on written agreements with each agency. The airport is willing to respond off their property up to 1 mile for automatic aid with each of us. Also Bob Mattingly, Chief Operations Officer, will be leaving the Airport to take a new job as CEO of a brand new airport down in the Virgin Islands.

**March 24, 2016** – Personal Income Growth for Florida was released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), for Florida it is 4.16%. Last year it was 4.02%. The Manatee County Fire Chiefs Association cancelled their March meeting.

**March 25, 2016** – Attended the American Heart Association update over the new 2015 AHA Guidelines for BLS/CPR Training and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). All personnel will need to be trained and recertified in these standards. We have already started classes for all of our personnel over the new changes to CPR and ACLS for our Paramedics.

**March 29, 2016** – Attended the quarterly Fire Training meeting that was held at the Sarasota County Fire Academy.

**March 31, 2016** – I worked with Captain Whitfield from Cedar Hammock by providing one on one training over the insertion of an advanced airway (I-gels) so he can take this training back to his Department and provide it to his personnel since they now are carrying I-gels. Captain Whitfield is my contact for the Narcan administration within his Department.

**April 4, 2016** – Southern Manatee Fire Rescue hosted the quarterly Manatee County Fire Commissioners Meeting. Battalion Chief Chris Gould and Haz-mat Team members provided a short update over the Hazardous Materials Team and then provided a demonstration of our new detection equipment and Haz-mat 1 and all of its equipment. Our personnel did an OUTSTANDING job with this presentation, all of these Fire Commissioners from the other Fire Districts were really impressed with our Team. The Chair of this Board also wanted me to update them over the Narcan, which I did.

**April 6, 2016** – Captain Crawford and I had a meeting with staff from the Columbia Southern University over their on-line college degree programs (AS, BS, and Masters) in Fire Administration, EMS Administration, Public Administration, and Emergency Management Administration. The tuition cost is very low compared to other colleges and the books are FREE. We told them that we would circulate their information to all of our personnel.

**April 7, 2016** – I started the testing of our personnel over Dr. Nonell's BLS Medical Treatment Protocols. Additionally I provided in-service skill assessment over I-gel insertion, tracheal suctioning with French catheters for suctioning of a trach or stoma, and we also did auto-injector training with Epi-Pens. I will be doing this again on April 11, and April 18 to ensure that all personnel were tested and fully comfortable with these procedures.

**April 11, 2016** – Besides protocol testing, staff invited the Manatee County Search and Rescue Team to our staff meeting to learn about this Team, their services that they provide and how to get a hold of them if needed. The members that make-up this Team are Manatee County Sheriff Deputies, Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics and dispatchers and about 6 K-9's.

**April 12, 2016** – Staff attended and participated in the District's quarterly meeting of the Board of Pension Trustee's. Jack Alexander (District's Auditor) was present to review the audit over the Firefighters Pension. The Pension is in great shape.

**April 13, 2016** – I held an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) prep class for all of our Paramedics here at Administration for the purposes of getting them ready to take the new ACLS course for the renewal of their existing card and for the renewal of the Paramedic License. We reviewed all of the AHA treatments, EKG identification, medications, and endotracheal intubation. Within the next few weeks I will be taking them down to Sarasota County to run them through the actual course for certification.

For both BLS-CPR and ACLS, by us doing these in-house there is no real cost other than the cost of the new card (\$7.00 ea.) and because of the new standards, we purchased the new books for everyone (\$13.00 ea. BLS, \$45.00 ACLS), however these books will be good for a while, more than 4 years, maybe longer.

**April 18, 2016** – Finished the protocol testing of our personnel and the skill assessment in-service.