



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: November 21, 2019

October 24, 2019 – I attended the monthly Chief's meeting and have begun taking Robert to the 0900-hour meeting, the meeting before the Chief's meeting, for the purposes of getting him orientated to the routine at these two meetings. At our meeting we discussed the revision to our Fire Prevention Ordinance which will take place in 2020, Chief Hoyle will lead this project. Chief Rampino attended the first of many meetings over our new CAD, since I could not attend nor could Chief Whitehurst, Chief Rampino sat in on this first meeting. According to Chief Rampino since the first couple of meetings is IT language in the building of our new CAD that there is no need for Fire to attend at this point, however I suggested that we still have a presence at these meetings and that we would assign our IT specialist, Shawn Myles to attend.

Shawn works extremely well know with County IT and would be a great fit to keep us all informed on their progress and will let us know when we need to start building/populating the new CAD for Fire/EMS.

At our last meeting (September) Chief Whitehurst had me schedule a demo of a new station alerting / mobile alerting system called BRYX 911. Currently the BRYX system is being used in Lee and Collier County however they are using the mobile alerting system and one Department in Collier County is now changing over to their Station Alerting System. The mobile alerting is free, however the station alerting system runs about \$20,000 per station. I did arrange for this demo and the owner of the company and his IT person flew in from New York to provide us with a demo of their product. Their product is being used by both Fire

and EMS agencies in different parts of New York and the users seem to like it. However, our biggest concern is over support, if you have any problems currently there is no support system in place in Florida. The mobile app is being used in Lee and Collier and Chief Whitehurst did contact some of these departments and they seem to like but only one Department was moving towards installing the Station Alerting system.

One big factor over the station alerting system, if you have a station with multiple units, it cannot be set up to just alert the unit being dispatched, it alerts the whole station. Which we all need a system that allows for individual apparatus dispatching.

I then handed out and spoke to all the Fire District's over a recent change in our Stroke Protocol regarding Blake Hospital now being a "Comprehensive Stroke Center". I gave everyone updated copies of the Transportation Destination Protocol for Strokes and the revised Stroke Protocol.

I also provided an update over the status of the Narcan grant being approved and awaiting delivery any day now.

October 26, 2019 – The Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District participated in Morton's Market Annual Chili Cook-off and competed against 15 other teams of Firefighters from Sarasota County, Charlotte County and Lee County. Firefighter/EMT Chuck Moonen prepared 30 gallons of his famous chili and once again Southern Manatee Fire Rescue won 1st Place and "People's Choice". Southern Manatee has won the 1st Place Award three (3) times and the "People's Choice" four (4) times. Since we won 1st Place, Sony's BBQ provided us again with a BBQ dinner for 100 people, which we plan on using at our annual Christmas Party.

October 30, 2019 – Commissioner Center, Attorney David Jackson, Robert and I had a meeting to discuss the Board vacancy and procedures on getting this vacancy filled. We also discussed the Station 2 renovation project to decide on the correct course of action regarding an RFQ vs. RFP.

October 31 & November 1, 2019 – Assisted MCEMS and Dr. Nonell in conducting assessments for Paramedic Field Training Officers. We assessed a total of 16 personnel over the course of these two days.

October 21 through October 28, 2019 – First group of State Certified Paramedic's completed the Paramedic Bridge Program and are now being precepted on SCFD's ALS Engines and Quick Response ALS Squad. They will be finished with their precepting on December 3 and on December 4th they are scheduled to go in front of Dr. Nonell for their final sign to become charge Paramedic's.

November 4 through November 11, 2019 – Second group of State Certified Paramedic's completed the Paramedic Bridge Program and will begin their precepting on SCFD's ALS Engines and Quick Response ALS Squad starting on November 18. They will be finished with their precepting on December 23 and sometime either before or after Christmas they will be scheduled to go in front of Dr. Nonell for their final sign to become charge Paramedic's.

November 7, 2019 – Received another grant for Narcan, over 200 doses and began distributed to all Fire District's in Manatee County. Because of this grant being from the Federal and State Government, the grant application is completed by quarters, so upon receipt of this Narcan I immediately submitted another grant for the February 2020 distribution.

November 12, 2019 – Captain Thayer did submit and was approved for another TIPS grant for \$1932.19. The District recently purchased a new ventilation fan for the new Squad 328 that is battery operated and rated to be used in dangerous explosive atmosphere. Since this is tied to safety and prevention, the TIPS grant approved it and reimbursed the District for this purchase.

November 14, 2019 – Robert and I had a meeting with Dr. Nonell to finish completing our DEA license for narcotics and some other forms that require his signature before we submit our application to the State of Florida for our ALS license.

November 20, 2019 – All the Fire District's in Manatee County and Fire Departments in Sarasota County attended a fund-raising event luncheon at Michaels on East sponsored by the State College of Florida for their scholarship program. The reason for having a strong Fire presence at this event is to get their attention over getting back to work on the articulation agreements between MTC and STC that was shut down a few years back and the negative impact it is having in both counties.