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Mr. Martin,

The following are the weekly highlights;

- Blue Flag Raise

There were 5 members representing the department for the blue flag raise at 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. Diabetes Awareness has become a huge push over the last few years for an illness that affects millions of people across the nation. Locally, I believe the city has done an outstanding job bringing awareness to the cause. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday's own (Vern Shank) gave testimonial on how following certain parameters can be life changing in dealing with Diabetes. After the proclamation was read and important information was delivered to the crowd, FBFD staff members assisted with the flag raise. Special thanks to Commissioner Belhumeur for delivering the proclamation.

- Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony

I delivered incorrect information in last week's report as far as how many years the memorial ceremony has taken place. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> year for the ceremony not the 8<sup>th</sup> and I believe there were the most attendees I have ever witnessed this year. All totaled there were 13 recipients that received awards. This year also included church staff going above and beyond the call of duty, in addition to recognizing members of the military, law enforcement and fire service. Two members of the fire service were recognized. This included PCFD's Deputy Chief (Brad Clark) and Volunteer Firefighter Larry Wolfe. This award meant a lot to Larry and he could not have been more appreciative.

- T-N-T Extrication Tools Annual Service/Inspection

The department has many annual services, testing and inspections that take place throughout each year. Although the department has just entered the new fiscal budget, the annual schedule has already begun. First on the list was the T-N-T extrication tools. This includes the spreaders, cutters, rams, hydraulic lines and pump. This service/inspection was conducted on Monday with no major discrepancies noted.

- Emergency Management Survey on Hurricane Milton

Flagler County Emergency Management sent out an email that contained a survey called Hurricane Milton: Flagler County EOC Activation Hotwash Survey. The survey covered general information, areas of improvement and positive practices. As we are both aware, the city has a limited number of staff members available to be city representatives when the EOC is activated. I believe this to be a

very important task in sharing real-time information between the city, the county, Emergency Management and the State. My concern is early activation of the EOC, requiring 24 hours of coverage. My request was to go to 24-hour rotations when the storm is eminent. My thought is that early communication can be accomplished through phone conferences. For positive practices, I addressed clear and precise communications. I have completed the survey and submitted it to Emergency Management.

- Volunteer Firefighter Association Donation Drive/ Women's Club

Every year around this time, the Volunteer Firefighter Association conducts its annual donation drive. This was a whole undertaken in years' past, as staff would package approximately 6000 letters in their spare time for the drive. Over the last several years, the ladies of the Flagler Beach Women's Club have offered their services to package all the material. I have always and always will praise the Women' Club for the support they provide for the Fire Department. The letters/envelops have been completed by the printers and delivered to the Women's Club. Packaging is estimated to be completed by the beginning of next week. At that time, volunteer members will pick-up the material and deliver it to the Post Office for circulation.

- Annual Floor Cleaning at the Fire Station

Typically, every year in November, the Fire Department will have the station floors stripped and waxed. The department has also incorporated floor buffing quarterly to have the station looking as nice as possible. Even with these practices, build-up on the floors can happen fairly quickly with staff on duty 24/7, 365 days a year. I am in communication with the owner of Bumble Bee Cleaning & Restoration to schedule the annual floor cleaning. Tentatively, we are looking at this taken place towards the end of November. The timing is important, so the floors look great for the Children's Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Impact Issues

There are no scheduled special events to take place within the city this weekend.

I look forward to talking to you soon.

Thanks,

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