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Mr. Martin,

The following are the weekly highlights:

- Christmas Come True Fundraising Event

Deputy Chief Cox attended this event. The following is the report he delivered to me; "I was able to partake in the Christmas Come True Fundraising Tournament to help struggling families with Christmas dinners, new clothing, toys, bikes and personalized Christmas stockings, stuffed with goodies and personal hygiene products. The event is a 501-C3 non-profit organization that aims to add the "Merry" to everyone's Christmas and to improve the average quality of life in the Flagler community, beginning by bringing comfort and joy to the lives of those who need it most. CCT was founded in 2009 by Nadine King. Since then, it has helped more than 1500 families and 4200 children in Flagler County."

Stephen J. Cox
Deputy Fire Chief

- Strike Team Task Force Assignment (Deputy Chief Cox)

As we are all well aware, Hurricane Helene carried a path of destruction with it through nation's southeast. Specifically in the state, the pan-handle was one of the hardest areas hit. The Region 3 Director was looking for volunteers to assist with recovery in the pan-handle. There was a definite shortage of Strike Team Task Force Leaders and Deputy Chief Cox received a request to deploy. Deputy Chief Cox was assigned and reported to Dixie County to provide aid in this role. He has been in the area this past week and has reported to me regularly. Sadly, residents of the State of Florida have become very familiar with the destruction that comes from hurricane impacts. It is comforting to know all public safety members are willing to provide mutual-aid assistance when these events take place. Deputy Chief Cox is scheduled to return to the department next week and will be submitting a full report of his deployment.

- Cost Saving Equipment Issued to Staff

While Monitoring Hurricane Helene, the executive decision was made to assign an additional truck company the day of storm impact to the state. This was done locally due to the likelihood of many downed power lines and any possible flooding. Lieutenant Rainey recently approached me with a new and novel idea. She reminded me of when dealing with flood waters in the past, staff members would navigate through high water and conduct pick-offs of stranded local residents many times. Typically, these life saving measures were completed by staff while wearing their bunker gear. As we are all aware, bunker gear is very expensive and after completing this practice most gear would go

through intense, multiple cleanings, if they were not to be found ruined in the aftermath. Lt. Rainey's idea was not to abandon the practice, but to issue each staff member with chest-high waders to complete this task. Each member of the department has been issued the waders are now better prepared in the future in the event of any flooding.

- Continual Education Unit

Staff was assigned a continual education unit called Respiratory System A&P Review. Upon successful completion, the firefighters were to obtain several objectives. List the major structures of the respiratory system. Describe the anatomical and physiological distinctions that differentiate the pediatric, adult, and geriatric respiratory systems. Explain the physiology of respiration and ventilation. Relate the gas exchange process and the mechanics of breathing. Finally, to explain how assess respiratory function and the signs of adequate and inadequate breathing.

- Pink Army Flag Raise at 1st Friday

The Fire Department has been a supporter of Breast Cancer Awareness for many years. October is the month designated to observe Breast Cancer and many others. The month is typically kicked off by a flag raise at 1st Friday with members of the Pink Army in attendance. There will be approximately 6 department members in attendance for the flag raise at 1st Friday tomorrow night. Department members will also once again be wearing pink uniform shirts in hopes of raising awareness to this terrible disease throughout October. In addition, the annual donation towards Breast Cancer Awareness supplied by the Volunteer Firefighter's Association will be discussed at next week's meeting.

- Funeral Escort

Art Giliberti was a retired firefighter from FDNY, living locally and respected by all. Sadly, Mr. Giliberti has passed away and his funeral service is scheduled to take place this upcoming Saturday (October 5th) at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church. The department was contacted by the family with a request. The request is that Mr. Giliberti's fire helmet be escorted by a FBFD Engine Crew to the church with lights and siren. Once at the church, the helmet will be transferred to the Knights of Columbus Color Guard, moved inside the parish and displayed for the service. The department has obviously accepted the request and are happy to provide the service.

- Impact Issues

In addition, to Mr. Giliberti's funeral service, the MS PGA Cycle Tour to the Shore will take place Saturday and Sunday. Event times include 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM on Sunday. Weather permitting, FBOR and FBFD are expecting many beach goers over the weekend. All totaled, a few thousand visitors can be expected in the city.

I look forward to talking to you soon.

Thanks,

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