

April 2026 Chiefs Report

- Calls YTD 31- EMS-19 Fire-12 Non-Emergent Calls 33
- Crew boat motor has been installed and running very well. We are still in the break in period which is 10 hours total. We run the boat roughly 30-40 minutes daily so we are keeping track.
- Fun Run was a success thank you MJ and all the volunteers who helped. I plan on setting up a July 4th fundraiser more info to come.
- Tractor training was successful I want to thank Emmet and Alex who showed up to learn and lend a hand when the district is in need.
- PTO pump is in the build process. The total ended up being 10,149.25. I apologize for going over the 10K agreed amount but to build it saltwater resistant drove the price up.
- The district hired 4 new employees. 2 Paramedics and 2 EMT. Our total roster is now 37. The schedule can be challenging at times to fill every shift. Remember we have part time employees all who are required to provide 3 days a month one of them being a weekend day. They try and balance 2 jobs and home life. I know the struggle as I did it for 20 years. These firefighters are dedicated to protecting the island please never think otherwise.
- IRS issues from 2022-Current have been a thorn in my side. With the help of the new accounting company, we hired all documents have been sent to the IRS. Dusty (accountant) spoke to Ivan (IRS) and a he said he believes we do not owe any money. Short story paperwork was either never transmitted or filed with our new payroll software we should not have an issue going forward.
- QBOL, I believe is 95% correct and I am learning the steps to continue to keep the books accurate.
- AUDIT TIME- Brown and Brown are performing the audit again. All of 2025 accounting has been scanned into QBOL and they will have access to everything they may need. Commissioner Fry will provide capital assets. After this year we will utilize the software inside PStrax for capital so when he completes the Xcel spreadsheet we will provide to the company to have them input it. The accountant will be working with them as well as me.
- FEMA Deposits update. See additional sheet.

- The handheld radio that was lost in the structure fire off cutlass replacement. The county and most fire districts across the county utilize Motorola for their radio communications. With that being said they are the costliest. Our current radios will be obsolete in 2 years and will need to be replaced simply because they will not service or make parts for them. I believe buying the identical radio that will be replaced in 2 years is throwing good money away. So, I asked what is the next generation model that districts are going to. I was provided a quote on that radio. I expressed to them I do not need all the fancy features other districts have and she agreed. The cost of 1 radio is 8K I am floored by the cost. I am doing research on a more cost-effective radio that will work with current system we are in. I was waiting on a representative to contact me. I will provide a verbal update regarding my findings.
- I have been going through our budget and determining where I can trim any costs. I have researched and signed a contract with a report writing software company that will save us 1K this year and 1500 annually going forward. It's not much but every little bit helps. I will be looking into a few more minor savings in the next budget year in the same category. As well as a few others.
- CERT- I understand there seems to be a push for a "retraining" or simply just a meeting. Several CERT members have reached out to Nicole who taught the previous CERT training. This is a stand-alone program. After training is taught the members host and revisit their training information and then devise a plan of action that will best suit their environment. For instance, there is a community in East Bonita that has roughly 600 homes and they have their own CERT team. Nicole does not attend their meetings or set up their SOG/SOP. She is a resource but they all meet and decide what will work within their community. The fire chief does not attend their meeting nor does he direct them in any manner. We can discuss this further at a meeting this summer. After speaking with David, he has a responsibility to the district as the chaplain. He feels he is better suited in that role and not being a team leader within CERT that doesn't mean he will not participate he just can not be pulled into two different directions.
- SHC Purchase commissioner Fry.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

