

August 2026 Chiefs Report

- Calls YTD 50- EMS-34 Fire-16 Non-Emergent Calls 53
- Bushhog Attachment and quick connect quote from Creel Tractor has come in at 12,400 the only issue I see is the tractor will need to go off island so they can make the proper hose attachments this will be an added cost to the total quote. I did ask if they could perform the hydraulic hose configuration on island, they said no. So, we will need to vote on the cost of barging which I do not have quotes yet. I will speak to Jeff he typically can get the tractor to and from Creel. The quick connect will help with the PTO pump as well.
- T191 had a fuel pump and screen break and we were without the unit for roughly 36 hours. Tony came out diagnosed the issue and ordered the part picked it up and installed it. It also received 2 new batteries. B191 has a small leak in the tank we are chasing and repairing ourselves. It is operational we will only use it if needed until properly fixed. This upcoming Saturday Tony will be out to continue to try and repair the tank. We have to drain the tank apply epoxy let it dry then fill it and see if the epoxy has got the leak. It's a small separation between the main part of the tank and an area that allows you to see if the tank is ½ tank or ¼ tank. It in my opinion is a weak point and not needed but it is how it was built. We are dealing with it.
- The hose bib on west side of station snapped off. The new flooring we installed after Ian in the kitchen, I had to pull up due to a leak we had with our Ice Machine. It was leaking for a while apparently no one noticed or failed to recognize the leak. Tony will be repairing the hose bib and the flooring as we have some left over from when the station was repaired after Ian. The Joys of being the chief.
- GovDeals check has been received and deposited for 1500\$.
- **All Commissioners and I need to file our financial disclosures again before Oct 1st.** This is a reminder.
- PTO pump has arrived in Ft. Myers Tony will pick it up tomorrow. I will arrange for it to be barged out.
- We have July 4th 250th anniversary shirts for sale still tell your friends and family.
- The hose tester will be delivered to my home next Wed I will get it to the island. This will allow us to test our hose annually and stay state compliant.
- NexAir account was an account I had been struggling with. Paying for rental O2 bottles and O2. Our monthly bill would be anywhere from 180-300\$ several times this

was because we were joined with Captiva Fire Rescue and their rental program. At any rate we purchased 7 portable O2 bottles. We own 2 large O2 bottles that are in our transport and we are now on an annual lease of a #2 O2 bottle (very large tank) we will fill our small portable tanks on island. The cost to lease the tank is 170\$ annually. The cost to buy the 7 tanks was 970\$ full of O2. This is a cost savings we will see going forward.

- Capital Expense has changed I have not provided Bill with the exact numbers due to how fluid things have been. We have just finished our state investigation after former Chief Denison lodged a complaint with the state. The state requires quite a bit of record keeping, policy and procedures as well. I can verify that the majority of what the state was asking for was not on hand. Meaning it was never done in previous administrations. With the help of DC Tracy and DVC Sanderson we were able to meet all the state required documents. With this completed it has opened the door for a PPE state grant. Our investigator William “Bud” Elliot was a delight to work with. Bud has stated we should be awarded the grant hands down. So, DVC Sanderson and I have submitted the required documents and we are hopeful we will be selected. This will take care of one of the capital expense items. That will remove 7K but we added an 8K bunker gear dryer to the grant so we have the ability to wash and dry 2 sets of gear after a structure fire. Please see the quote and grant paperwork.
- Paid IRS- 20,652.41 for back taxes that were journaled but were not discussed. I am working through this with the bookkeepers it is owed. We are working on getting all penalties reimbursed but it is the government I will not hold my breath. Commissioner Fry had been asking about our FICA being increased when we/I set up Gusto we began paying a state unemployment tax at the highest rate. It was a mistake and is being corrected. Per our bookkeeper we are exempt as our employees are all part-time. Obviously, I am the only one who could collect. I will be following up on this next week.
- Commissioner Fry and I have a meeting with the Bond Counsel Attorney Rick Cohn and Maggie Mooney on Thursday 8/20/26 at noon hopefully he will be able to shed some light on the Chief Quarters Purchase. There seems to be some light as it appears this has been done recently with another special taxing district in the pan handle area so I am hopeful we can get over the finish line. Projected cost for bond counsel is 22K.
- Facebook FST- Fire Suppression Solutions discussion- As a member of the new homeowners group a recent discussion was brought up about a product that was

used to put out a house fire. Just full disclosure this product did slow/inhibit the potential for a room and contents fire to become a full-blown house fire. The video is a Minnesota Police Officer being dispatched to a structure fire he arrives and deploys his FST device. He then returns to his car and grabs an extinguisher and uses that to put out hot spots. You could hear fire trucks in the background approaching. This doesn't take the place of 911 nor does it replace our need for fire apparatus or personnel this is simply another tool in the tool box. I spoke to the consultant who is more than happy to have a "town hall" style meeting to speak to the community. I said after our budget meetings that would be ideal. He has provided some testimonials and PDFs for the company. I am not promoting the company I am not willing to promote any company but I said I would address it in the Facebook forum. I do believe the safety committee that has been organized may want to investigate the potential this product may be useful to homeowners. I have stated on Facebook and I will state here again self-preservation taking responsibility of your own safety is always best practice.

Questions, Comments, Concerns