



## EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

### Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR)

#### **FY 24/25 – 1st Quarter Accomplishments (October -December):**

##### Public Safety – Manage the Increased Demand for Emergency Services

1. Fire Station 23 crews will be moving in to the new station.
2. Addition of resources to the fire stations
  - a. The new hire training classes will graduate from fire and EMT school and enter the workforce.
  - b. Opening of EMS Central to house 20 personnel and apparatus for centralized EMS response.
3. Entered into formal Interlocal agreement with Citrus County Fire for Automatic Aid for Fire Rescue Services.

##### Public Safety – Public Safety Equipment

1. Upgrade Fire and EMS equipment
  - a. The USAR state grant funding for \$116,000 was executed for equipment and training.
2. MCFR purchased and distributed additional second sets of bunker gear for 100% of the department.
3. MCFR Took delivery of 4 new Fire Engines and 2 F-150's for command staff.
4. Portable radio upgrade is 100% complete, all equipment has been issued out to the field and old equipment has been returned to Motorola.
5. MDT and CAD Upgrades complete.
6. Purchased and distributed 36 sets of Rescue Taskforce (RTF) equipment for command level officer vehicles.
7. In process of purchasing DB Solutions software for certification management for Special Operations teams Deployments
8. Improved Communications via First Arriving Dashboards to all Fire Stations. All equipment installed and up in running in all stations that are not either currently being built or renovated.
9. Streamlined fire rescue pre-incident planning with First Due software.

##### Public Safety – Community Paramedicine and Opioid Response

1. Increase access to care for mental health and substance abuse
  - a. MCFR has advertised for 5 additional community paramedics to expand service aimed at addressing mental health and substance abuse through the Florida CORE program. (Ongoing based on FLDOH). MCFR has received word that funding is being disbursed through the hospital district and is awaiting news on how much is going to be awarded to fund the program expansion. MCFR recognized the newly awarded \$264.733 in CORE state funding for vehicles, equipment, and training in the 1st quarter.



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2. Add additional Community Paramedicine resources based on system demand

- a. MCFR is exploring funding options with shareholders for expansion.

### **FY 24/25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Goals (January - March):**

#### **Public Safety – Manage the Increased Demand for Emergency Services**

1. Working with Levy County for formal Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid agreement for Fire Rescue Services.
2. Addition of resources to the fire stations
  - a. The new hires in training classes will graduate from fire and EMT school, and enter the workforce.
3. Launching Community Connect portion of First Due Software – this will allow residents and business owners in the community to relay pertinent information to fire department responders in the event of an emergency.
4. Purchase patient mover golf cart for Large Crowd Special Event's (LCSE). Need identified during Rock the Country concert. Two additional patient moving trays (slide in's that fit in our current side-by-side's).

#### **Public Safety – Public Safety Equipment**

1. Upgrade Fire and EMS equipment
  - a. Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) has been participating in the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) since 2008. This program provides funding to meet training and equipment needs for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (FL TF-8), without any matching funds required. Due to this grant, MCFR has been able to purchase specialized equipment and training for the Special Operations teams which otherwise may not have been possible. Once executed, the agreement will provide reimbursable funds available for the equipment. The total amount of this grant is \$47,948.
  - b. MCFR recognized the newly awarded \$116,466 in USAR state funding for vehicles, equipment, and training in the 1st quarter. These funds have been expended all vehicles with the exception of one forklift were purchased with the available funds.
  - c. MCFR ordered 2 Engines. These are in build status and are awaiting delivery.