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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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JANUARY 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 772nd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8th, 2013 at Big Rich Courville's-1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Klark Spencer with GE Energy Water & Process Technologies provided welcoming remarks.

USCG Captain Paitl introduced of USCG 8th District Rear Admiral Cook who made several laudatory comments about the Association and its benefit to this Coast Guard Captain of the Port Region.

Self Introduction were made.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Tommy Wells, Jeff Kelley and Aleta Cappen

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is presented with the assistance of Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of January 6, 2014:

Checking	\$28,818.79
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u><u>\$38,884.67</u></u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek read the financial report and reported nine members remain with outstanding dues. December 31st was the deadline. Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Charlie Kosh made the motion to approve the financials and Scott McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens informed membership that while the first of our three Strategic Planning meetings usually occurs in January, the Board has to review some recommended changes at the upcoming Board meeting on January 23rd, and additional committee coordination may be needed before bringing recommendations to the membership.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Several recent emergencies and a situational update regarding the abnormally serious flu season was provided. A reminder was given to get the flu shot.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

One pending membership request is being submitted to the Board for review and recommendation.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Website is current and functional. The new i-Phone App is out has the information was sent to the membership by email on 1/7/2014.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

1. The 2014 SNCA Homeland Security Committee reports will be sourced from the following AMSC sub-committees: Facility Security Officers, Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), and Cyber-security. The MDA and Cyber sub-committees are new additions to the AMSC, and we are soliciting for membership with hopes of harnessing subject matter expertise from our partners and stakeholders.
2. On January 21st, the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission will host a joint Grants Planning Meeting. We will review lessons learned from prior years and discuss initiatives, priorities, and coordination. All applicants for State and Federal grants are encouraged to attend. It will be at the Regional Planning Commission, Thursday 21 January from 0900-1200.
3. Under Presidential Policy Directive 18, Maritime Security, The National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan has been released. This plan will be integral to our continued operations and should be reviewed by all maritime partners. The report has been disseminated to Emergency Managers and posted to Homeport.uscg.mil.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

The Beaumont Radio Shop has completed the move from the old facility to the new one. The radio system is running at 100 percent.

Replacement of analog repeaters to digital repeaters for the Regional radio system has begun. The replacement of the repeaters will bring the system closer to P25 compliance.

All SNCA data custodian's please update your agency's account. Review your agency contact numbers, inventory, and radio capability. Our goal is for all agency's to be complete by January 31, 2014. If you need any assistance contact Captain Grimes.

Tim Ocnashek conducted a meeting with TXDot and other City Departments concerning the Eastex Frwy construction project. The project begins January 12, 2014. Signage and lane changes will occur the first couple of months followed by exit and on ramp closures that will begin in March.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Register on PreparingTexas.Org

PER240 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations (28-30 Jan at Beaumont EOC)

Texas Association of Fire Educators Conference coming up in early 2014- free registration prior to January 10

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Currently scheduled for April 28th, 2014 (the fourth Monday of April). Flyers will be emailed soon. Stephanie needs door prizes, hole sponsors, teams and there are other support opportunities as well. Just get with Stephanie.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

1. March 13'th 2014, MSU Port Arthur will facilitate a Area Maritime Security Exercise tabletop exercise (AMSTEP TTX) with the Ports of Beaumont and Port Arthur. This will be the Federal Response to our 2013 Radiological-Nuclear AMSTEP exercise scenario. All who participated in the 2013 AMSTEP are requested to attend. A MARSEC level II exercise will additionally be conducted for MTSA regulated facilities within the region. Contact USCG MSU Port Arthur for further details.
2. Big Hill Strategic Petroleum Reserve Emergency Response Team will conduct its annual exercise on 22 January 2014. Contact Big Hill or Hamshire Vol. Fire Department for further details.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

A recommendation for updating the issues dealing with education and outreach is being reviewed by the Board in January and will be brought back to the membership for review at a subsequent general or strategic meeting.

PROGRAM:

Neither scheduled speaker showed up.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2014.

Host Member	Month	Year
GE Energy Water & Storage (Strategic meeting)	January	2014
Vidor Pd, OCESD#1 and Vidor ISD PD	February	2014
East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014
GT Logistics (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014
Oil Tanking Beaumont	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	September	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 66 attendees at this meeting, down from 68 at the previous meeting: 36 Voting; 24 Non-Voting; no Honorary; 6 member agencies attendees; and 2 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Cindy Powers and seconded by Bryant Champagne to adjourn the 772nd meeting at 11:10 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek

Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The February 5th, 2014 meeting will be co-sponsored by Vidor PD, Vidor ISD, and Orange County ESD#1 and will likely be hosted at the Orange County EOC facility located at FM 1442, which is just south of IH10.