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Industry Director 23 - 24

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Police Director 23 - 24

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Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 874 meeting of the SNCA was held on January 4, 2023 at the Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was hosted by Exxon Mobil – Beaumont Refinery.

President Tim Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation. Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members, Joel Ardoin (OCEM) and Sharon Whitley (HCHD) were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host representative Fire Chief Matt Francis with Exxon-Mobil.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes sent out via email.

A motion was made by Jody Herrera (JCESD#3) to accept the December 2022 Minutes as read and seconded by Bryan Markland (Mitsubishi Chem), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

E-VOTE: - None

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer C. Gonzales to present the Treasurer's Report:

Current Checking Balance	\$74,125.81
CD #2	\$5,186.43
Combined Funding Balance	\$79,312.24

President Ocnaschek then asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Ocnaschek recognized David Frenzel (retired OFD) for his outstanding planning and coordination of Boss's Night. The event was well attended, one of the largest crowds seen in a while... *"Great Job Chief"!!*

President Ocnaschek recognized outgoing President Louie Havens (PAFD) for his service dedication to the SNCA organization. Louie has served in many roles and under his leadership the organization has grown... *"Thank you Louie"*

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek discussed the upcoming SNCA Board meeting schedule, the first meeting of the year is usually in the first month of the year. Currently the meeting is scheduled for January 26th with a location to be determined.
- President Ocnaschek discussed with the membership need to schedule a Strategic Planning Meeting to for updates. The Region has achieved the P-25 compliance, which was a major strategic goal which needs to be updated and maintained.
- Bryan Markland commenced with the first reading of the Ampol letters (2) of interest to join the SNCA.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Representative from Siddons Martin announced a vehicle outfitted with a breathing air cascade system was located outside of the venue for anyone who wanted to take a look at it during the break or after the meeting.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES: It was verified there was no media in the room.
-President Ocnaschek explained to the membership the need to capture all SNCA mutual aid responses unless there is a standing Mutual aid Agreement between organizations. President Ocnaschek stated a protocol will be developed that will list the information that needs to be reported; Date, Time, Location, Agency requesting aid, Agency providing aid, resources needed. This protocol will be added to the SOG's.

SNCA Activations since last BOD – 0
SNCA Activations YTD - 0

Industry: None

Municipal Fire:

- C. Gonzales explained to the membership there were two mutual aid requests between Jefferson Co. ESD#1 & Jefferson Co. ESD#3 response to structure fires in their respective districts. C. Gonzales explained that in the volunteer departments, mutual is quite common due to the lack of manpower at varying times of the day/night.
- On 12/30/2022 at 18:30, the City of Groves Water Treatment Plant had a chlorine alarm. They contacted the Groves Fire Department as per protocol. GFD responded and were unable to control the leak. Port Arthur Fire Department was contacted for a mutual aid hazmat response. PAFD responded and were able to isolate the leak and assist in the replacement of the cylinder gauge to restore plant operations.
- On 1/13/23 Jefferson County ESD #1 requested assistance from Jefferson County ESD #3 on a large grass fire that was threatening a church building and surrounding wooded area.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bryan Markland - Chairperson

Nothing to report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren

Absent

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea informed the membership work is still ongoing to update the website including the President's Welcome and Meeting Minutes. Updates have been made to Honorary Member and awards listing, etc. To ensure we are staying within the two-hour budgeted work parameters work being sent to Jux has been very conservative.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens -
Chairperson
Absent

COMMUNICATIONS: Brian Hebert - Chairperson
Absent – A request has been asked that the radio mutual aid list be updated and re-alphabetized.
Update: Chair Hebert did complete an updated alphabetized Mutual Aid radio test list and has published it.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson
Inventory Report

Chair Grimes told the membership to please check your agency's inventory in the database for accuracy. If you need to add any items that are not listed, please let Chair Grimes know (paalgr@gmail.com). All Voting members are **required** to have resources in the database.

Please note the Foam Inventory is available in the database. Once you sign in to your agency's account it is located on the Home Page to the left of the screen under Latest Notes.

Database

Please let Chair Grimes know if you are not receiving emails and texts from SNCA, meeting reminders are sent prior to each meeting. Also, if your primary or alternate member is changing or if you know of any organization that might be making a change, please let Chair Grimes know so that the changes can be updated in the proper email and text distribution list (paalgr@gmail.com).

It is extremely important that agency contact information is kept up to date. This list is used for informational messages and emergency notifications.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson
Nothing to report

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson (Information provided by Michael Arnett, Protective Security Advisor Region 6. DHS/CISA continues to monitor cyber related threats and has resources by request to help assess public and private cyber vulnerabilities. More information can be found at www.CISA.gov).

DHS/CISA has been monitoring the effects of recent electrical substation physical attacks and vandalism. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity in your areas, especially around electrical infrastructure, notify local authorities if you see anything.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea
Nothing to report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson

Chair Garsea reminded the membership it is that time of the year for Golf! Flyers were distributed to members in attendance at the January meeting and will be sent out digitally. The event will be held Friday, April 28th at the Henry Homberg Golf Course. It is never too early to sign up for a team, a hole, donate a door prize, etc. We also need food and beverage sponsors. Please reach out to Stephanie Garsea 409-284-3026 for details or if you are able to participate.

Remember it takes everyone to make this event a success.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson

Chair Garsea informed the membership the SNCA's 75th Anniversary committee will be confirming location for the anniversary event soon. There are great plans underway to have a celebration of our amazing organization. More to come.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson

Chair Wells (Energy Transfer) told the membership with the new year assure that all organizational contact information is up to date i.e., names and contact phone numbers.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald - Chairperson

Chair McDonald told the membership the 1st Quarter meeting for the IF&S Committee is scheduled for February 21st and will be hosted by Tommy Wells/Energy Transfer. Details about the meeting will be sent closer to the meeting date. Any Industrial member that has not contacted Chairperson McDonald (scott.mcdonald@basf.com) to please provide contact information so that they can be added to the committee communications.

ATTENDEES:

See attached sign-in sheets.

PROGRAM:

Nakisha A – Exxon Mobil provided a program to the ongoing expansion at the Beaumont refinery (BLADE). The expansion broke ground with construction in 2019 and startup is scheduled for the 1st qtr. Of 2013. Best of Luck with start up!

Upcoming 2023 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2023			
Meeting Host 2023	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
ExxonMobil - Beaumont Complex	874	January 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Solvay Specialty Polymers	875	February 1, 2023	Courville's
Invista/Koch Orange	876	March 1, 2023	
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	
Indorma Ventures Oxides (Flint Hills)	879	June 7, 2023	
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	880	July 5, 2023	Courville's
Lion Elastomers Port Neches- (ISP)(Ashland)	881	August 2, 2023	
OCI	882	September 6, 2023	Courville's
Phillips 66 (Chevron-UGT Pipeline)	883	October 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Monument Chemicals (KMTEX)	884	November 1, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Suez (Water Technologies & Solutions)	885	December 6, 2023	Courville's

NEXT MEETING: The 875th will be February 1st, hosted by Solvay @ Courville's

Virtual Meeting information:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://share.dhs.gov/snca>

ADJOURN:

President Ocnaschek requested for a motion to adjourn. Jody Herrera made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Stephanie Garsea. There was no opposition to the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

Tim Ocnaschek
President

Tommy Shelton
Vice President

Chris Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer