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Police Director 23 - 24

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Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 878 meeting of the SNCA was held on May 3, 2023 at Robert's Meat Market hosted by West Orange Fire Department.

Sec/Tres Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation followed by Scott McDonald (BASf) leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members excused; Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Sparky Robinson (OPD), Stephanie Garsea (AEMS), Sharon Whitley (HCHD)

HOST WELCOME

Sec/Tres Gonzales recognized Chief David Roberts, West Orange Fire Dept. who welcomed the SNCA membership.

Members commenced with self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Sec/Tres Gonzales asked for approval of the April 2023 Meeting Minutes sent out via email and asked if there were any corrections, there were none. Sec/Tres Gonzales then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Louie Havens (PAFD) motioned to accept the Minutes and seconded by Jerry Ziller (Chevron Phillips - O), there were no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sec/Tres Gonzales read a Letter of Support that President Ocnaschek wrote at the request of Sue Landry (Spindletop Center) to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enable them to acquire grant funding.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Sec/Tres Gonzales asked Scott McDonald to read the Financial Report

Current Checking Balance	\$80,718.23
PayPal	\$15,934.38
CD #2	\$5,186.59
Combined Funding Balance	\$101,839.20

Sec/Tres Gonzales then asked for approval of the Treasurer’s Report as read. A motion was made by Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) to accept the Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Tommy Wells (Energy Trans), there were no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sec/Tres Gonzales provided the membership an update on the annual dues’ payment status. Sec/Tres Gonzales explained there has been good progress made of organizations making payments however there are 16 organizations that have yet to pay current year dues. Sec/Tres Gonzales told the membership there is an up-to-date list on the sign-in table and encouraged members to look at it if they are uncertain if they are current with their organization’s dues. Sec/Tres Gonzales emphasized that come June and the dues are not paid organizations will be deemed delinquent and will no longer be considered a member and will have to go through the entire membership entry process once again.

Membership dues status: 4/29/23
 Paid/Exempt – 121
 Not Paid - 16

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board of Directors had a scheduled quarterly business meeting on April 20th however due to not having a quorum present, an “official” meeting could not occur. The Board did however receive an update on the golf tournament from Chair Garsea that is to occur on April 28th. Chair Garsea also provide the progress on the planned 75th SNCA Anniversary Celebration.

President Ocnaschek then told those Board members and Committee Chairs present of some proposed changes on the Strategic Plan as well as the Standard Operating Guidelines. These documents have not been updated since 2016. Suggested changes were made and proposals sent to the full membership through an email on April 25th. To date there has only been one correction to the proposals.

E-VOTE: - There was no E-votes sent since last meeting in April.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Louie Havens (PAFD) told the membership of the Annual Willie Ryman Scholarship Fund/Charity Golf Tournament to be held on May 27th. This golf tournament was established to assist children of firefighters who chose to continue their education journey. Scholarships are awarded to those who apply and the funds are used for secondary education at a two-year vocational institute or a four-year university.

-Louie Havens also reported there was a pre-Hurricane Season meeting on 4/14/23 with LSID and Lumberton and Hardin County Emergency Management. Evacuation and sheltering operations were discussed. LISD will still be able to provide sheltering space to SNCA members as well as some State of Texas resources should an evacuation order be implemented, Chief Danny Sullins (LPD), the Lumberton EMC, will be the primary point of contact to coordinate the sheltering of essential personnel at the LISD High School campus (409-781-9711). LISD and LPD ask that any entity sheltering in Lumberton keep their team to a minimum. Shelter space and parking will be assigned upon arrival. Everyone sheltering in Lumberton is asked to arrive self-sufficient for up to 4 or more days. Sheltering supplies that should be brought with the sheltering parties includes a 4+ day supply of food, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags and other essential necessities. Please clean as you go. Hopefully La Nino will settle in and maybe things will be quiet this year.

-Pete Delacruz (SETRPC) spoke on the helpfulness of the Red Cross particularly post residential fire. The Red Cross can aid with housing, clothing, and some finances to help the affected families through a tough experience.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES: It was verified there was no media in the room.
SNCA Activations since last BOD – 0
SNCA Activations YTD - 15

Industry: None reported

Municipal Fire: None reported

Law Enforcement: None reported

EMS: None reported

Health: None reported

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Matt Dulaney - Chairperson
Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bryan Markland - Chairperson
Absent

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren – Chairperson

Absent

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - A list of items is being submitted to Jux monthly that are right at 2 hours of work, which is what we are contracted for monthly. We are getting close to catching up some of the old missing items and hope to begin to do some redesigning, etc. The Anniversary Committee will also begin working on this.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens - Chairperson – Nothing to report

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson –
Chair Vega reminded the membership about the importance of participating in the weekly Interoperability Radio Check on Tuesdays at 09:00am. Chair Vega also announced an upcoming SNCA-Industry water flow drill in September to test large volumes water flow from Industry and Municipal resources at the Port Neches boat ramp. In addition to testing capacity and equipment compatibility/functionality, the event will also test radio communication interoperability between stakeholders.

INVENTORY/DATABASE: Pat Grimes – Chairperson
Absent

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson
Chair Nobles provided a comprehensive list of training opportunities and told the membership there were flyers on the sign-in table and training information can also be found on the Texas Division of Emergency Management’s website, preparingtexas.org. Chair Nobles also provided a condensed list that will be posted to the May Minutes.

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson
Chair Hansen told the membership the Homeland Security subcommittee highlighted the benefits of FBI Infragard membership, particularly the Infragard Beaumont Cross Sector Council. Meetings occur quarterly. InfraGard is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), partner Federal agencies (CISA), and members of the private sector for the protection of U.S. Critical Infrastructure. For more information on local Infragard activities and/or membership, please reach out to your local CISA Protective Security Advisor (see information below).

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AWARDS COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson – Another successful event is in the books and what a “wonderful” event it was!! There were 41 teams who paid to play and 39 teams ended up playing. We had some of the best food in SETX, “thanks to those that cooked.” Currently work is being done to finalize the financials to present at the June SNCA meeting.

Please save the date for next year’s event....April 26, 2024

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - 75th Anniversary celebration is in the works. Save the date posted. The Compro Center has been booked for Friday February 9, 2024. Currently working on the caterer and other items to finalize budget proposals to presented to the Board and then to the membership for approval. The Committee would like to begin ordering items as soon as possible. We would like to invite as many of our honorary members that are able to attend. Please let me know if you have any contacts.

*Community Outreach: Reminder if you have a request for the SNCA sponsorship to please submit to Stephanie Garsea for the Board review. We will add some instructions on the website as well.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson
Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson
Nothing to report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson
Absent

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson
Chair McDonald told the membership that a water-flow drill is being planned and information will be shared as soon as dates and details are confirmed. Committee meeting will be held at Golden Pass LNG on May 10th at 10:00am. If you are not on the mailing list and an industrial member of the organization, please share your contact information with Chair McDonald so that you can be included on the invitations for future meetings.

PROGRAM:

-Chief Roberts (West Orange Fire Department) provided the membership an insight to the West Orange Fire Department’s operation.

-NWS – Doug Cramer provided the membership a look into the projected hurricane season.

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	876	March 1, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	Medical Center Southeast Texas
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	Robert's Meat Market (Orange)
Indorama Ventures Oxides	879	June 7, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	880	July 5, 2023	Courville's
Lion Elastomers Port Neches- (ISP)(Ashland)	881	August 2, 2023	Rockin A Cafe
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 879th will be June 7, 2023 hosted by Indorama Ventures and to held at Rocking A Café.

ADJOURN:

Sec/Tres Gonzales requested for a motion to adjourn. A made the motion to adjoin was made by Louie Havens and seconded by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM.

Tim Ocnaschek

President

Tommy Shelton

Vice President

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer