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Tim Ocnaschek
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Terry Morton
Fire Director 23 - 24

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Industry Director 22 - 23

Scott McDonald
Industry Director 23 - 24

Donta Miller
Police Director 22 - 23

Sparky Robinson
Police Director 23 - 24

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At-Large Director 23 - 24

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 880 meeting of the SNCA was held on July 5, 2023 at Courville's hosted by Christus St. Elizabeth Hospitals.

President Ocnaschek called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Jeff Phillips (JCEM) led the membership in an invocation followed by Tommy Shelton (Goodyear) leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members excused Donta Miller (JCSO), Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD)

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Lydia Wortham RN, St Elizabeth Hospital's Emergency Management Coordinator and EMS Relations who welcomed the SNCA membership. Ms. Wortham to provide a presentation in the Program section of the meeting.

Members commenced with self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the June 2023 Meeting Minutes sent out via email and asked if there were any corrections, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Stephanie Garcia (AEMS) made a motion to accept the Minutes as written and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF), there were no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) to review the Financial Report with the membership.

Current Checking Balance	\$82,143.78
PayPal	\$ -0-
CD #2	\$ 5,187.12
Combined Funding Balance	\$87,330.90

President Ocnaschek 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 as read and seconded by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM), there were no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary/Treasurer Gonzales reviewed the current membership dues status telling the membership as of this date that 136 members are current with dues with one exception that had not paid. The deadline has past and the organization will be deleted from the Association’s database and they would have to re-apply if they wanted back on SNCA roles.

Paid/Exempt – 136
Not Paid – 1

Updated 7/3/23

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek review of proposed changes of Strategic Plan and several SOGs with the membership. The proposed changes were emailed to membership on April 25, 2023 and to date there has been feedback. The review of changes needed no motion or vote however President wanted the membership’s consensus. There was no objection from the membership.
- Host sponsor status – Secretary/Treasurer told the membership he had reviewed the Association’s meeting back to 2008 to determine which organization has hosted meetings and those who have yet to host. Hosting meetings is a requirement of being a member of the Association. Secretary/Treasurer stated he would try and get an updated 2024 meeting schedule by August so the host can budget for the meeting.
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E-VOTE: - There was no E-votes since last general membership meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Long time member Michael Fratus announced to the membership this would be his last meeting as he has accepted a job out of the area and would be starting the following week. Michael stated he has been grateful of the opportunity to serve in the organization and has made friends that will last a life time.
- Doug Cramer with the National Weather Service announced he will make a presentation at the August meeting that addresses rapid communication. Currently messages that go out to the public is slow and this is a system to speed up the communications.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES: (It was verified there was no media in the room.)

- Silsbee Fire & Rescue were called for mutual aid assistance by AEMS to assist with a cardiac arrest and the use of their Lucas Device.

SNCA Activations YTD - 26

Industry: None reported

Municipal Fire: PAFD assisted on a large grass fire on July 4th.

Law Enforcement:

EMS: None reported

Health: None reported

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney first began his report by telling the membership he would soon be retiring from his current employer but would remain active with HCESD#6 and the SNCA. Chair Dulaney stated he would be getting ballots out to the membership in preparation for elections at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: PENDING - Chairperson – President Ocnaschek told the membership that Bryan Markland’s employer has opted out of the Association therefore Bryan is no longer a member and cannot hold the chair of the Membership Committee. President Ocnaschek has spoken with Marc Czerwiec (Valero) and Mark has interest in taking the chair position.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren – Chairperson

Nothing to report

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - A list of items are 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 soon to work on a redesign. Most important note - we are updating the meeting location monthly so you should be able to see where the next meeting will be held.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson – Absent

INVENTORY/DATABASE: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

- Please review your agency's Inventory on a regular basis. Remember to add your new equipment and delete equipment as necessary.
- The snchiefs.com website has SNCA Meeting Minutes from 1972 to the present. Please look when you get a chance. It is interesting to read about the past accomplishments of the organization.
- Please continue to email your mutual aid responses to sabinenecheschiefsassn@gmail.com Please include your automatic aid events.
- Please let Pat Grimes know if you are not receiving email or text messages from the SNCA. Meeting reminders are sent out prior to each meeting.
- Please let Pat Grimes know if your primary or alternate member changes and anytime your agency name changes. It's important to keep the database as up to date as possible.
- Please let Pat Grimes know anytime your organization changes names. It's important to keep the information in the database as current as possible.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson

Jeff Phillips (JCEM) provided several training opportunities:

June/July Training:

- Disaster Finance Class 6/7-8/2023 Orange Expo Ctr
- NIMS 300/400 6/14-16/2023 at Bmt EOC (*Sign Up at PreparingTexas.org*)
- MGT 381 Business Continuity Planning 6/21/2023 Jasper OEM (*See Attached Flyer*)
- ETN Training 6/21/2023 Orange Expo Ctr. (*Just show up - 10am-12pm*)
- Security Officer/Vessel Security Officer Meeting 6/21/2023 ISTC (*Just Show Up - not sure of the time*)
- L-449 ICS Train the Trainer 6/26-30/2023 Beaumont EOC (*Sign Up at PreparingTexas.org*)
- 1-970 Supply Unit Leader 7/10-14/2023 Beaumont EOC(*Sign Up at PreparingTexas.org*)
- *Rail Car Response Class - Working on getting it scheduled.*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

Absent

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson

This is an opportunity to recognize a fellow SNCA member who has gone above and beyond in our organization or community. We will officially begin soliciting nominations in August and continue until September but I can take them at any time; The Board will review in October and awards given at Boss Night in December. Please get with Stephanie if you want a

nomination form.

GOLF TOURNAMEN: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - Save the Date - Friday April 26, 2024; If you have any door prize/give away items lying around your office that you need to move and would like to donate for the golf tournament please get with Stephanie. She can store them for next year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - 75th Anniversary celebration is in the works. Save the date posted! There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on right now. We have booked the Compro Center for Friday Feb 9th; We are finalizing the caterer and other items to finalize budget proposals to be presented to the Board and then membership for approval. Challenge Coins are in the works and much more to come. We would like to invite as many of our honorary members that are able to attend. So please let us know if you have contacts.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson
Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson
Absent

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson
Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson - Chair McDonald told the membership the Industrial Fire & Safety Committee met on May 10th with the meeting hosted by Golden Pass LNG. Good productive meeting with several topics discussed. The next meeting will be the 3rd Quarter meeting held August 15th and hosted by Goodyear (T. Shelton) at the Goodyear plant from 10am – 1pm.

Chair McDonald informed the membership that the Industrial group will hold a water flow drill on September 27th at the Port Neches River Front Park where the target water flow will be 20,000 GPM or greater. This drill will be scripted and have a small group of municipal fire departments and a larger group of industrial members that will participate in the water-flow portion. We will be providing greater detail leading up to the drill about how all the other organizations will be asked to support the event and participate in other functions of the event. Every member organization is encouraged to attend and sign-in.

If you are an Industrial member of the organization and wish to be involved with this committee, Please contact Scott McDonald via email to be added to the mailing list.
Scott.mcdonald@basf.com

PROGRAM:

Lydia Wortham provided the membership an outstanding insight to St. Elizabeth and what the hospital has to offer.

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 881th will be August 2, 2023 hosted by Lion Elastomers scheduled to be held at Rockin A Café

ADJOURN:

President Ocnaschek requested for a motion to adjourn. A made the motion to adjourn was made by Michael Fratus (PAPD) and seconded by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 10:56AM.

Tim Ocnaschek

President

Tommy Shelton

Vice President

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer