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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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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

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 882nd meeting of the SNCA was held on September 6, 2023 at Courville's. The meeting was hosted by OCI Global.

President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation. Tommy Shelton (Goodyear) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Shaqueena Nobles (Bmt. EM), Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD) were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host representative Brian Lucus (HSE Manager) with OCI Global. B. Lucus welcomed the members to the meeting and told the membership he appreciates what all the members do for the community.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the August 2023 meeting minutes sent out via email.

A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) to accept the August 2023 Minutes as read and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Ochnaschek told the membership of three letter requests to join the SNCA and their accompanying sponsor letters. President then read the letters to the membership and said that this would be the first reading and will be followed by a E-vote to the Board of Directors for an approval vote.



BEECH GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
10230 FM 777
JASPER, TEXAS 75951
EIN# 82-0778674 (an IRS 501 (c) (3) exempt organization)
TCPA Taxpayer Identification Number 32062359727 (Sales and Use tax exempt)

August 22nd, 2023

To: Sabine Neches Chief Association Board of Directors

Please accept this letter of request for membership of the Beech Grove Volunteer Fire Department (BGVFD) into the Sabine Neches Chief Association. BGVFD is located in the Beech Grove Community west of the City of Jasper, in northern Jasper County, and within the boundaries of Jasper County Emergency Services District #4.

BGVFD (through contract with Jasper County ESD 4) provides fire, rescue, and medical services to a 67 square mile jurisdiction servicing approximately 2,500 permanent residents. Our response area includes B.A. Steinhagen lake (US Army Corps of Engineers), the Angelina and Neches rivers, and Martin Dies Jr. State Park.

We respond to approximately 200 calls annually and operate 2 engines, 2 tankers, 2 brush trucks, 1 high water vehicle, and 1 rescue boat with a staff of 25 volunteers. We currently operate out of one station on FM 777 at US Highway 190. Construction on a second station will begin in the 4th quarter of 2023.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to join. I am available for any questions you may have and can be reached by cell phone at 281-217-1689 (mobile) or by email at jgunter1968@yahoo.com.

James Gunter

Fire Chief

Beech Grove VFD

281-217-1689 - mobile



Jasper County
Office of
Emergency Management & Homeland Security
P.O. Box 2030
Buna, Texas 77612
409-994-2543

July 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for the nomination of Beech Grove Volunteer Fire Department into the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association. As an entity within the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Committee, they wish to become a partner in SNCA. As a member of SNCA, I fully support their request to join our association and therefore bring more assets into the region.

I request the board and membership support and approve this recommendation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 409-926-4640.

Yours Truly,

Billy Ted Smith

Program Manager/Coordinator

Jasper County OEM

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC

6810 South Major Drive
Beaumont, Texas 77705
(346) 337-0005
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Jake A Morgan
Emergency Preparedness



SNCA Board,

I want to introduce myself on behalf of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, my name is Jake Morgan, and I am the Emergency Response contact for the Beaumont area. I was made aware of this Association by a co-worker and fellow members that are a part of this group.

I wanted to send this letter to request membership into the SNCA and represent ExxonMobil Pipeline. We have annual drills, and have the potential to have Tier 1,2,and 3 responses should a release occur. I believe this group of first responders and members would be an asset to our team when responding. Saying that the EMPCo team would be an asset to this Association as we can sponsor personnel to train (TEEXS) first responders.

I look forward to hearing back from yalls organization, and if accepted in I look forward to working with the team to build our strong safe environment in the area.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Morgan".

Jake Morgan
Emergency Preparedness (ExxonMobil Pipeline Company)
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August 22, 2023

Re: New Member Nomination
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company

Mr. Mark Czerwiec and SNCA Board:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, the Emergency Preparedness Manager, Jake Morgan, has asked to be allowed to join the Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association. I support this request and encourage Board and Membership approval.

As Mark's letter outlines, they are collaborating with agencies within our region for training, exercise and response. They are willing to support and sponsor additional training for our members as well. Their local headquarters is in Beaumont and pipeline goes through jurisdictions within the SNCA. Since they do not define specific resources, I advocate they be accepted as a non-voting industrial/Utility member.

Your consideration and support would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Tim Ocnaschek,
Captain, Beaumont Police Department



Orange County Emergency Services District # 3

P.O. Box 1474

Orange, Texas 7763

Phone: (409) 883-9200 Fax: (409) 883-9200

SNCA Membership Committee,

Orange County ESD 3 would like to request readmission into the SNCA. We can offer the following apparatus in the event of being requested to provide assistance to any member of the group.

1. 1 -1000 GPM Engine
2. 1- 100 ft. 2000 GPM Ariel
3. 2- 3000-gallon Water Tenders
4. 2- Brush Trucks
5. 2- Boats, one has the capacity to be used with a 500 GPM fire pump
6. 1 – High Water rescue vehicle

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 409-554-9313

Thank you,

Matt Manshack
Fire Chief
OCESD3

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of Emergency Management**



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August 22, 2023

Dear Members of the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association,
I would like to recommend Orange County Emergency Services District #3 as a Voting member of SNCA. It was originally founded in 1961 as an all-volunteer fire department and in 2002 it became an Emergency Services District With their resources and experience in fire, emergency medical services and disaster management I believe they would be an asset to SNCA and our region.

Very Respectfully,

Joel D. Ardoin
Orange County
Emergency Management Coordinator

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (JCESD1) to present the Financial Report:

Beginning July Balance..... \$ 82,143.78
 Deposits..... \$ -0-
 Withdrawals..... \$ (11,190.00)
 Ending July Balance \$ 70,953.78
 PayPal Balance..... \$ -0-
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,187.29
Combined Ending Balance\$ 76,141.07

Date	Payee	Purpose	Amount
7/5/23	Juxtapose	SNCA Website Host	\$ 90.00
7/11/23	Electronic Technology	Annual Blackboard Database Invoice	\$ 1,000.00
7/13/23	EKC (Accounting)	Outstanding invoice	\$ 4,100.00
7/24/23	Fire Boo, LLC.	Supply Course Training Course	\$ 6,000.00

President Ocnaschek then asked for approval of the Treasurer’s Report as corrected due to a “sum carry-over” on the initial membership approval but now corrected.

A motion was then made by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2) to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded by Jody Herrera (JCESD#3), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

Sec./Tres. Gonzales told the membership the 2023-2024 membership dues will soon be sent out and asked that if PayPal is used to pay the dues and a personal email is used to PLEASE assure a note is made in the Comments Section to indicate whose organization is paying. With no name associated with the email it is difficult to discern who is making payment and your organization may not get credited.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sec/Tres told the membership the 2024 Meeting host list is complete and read the hosts for 2024 and will be listed on future Agenda/Minutes being sent out.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Ocnaschek reminded the membership of the Salute To Real American Heroes to be held on September 7, 2023 at the Beaumont Civic Center. The SNCA has two tables (16 seats) and if anyone wanted to attend to get with Sec/Tres to place your name on the RSVP list.
- President Ocnaschek told the membership that the keynote speakers for the Salute To Real American Heroes will be at the Beaumont EOC to discuss the Allen Tx. Mall shootings. This will be open only to Fire, Police and EMS.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)

President Ocnaschek began with acknowledgment of numerous wildfires that have been ongoing in the four county communities of the SNCA organization.

SNCA Activations YTD – 44 (and counting!)

Industry: None

Municipal Fire:

- Jody Herrera (JCESD#3) told the membership of the number of fires that has been occurring in his district including the request by BFD on an apartment fire.
- Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM) told the membership of the large wildland fires that the Jasper County fire departments have been battling for the past several weeks that has burned hundreds of acres.
- Louie Havens told the membership of the responses the PAFD have been responding to including an industrial event at a local industrial facility.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: Martha Siemen (Pt. Arthur HD) – told the membership that flu season here and that immunization is the best way to flu prevention. A drive-thru clinic is scheduled at the Port Arthur Health Department. CVS, Walgreens are other locations where the flu immunization can be received. Ms. Siemen also told the membership that COVID is on the rise and precautions should be taken to prevent the spread.

Lastly M. Siemen told the membership that reports of the flesh-eating bacteria are being discovered in local waters and caution should be taken if you enter the water with cuts, scrapes or any open wound that the bacteria can enter the body.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney shared thanks to all those currently serving SNCA. Starting next month there will be nominations for Board Positions. Chair Dulaney will have a list of those open positions.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

Chair Czerwiec was not present however he sent three organizational and sponsor letters to be read at today's meeting. Chair Czerwiec stated that Jasper County ESD#4 has expressed interest and he currently has a sponsor letter from Jasper County Emergency Management.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Not present:

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Recently SOG's were submitted so that section is updated; In addition, various pictures were added; Some images will be submitted to Jux for website design; Stephanie G asked that members submit pictures of their organizations in action to be used for the website and also Anniversary event.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

This is an opportunity to recognize a fellow SNCA member who has gone above and beyond in our organization or community. Stephanie has forms distributed to those in attendance. To date, there has been one nomination received; Members have the month of September to recognize a fellow peer. 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 TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Save the Date - Friday April 26, 2024; Looking to next year, 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.

*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. Stephanie's contact is: sgarsea@acadian.com

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson No report:

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Eloy Vega - Chairperson

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.

Database Report

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

Jeff Phillips provided a detailed list of training opportunities for the membership (see attached at the end of the Minutes).

For more training information see ***Preparingtexas.org***

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

1. This is a great time of year to check your security clearance status. Reach out to PSA for assistance. Program is more restrictive and clearances must be exercised to maintain.
2. Interest in SAFE for SLTT Tool? FY2024 Training outreach 2024 outreach will include Lifeline Sectors (energy, water, transportation, communications) & Directors Priority Sectors:
 - K-12 Schools
 - Healthcare Facilities & Systems

- Water/Wastewater
 - Election Infrastructure (new position coming online)
3. Infragard. Portal is now accepting applications. Beaumont CSC is active and needs your support. If you represent any of the 16 C/sectors, please consider participating. Examples: Cyber-Physical convergence presentation. The more participation we get at Infragard, the less I must speak at SNCA!

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Chair Frenzel told the membership that the date for Bosses Night has been set for December 4th at the Groves Community Bldg. Chair Frenzel stated he has placed invitations on each of the tables for you to complete with the number of people you plan to bring. Chair Frenzel reminded everyone that the SNCA does not invite your boss, you do! Please complete the form and leave it on the table to be picked up.

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson

Not present:

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald - Chairperson

Chair McDonald told the membership that the IF&S Committee met at Goodyear Chemical in August and SETRAC provided a presentation on medical response asset spool-up for industry. The next meeting will be in the 4th quarter on October 10th hosted by Honeywell-Orange. The SNCA large water flow drill will be held on September 27th at 8AM and conclude at 11AM. The last planning meeting for the drill will be held at Port Neches City Hall on September 13th at 8AM. Anyone who is interested needs to attend this meeting. A press release will be sent out around September 13th to all media and this event should bring good attention and exposure for the SNCA.

PROGRAM:

Brian Lucas, HSE Manager provided the membership an in-depth look into the operation of OCI Global. OCI Global is located on the "old" Dupont Beaumont Works site and produces Methanol and Ammonia at its location.

NEXT MEETING: The 883rd meeting will be October 4, 2013, hosted by Phillips 66 (Chevron-UGT Pipeline)

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to adjourn. Jody Herrera (JCESD#3) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Billy Ted Smith (Jasper Co. EM). There was no opposition to the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

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	Rockin' A Cafe
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	Medical Center
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	Roberts Meat Market
Indorma Ventures Oxides (Flint Hills)	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

2024 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Beaumont	886	January 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Natgasoline	887	February 7, 2024	TBD
Energy Transfer Spindletop	888	March 6, 2024	TBD
Valero Pipeline and Logistics	889	April 3, 2024	TBD
Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group	890	May 1, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Port of Port Arthur	891	June 5, 2024	TBD
CTEH	892	July 3, 2024	TBD
DRC	893	August 7, 2024	TBD
Golden Triangle Polymers	894	September 4, 2024	TBD
AMPOL	895	October 2, 2024	TBD
Jasper County E.S.D. #1	896	November 6, 2024	TBD
Dooley Tackaberry	897	December 4, 2024	TBD