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Health Director 11-12

FEBRUARY 2012 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The March 7, 2012, 751st SNCA meeting will be hosted by the American Red Cross. The meeting location will be held at the Antioch Baptist Church located at 3920 West Cardinal Drive in Beaumont.

The 750th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. on Wednesday February 1, 2012, at the Rockin-A-Café in Beaumont.

Chaplain Turner gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Terry Basham, Vernon Pierce, Larry Richard, & Stephanie Garsea.

READING OF THE MINUTES

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

The host for the February meeting was EXXON MOBIL Refinery, Brian Schmidt welcomed the group.

CORRESPONDANCE:

President Owens read a letter from Pinewood Volunteer Fire Department, thanking the SNCA for the recent donation to Kim Huckabee.

President Owens also read a letter submitted by Dennis Gifford which reads as follows;

SNCA Board of Directors,

I would like to take just a moment or two to notify you of my reluctant resignation as the voting member for our department and as SNCA Membership Committee Chairman.

I have nearly 21 years of service with Lumberton Fire & EMS, serving either as President, District Chief and then Chief these last 12 years. During these last 20 years I have had the distinct honor and pleasure of being the Departments primary SNCA voting member, participating as much as my full time job would allow.

At our December elections I declined any nomination to be reelected and therefore a new Chief and a number of new Board of Directors have been selected. I can only assume by now, that someone has already forwarded changes regarding Lumberton's updated contacts & information. Please remove me as requested.

It has been a real honor and a pleasure to be part of such a great organization only to watch it grow into such a fine national example of how mutual aid is supposed to work.

I thank you for all your support and the many friendships over the years. I wish you and this organization all the best to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Gifford
Lumberton Fire & EMS

President Owens expressed his thanks to Dennis and his contributions to the organization.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is compiled by Dale Jackson, Sec. /Treasurer with the assistance of Mr. John Avery, PAFD.
Financials as of 12/31/2011:

Checking	\$28,565.39
CD	4,967.86
CD #2	5,047.47
TOTAL	\$38,580.72

Secretary Treasurer Dale Jackson read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Steve Curran made the motion to approve the Financials and Mike Free seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Owens called on Chaplain Turner to give an update on the status of the repairs to the trailer to be used by the Mercy Corp. Chaplain Turner gave an update on the status of obtaining a trailer which was suitable for making repairs. Chaplain Turner told the membership that Bob Stegall had offered a trailer for use, however it was found to be in need of expensive repairs. Charlie Kosh with TOTAL contacted Chaplain Turner and offered a trailer TOTAL no longer needed, and this trailer was inspected and found capable of being repaired.

Chaplain Turner told the membership he asked the Board of Directors for \$5,000 to repair and equip the trailer once TOTAL approves the donation to the Mercy Corp. President Owens advised the membership that the BOD had voted to fund up to \$5,000 for repair and equipping the trailer, and that all receipts would need to be turned in to the Secretary/Treasurer. Bryant Champagne made a motion to fund up to \$5,000 toward the repair and equipping the trailer donated by TOTAL, and all accounting of the funds spent be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer. Tom Colwell seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Owens called on Chief Curran to give the membership and update on the progress with the SNCA website. Chief Curran advised the membership to go to the site and look at the training calendar for upcoming training, and encouraged anyone with training classes to forward the information to him so he could have it posted on the site. He also reminded members that the home page carried information on current items of interest or importance, and that members could obtain meeting dates and locations on this page. Chief Curran also talked about new tabs which will be added in the future, which record historical data of the SNCA organization, as well as provide informative information to members of the organization. Chief Curran asked anyone with comments or information they feel would be beneficial to be included on the web site, should contact him.

President Owens called on Pat Grimes to give an update on the web site Inventory Database. Pat advised the membership of the progress being made on entering equipment information, and he said the format will be user friendly. He also asked members to fill out the Membership Information sheets found on the web site, this is the baseline information he and Clem are using to build the data base and establish log in information for each member. PLEASE FILL THESE FORMS OUT AND SEND THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SECRETARY/TREASURER.

President Owens read a request for membership from Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems, LLC and advised the membership the BOD had voted to accept the request, and they be voted in as a non-voting member. President Owens also read a request from OilTanking for membership, and he advised the membership that the BOD had also voted to accept this request, and they be voted in as a non-voting member. Steve Curran made a motion to accept both applicants as non-voting members. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bolton, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens discussed whether the need existed for the Finance Committee since the Financial Review is now being conducted by a third party firm. After a brief discussion, Cindy Powers made a motion to send the issue to the Constitution and By-Law committee to make the changes and bring it back to the membership for a vote. The motion was seconded by Charlie Kosh, the motion carried.

President Owens asked for a Volunteer to head the Membership Committee vacated by Dennis Gifford. Bryant Champagne volunteered to chair the committee.

President Owens advised the membership that the Board of Directors considered and approved a request for the SNCA to pay expenses for Pat Grimes and Clem Stinebrickner to attend the upcoming TDEM Conference in April. Pat and Clem will be recognized for the award received for the tracking data base. After a brief discussion, Tommy Wells made a motion to allow \$2,500 for Pat and Clem to pay for expenses to the conference, and that receipts be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Wilmore seconded the motion, the motion carried.

President Owens reminded the membership to let Bob Stegall and Chief Curran know of any exercises being considered for this year so it can be put on the web site.

Cindy Powers advised the membership the BOD had voted to make a donation to Orange County Officer Ashworth, who was shot while escorting a prisoner to the Juvenile Detention center. Cindy made a motion for the membership to approve making a \$1,000 donation to this officer. Theresa Wigley seconded the motion, the motion carried.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENTS

None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent Emergencies were discussed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

NONE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE , CHAIRPERSON

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Will be continuing to work on requested changes.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: ANDREW GARCIA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Please see Training Opportunities on the SNCA web site

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report

COMMUNICATIONS: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat gave a brief update on the recent Interoperability Committee meeting. Pat commented on the recent emergencies where cross patching was used, and it worked very well. The only problem found was there needed to be a protocol on which agency would make the patch, normally it would be the agency where the incident is occurring however Beaumont could do the patching if requested to do so. He also talked about the need for our Industrial partners to get on board with updating their capability to communicate on the regional 800 system. He said efforts are being made to allow industry onto the system as their radio systems become obsolete and need to be replaced. The committee recommended that industry as a minimum obtain portable or mobile radios and program them with our regional interoperable talk groups. He said the committee also discussed adding the Communication Plan that was used in the recent drill in Beaumont to the operation procedures. He also said the committee recommended developing a weekly radio check on Interop 1, and be conducted on Monday mornings at 9:00 am.

INVENTORY: VERNON PIERCE, CHAIRPERSON

No report

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 60 Years

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Programs through August

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Stegall informed the membership that the next Security exercise will be in November of 2012, and Bob is seeking help from jurisdictions wishing to participate, which includes industry, hospitals, and first responders. He is looking for persons to sit on the planning committee for the drill. Anyone interested should contact Bob.

HOMELAND SECURITY: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

President Owens read a report supplied by committee chair Stephanie Garsea, who could not be at the meeting, which provided information on the upcoming SNCA Golf Tournament. Fliers were on the sign in table, and could also be found on the SNCA website. Members are encouraged to visit the web site for more information on the tournament, which will be held April 16, 2012, at The Belle Oaks Golf Course.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM

Cindy Riggan, coordinator for EMTF 6 gave a very informative program on Emergency Medical Task Force 6 for the state of Texas.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the **TENTATIVE** schedule for 2012. This is subject to change once Strategic Planning Meetings for the year are established by the BOD>

Host Member	Month	Year
Arkema Safety	January	2012
Exxon Mobile Refinery Beaumont	February	2012
American Red Cross/Beaumont	March	2012
BASF/Port Arthur	April	2012
Cray Valley LLC	May	2012
Cray Valley LLC	June	2012
Christus Hospital- St. Mary	July	2012
Cottonwood Energy	August	2012
The Medical Center of Southeast Texas	September	2012
DM Petroleum Operations Co., INC	October	2012
Entergy Company/Sabine Plant	November	2012
Explorer Pipeline	December	2012

ATTENDEES: There were 59 attendees at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Darrell Irvin and seconded by Butch Holmes to adjourn the 750th meeting at 12:08 pm. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jackson

Secretary/Treasurer

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