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## SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## AUGUST 2013 MINUTES

### Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 767<sup>th</sup> Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Rockin A, 3520 W. Cardinal Drive, Beaumont, Texas

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Electronics was the host for the June general meeting with Mike Wise and well known distinguished guest, Chris Mathieu from Motorola providing welcoming remarks.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Larry Richard, Charlie Kosh, Jeff Wilmore and Jeff Kelley

### READING OF THE MINUTES

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

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC (aka Flint Hills Resources) donated \$1000 toward the Association as part of their 2013 Helping Heroes initiative. A copy of the letter is attached.
2. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Beaumont Police Chief James Singletary sent a letter of appreciation to the Association in regard to the \$1500 donation for the 2013 Cops and Kids program. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Continuation of Correspondence:**

3. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 L.I.T. sent a second appreciation letter for the recent SNCA donation of \$5,572.22, and donated eight tickets to the “Salute to the Real American Heroes” fundraiser. A copy of the letter is attached. These will be provided on a first come-first served basis by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

**The Treasurer’s information is presented with the assistance of Assistant Chief John Avery, PAFD.**

Financials as of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

Checking	\$ 19,583.85
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,072.70
Total	<u>\$29,624.41</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Gary Collins made the motion to approve the financials and Stephanie Garsea seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. At the July 18, 2013 Board meeting, a vote was made to accept the nomination for Tommy Hale to be a lifetime honorary member since he recently retired. Steve Curran made the nomination based on Tommy Hale’s long-time membership and participation in the organization and his past activity as an instructor for association members, as well his frequent participation in and hosting of multi-agency exercises. Former board member Doug Jones, and former SNCA President Jeff Bolton have also recently been voted in as honorary members. With the recent development of an official SNCA membership recognition certificate, President Owens presented awards to each of these recent designees. Pictures are available from the Secretary/Treasurer or Awards Committee Chair.

2. At the recent Board meeting, President Owens discussed several member concerns regarding attendance sign-in for the July general meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ocnashek was asked to provide the background and Board decision to the membership. The primary concern was that member agency personnel were asked to sign in as guests rather than as members. Discussion included the recommendation that all employees of a member organization are authorized access and attendance without a need for an invitation. Discussion included the comment that members have traditionally been reasonable with guest and agency personnel invites and as long as that tradition continues, limiting guest numbers should not be necessary. A recommendation was made to continue the recent practice of having a by-name Voting and Alternate Voting Member sign-in sheet. All other attendees will sign in on a newly developed “Attendance Log” which will have check box columns to designate what category of Non-Voting member the attendee represents, to include: Honorary Member, Non-Voting Member, Agency Member, and Guests.

3. Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek asked the membership to approve a Deployment Uniform for IMT members eligible for outside-the-region or State deployment. This uniform will provide recognition for the Association as well as the member agency. In July’s meeting, the Board recommended Tim Ocnashek, as the

IMT Committee Chair, to facilitate design of a deployment uniform, agreed to the use the SNCA logo, and recommended research into design, issue recommendation, and cost estimates for the membership. Tim Ocnaschek informed everyone that his wife had a embroidery business and had obtained a digitized design of the logo and had the capability of hoop technology necessary for embroidering brands of shirts that had a document pocket which was a problem for the larger businesses. Feedback indicated agreement that issue of uniforms should be limited to those IMT members deploying outside the region in support of the Golden Triangle IMT which is one of 18 type 3 teams currently active in the State. Discussion was primarily focused on how many and what combinations of uniforms would be most appropriate, to account for the cost considerations as well as the large number (currently 25 with State MOUs) people potentially needing outfitted. Chief Frenzel made a motion to authorize up to \$5,000 for an initial uniform order, and recommended Ocnaschek obtain several quotes for price comparison options which could be presented to the membership at the September meeting. Aleta Cappen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. President Owens asked Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek to discuss with the membership difficulties the Association has been having getting members to update the SNCA Database with contact and inventory resources, as well as the difficulty in getting dues paid by new members in particular. At the last meeting, the Board recommended guidance be developed for the application process which would include a recommendation that when future entities are brought to the general meeting for membership approval, that the accepted motion include the wording that **"... membership will be contingent on SNCA database update and payment receipt."** Additionally, a recommendation was made to adjust the Constitution to remove the requirement for a complete response inventory during the application process, and adding a two month deadline following membership approval (with contingency stipulation above) for the requirements to be met for initial membership acceptance. A motion was made by Cindy Powers to initiate the Constitutional change. Stephanie Garsea seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chief Curran, Constitution Committee Chair, will therefore be requested to provide the intended edits for membership review and the required 30 day written notice.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An EMPAC committee meeting regarding the State Preparedness Report, the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Analysis and the Implementation Plan was held immediately following the SNCA meeting. Sue Landry provided an after action report and sign-in sheet enabling grant credit for attendees.

## **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON**

No report

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON**

Absent. No Report.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON**

Absent. See Item #4 in New Business

### **WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON**

Absent. No report.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON**

Jeremy Hansen advised agencies to start preparation for the FY14 Port Security Grant to help with the short deadlines often given when the application period begins.

**COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON**

a. The new Communications System building (Radio Shop) is nearing completion of the equipment transfer. The project is on track to be finalized at the end of September.

b. If any member needs assistance updating inventory or contact information, please let him know

c. Please ensure all Interop talkgroups are operational during the radio equipment transfer from the old building into the new Communications facility.

**TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON**

Louie Havens reminded members of several upcoming schools and classes posted on the website and PreparingTexas.Org. Gary Duncan with LIT offered free attendance at the Gordon Graham Seminar scheduled for 20 August. The MGT 315 course cancelled in Orange County last week is available at LIT August 15-16. Only a few have signed up so far and the class may get cancelled again without more applicants. Courses are posted on the training calendar on the SNCA website.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON**

Nominations should be submitted for the awards program in December. Nomination form was sent to membership on 8/12/2013.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON**

No report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON**

No report.

**BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON**

Chief Frenzel reminded membership that Bosses Night is scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the same place, the Groves Community Center. Individual members are responsible for inviting their own bosses and elected officials. The RSVP process will begin in September.

**PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKSON, CHAIRPERSON**

No report.

**DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON**

An Area Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28 at the new Orange County EOC on Hwy 1442, just south of IH10.

**OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON**

No formal report.

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON**

Item #3 in New Business. No further report.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON**

Strategic planning meeting scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>, at the monthly SNCA meeting which will be held at Catfish Cabin in Lumberton.

**PROGRAM:**

Kevin Clement, Strategic Planner for the Texas Office of Homeland Security, provided a detailed briefing regarding resource typing, as well as the correlation to grant funding requests.

**FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:**

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2013.

Host Member	Month	Year
Kay Electronics	August	2013
SNCA (Strategic Planning Meeting)	September	2013
Enterprise Pipeline and Storage	October	2013
Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems	November	2013
Invista (SARL Orange)	December	2013
GE Energy Water & Storage	January	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	February	2014
East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014
GT Logistics	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health	July	2014

**ATTENDEES:** There were 92 attendees at this meeting, up from 56 at the previous meeting: 41 Voting; 27 Non-Voting; 3 Honorary; 16 member agencies attendees; and 3 Guests

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Steve Curran to adjourn the 767<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11:43 pm. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tim Ocnaschek**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**The September 4th, 2013 (768<sup>th</sup>) meeting will be sponsored by the SNCA at Catfish Cabin-192 South Lhs Drive (Hwy 69N), Lumberton, TX 77657; (409-755-6800)**



KOCH PIPELINE COMPANY, L.P.

# Helping HEROES

Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC is pleased to advise you that your organization is receiving the enclosed funds to help with training exercises or equipment as part of our 2013 *Helping Heroes* initiative.

Volunteer firefighters and emergency responders are heroes and we appreciate the countless hours your department is on call ready to provide critical services to communities around the state.

Although Koch Companies Public Sector facilitates this contribution, please note that this donation is from Flint Hills Resources and Koch Pipeline Co. for your contribution records and donor reports. In order to comply with Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of Charitable Contributions, please also fill out the attached receipt and return to the address listed. Per information previously provided by your organization, the value of goods and services received in exchange for this contribution is \$0.

Please feel free to contact Bea Martinez at [bea.martinez@kochps.com](mailto:bea.martinez@kochps.com) or (361) 242-8534 if you have any additional questions.

Thank you!



July 3, 2013

Sabine Neches Chiefs Association  
Attn: Deputy Chief John Avery  
PO Box 2257  
Nederland, Tx 77627

RE: Receipt for Donation to the City of Beaumont Police Department

Dear Chief Avery & Members:

On behalf of the City of Beaumont, I would like to thank you for your recent donation to the Beaumont Police Department's Cops & Kids program. Your contribution of \$1500 will help us improve safety awareness and crime prevention for our city's youth through our various outreach programs. Our next event is our Cops & Kids Carnival, slated for September 14. Please accept this as our personal invitation to attend our event from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Beaumont Civic Center.

This outreach work strengthens the relationship between police and young people and has a direct impact on the quality of life for our city today and tomorrow. Thank you for helping us achieve our mission. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the programs of the City and the Police Department in this way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Singletary".

James Singletary  
Chief of Police

City of Beaumont  
EIN: 74-6000278  
801 Main Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701

Donation: \$1500  
Date Received: 6/07/13  
Check No. 1202



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July 31, 2013

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Sabine Neches Chief's Association

Chief John Owens

P.O. Box 2257

Nederland, Texas 77627

Dear Chief Owens,

The Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation gratefully acknowledges your contribution of \$5,572.22. Please find enclosed 8 tickets numbered 0033-0040.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your generosity. This is your receipt for tax purposes.

Sincerely,

Joanne Brown  
Executive Director

*Note: For your tax records, Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation is a qualified 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt institution. Please contact your tax advisor about the regulations for eligibility of tax-deductible gifts.*





## Awards Nomination Form

If you wish to nominate a Sabine Neches Chiefs Association Member for an Award, Please complete the form below and return to the Awards Committee Chairperson. All Nominations will be kept confidential. The Awards will be given out at the Boss's Night Event in December! Thank you for your participation to help recognize an outstanding member of our Association.

<b>Person Being Nominated</b>	
<b>Business Association:</b>	
<b>Please note the reason(s) why you feel your nominee is noteworthy to receive an Award from the SNCA? (Please attached an additional pages if needed)</b>	
<b>Nominated By:</b>	
<b>Your Contact #:</b>	

**Please check which award you are nominating your member for:**

<b>Outstanding Member:</b> Presented to a member in recognition of exemplary performance relating to emergency management, emergency response, or emergency related duties or program administration.	
<b>Community Service:</b> Presented to any person who has provided leadership, guidance, facilities, equipment, or support to an Emergency Response Program, a Community, or the Profession in the furtherance of emergency response activities.	
<b>Special Awards:</b> The Awards Committee may recommend any Special Awards in recognition of contributions made in the advancement of Emergency Management, Emergency Response, or Public Safety.	

All nominations are to be received by the September General Meeting. You may turn in your completed nomination form to:

Stephanie Garsea  
 Email: [sgarsea@acadian.com](mailto:sgarsea@acadian.com)  
 Fax: 337-521-3685      Cell: 409-284-3026