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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 769th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013 at Rockin A Cafe- 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Enterprise Pipeline and Storage ('Enterprise Products') hosted the October meeting and Jeff Myers provided welcoming remarks.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Jeff Wilmore, Stephanie Garsea, Carman Apple, Larry Richard, Charlie Kosh, Aleta Cappen, 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 Bryant Champagne and seconded by Gary Collins to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. In August 2013, SNCA received an IRS letter concerning tax exempt status for the Association. The letter stated the status was originally determined in July 1958. The letter for clarification was posted on the SNCA website. Chief Avery informed the membership this reinforced the fact that while a 501C4 association is exempt from paying income taxes, donations made to the Association do not qualify as charitable donations. However, depending on the justification, they may qualify as a deductible business expense through the member's accounting practices.

Continuation of Correspondence:

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is presented with the assistance of Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of August 5th, 2013:

Checking	\$ 17,742.82
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u>\$27,808.70</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. It was noted that a large number of dues checks have been received but haven't shown up on the account rolls yet. Chief Frenzel made the motion to approve the financials and Bryant Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution Committee Chair, Steve Curran presented recommended changes to the Constitution and SOG regarding membership application requirements, and membership acceptance. This initiated the 30 day review requirement. Additionally, the recommendation was sent to membership by email.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business items were discussed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Landry and Kaylan Arendale request assistance in completing a report to TDEM with an accurate number of First Responders in the region. This includes: Fire fighters, LE, EMC and EMS. Please prioritize getting them this information. They have emailed all applicable agencies and personnel.

The January SNCA meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 8th since the first Monday is a holiday.

Robert Blackwell and Roy West (Crime Stoppers Board Members), Doug Landry (Crime Stoppers Board Chairman), and Carol Riley (Beaumont PD PIO) reviewed the background and development of Crime Stoppers in Beaumont, and the expansion in progress to include Jefferson and Hardin County agencies. They advised membership of a November 7 ribbon cutting event at the Beaumont Event Centre designed to garner additional community awareness and participation. They also advised membership the Crime Stoppers conference would be brought to Beaumont in October of 2014.

Shell Pipeline (Dave Jenkins) advised membership they were making a \$250 donation to the association, and was providing several free tickets to the upcoming Grand Prix.

Membership was advised of a fundraiser being provided by the United States Coast Guard on October 9th, between 11 AM and 1 PM in the MSU Port Arthur office parking lot. A daughter of one of their members was diagnosed with terminal cancer and financial support is needed. Copy attached.

Deputy Chief Jeff McNeel reminded membership of the Fire Safety and Prevention Festival at 400 Walnut occurring Saturday, October 5th from 11 AM- 3 PM following the Gift of Life 5K Walk/Run event in Downtown Beaumont.

Chief Dale Jackson advised membership of an Open House occurring at the Groves Fire Department, 6150 Short Street, in recognition of Fire Safety month on Wednesday October 9th, from 6:30 to 8 PM.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Health officials reminded membership that flu season official started October 1st, and flu shots should be obtained if possible.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. No report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

A constitutional amendment was presented under “Old Business”

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

The SNCA application for Droid phones is available. Go to the Play Store on the phone and search for SNCA.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Federal furloughs mandated due to the lack of government fiscal funding are affecting a number of our local projects and contacts.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

The new Communications Facility for the Regional Radio System has been completed and radio equipment is currently being transferred into the new building from the old. That transition may result in short simulcast service gaps periodically during the month of October as each phase of the planned project is implemented. There will be notifications prior to each phase, but please get the word out so the dispatch offices and appropriate personnel know to expect this.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Fall/Winter 2013-2014 SNCA/SETXRPC Upcomming Training Events			
Course	Dates	Location	POC
ICS 300/400	Oct 17-19	Orange Co EOC	F. Walters
PER-211 Medical Management for CBRNE Events	Nov 13-14	Orange Co EOC	F. Walters
G361 Flood Fight	Nov 18-20	Beaumont EOC	T. O
G-627 Residential Damage Assessment & G-628 Infrastructure Damage Assessment	Dec 11th	Orange Co EOC	F. Walters
PER240 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations	Jan 28-30	Beaumont EOC	T.O

Training Exercises	Dates	Location	POC
DSHS facilitated SNS POD exercises in various jurisdictions - See your DHS reps for exact dates.	Oct 31 - Nov 2	TBD	TBD
USCG Tabletop Exercise (followup from the Radiological exercises at the Ports last November)	Nov 4-5	USCG MSU Port Arthur	J. Hansen

Also, Beaumont PD Sergeant and JTTF representative, Bobby Anderson, briefed membership on the recent Post Blast Investigation school put on by ATF for regional law enforcement and the public section provided for membership regarding IED recognition and Bomb Threat Management.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
Nominations for awards have been received.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON
Chief Frenzel reminded membership that Bosses Night is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at the same place as last year, the Groves Community Center. Individual members are responsible for inviting their own bosses and elected officials. Please RSVP by submitting a form in person, delivered at the next meeting, or emailed to Chief Frenzel at dfrenzel@orangeafd.com

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKSON, CHAIRPERSON
Programs are scheduled through February.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No Report.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON
No Report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON
No report. Several IMT members attending the meeting were shown prospective shirts to help determine the best model.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No Report.

PROGRAM:
Kathleen Jackson and Sue Landry discussed the background of STAN and the interaction between STAN and regional Emergency Management. Industry costs for advertising STAN have provided the required local grant match funding for agencies participating in the regional Blackboard Connect contract coordinated by the SETRPC.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2013 and early 2014.

Host Member	Month	Year
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
Oil Tanking Beaumont	August	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 62 attendees at this meeting, down from 94 at the previous meeting: 24 Voting; 10 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 14 member agencies attendees; and 14 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by John Avery and seconded by Bryant Champagne to adjourn the 769th meeting at 11:31 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The November 6th, 2013 meeting will be sponsored by David Owens and Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems at Rockin A Cafe- 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas (409-842-0010/ fax 409-840-6272)

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Person to Contact: Kaye Keyes
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your July 26, 2013, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in July, 1958.

Because you are not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code, donors may not deduct contributions made to you. You should advise your contributors to that effect.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard McKee, Department Manager
Accounts Management Operations



To all who shall see these presents, greetings;

*Know Ye, that the Coast Guard Enlisted Association,
Chief Petty Officers Association and the Chief Warrant
Officers Association are hosting a fundraising Barbecue
in support of Jasmine Ruelas' Fight Against Cancer on*

October 9th, 2013 in the parking lot at

11Am - 1pm

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
MARINE SAFETY UNIT PORT ARTHUR

2901 Turtle Creek Drive
Port Arthur, TX 77642



Entrees Include

Hamburger, Chips, and a drink \$5

2 Hot dogs, Chips, and a drink \$5

Brownies or Cookies \$1

Water \$1





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**DALE JACKSON
FIRE CHIEF**

GROVES FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 1, 2012

Editor:

The Groves Fire Department will be holding an "Open House" on Wednesday October 9, 2013 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The Fire Station is located at 6150 Short Street. The "Open House" is in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week which runs from October 6th-12th. The Groves Fire Department will also be conducting Fire Prevention Education programs to area schools and day care facilities during Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Prevention theme for this year is Prevent Kitchen Fires. Cooking is the number one cause of home fires, and a significant contributor to home fires deaths. We'll be highlighting the dangers of unattended cooking and risky kitchen habits.

Basic protection can help save lives and prevent injuries in the home whenever a fire occurs. Plan two ways out of each room in the home, establish an outside meeting place where every family member will meet, install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area and test the detector at least once a month for proper operation. Remember to change the battery whenever you set your clock during the spring and fall and most importantly, be proactive in eliminating fire hazards in the home.

The "Open House" at the Groves Fire Department will feature information on fire prevention in the home, displays of equipment and apparatus, refreshments for all. This year we will have live exhibits such as vehicle extrication using the Jaws of Life, repelling, fire extinguisher exhibit and much more.

Sincerely,

Dale Jackson

Dale Jackson, Fire Chief/EMC
Groves Fire Department

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