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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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MARCH 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 774th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 at Big Rich Courville's at 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Mike Free led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The welcome was presented by Jeff Thibodeaux with East Texas Regional Advisory Council and he introduced the SETRAC Board members who accomanied him.

Self Introduction were made.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Dale Jackson, 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 Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Membership request from 24 Hr Safety and sponsorship letter from Nederland Fire Chief/EMC Gary Collins. (Letters attached)

Membership request from KMTEX and sponsorship letter from Beaumont Police Department/EMC Tim Ocnaschek. (Letters attached)

Continuation of Correspondence:

Email from Scott Kerwood asking for volunteer evaluators for their annual 3-day CBRNE drill at the Hutto Fire Department. He is interested in hazmat, fire and LE functions and provided his contact information if anyone is interested.

The accounting firm of Edgar Kiker and Cross has completed its annual compilation of the Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association financial statements. The accountant's engagement is not an audit and the Compilation Report and Financial Statements cannot be relied upon as such; however, the engagement letter does provide that the firm "will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, and of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our compilation procedures, that fraud may have occurred." The Compilation Report does not note any evidence of material errors or fraud. One item of note is that expenses slightly exceeded income during calendar 2013 (\$597.56). The new budget process agreed upon by membership should provide more detailed oversight for future expenditures. A copy of the annual report is on file with the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association has filed its 2013 annual 990 E-post card information return with the IRS and acceptance of the return has been acknowledged by the IRS by way of email. The 990 E-post card return is the appropriate return for an income tax-exempt organization which does not normally have receipts of more than \$50,000.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Financials as of March 3, 2014:

Checking	\$34,278.00
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u>\$44,343.88</u>

Checking account includes golf receipts restricted as to use.

The financial report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek. A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Chris Gonzales to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Renewable Biofuels (2013 pro rata dues and 2014 dues) and Pinehurst Fire are the only two members left with outstanding dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

In the February 5th motion to approve Beaumont Water Utilities as an SNCA member, it was accidentally addressed as a non-voting member. The Board requests a motion to change their membership from a non-voting member to a voting member in line with the Constitution eligibility and original Board recommendation and e-vote. That motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by David Frenzel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

On 2/13/2014, an e-vote was conducted by the SNCA Board resulting in a recommendation to membership that 24 Hr Safety's membership request be approved. The Board further concurred with the Membership Committee recommendation that they be identified as a non-voting vendor/sales company in line with Constitutional

eligibility and membership requirements. This application has Nederland Fire Chief/EMC Gary Collins' sponsorship. Correspondence was read as noted previously. Tommy Wells made a motion that 24 Hr Safety be accepted into SNCA membership as a non-voting vendor/sales company. Larry Mannino seconded that motion. Motion passed. Blayne Forman with 24 Hr Safety was present at the meeting and was congratulated by President Owens on becoming a member.

On 2/27/2014, an e-vote was conducted by the SNCA Board resulting in a recommendation to membership that the KMTEX membership request be approved. The Board further concurred with the Membership Committee recommendation that they be accepted as a non-voting pipeline/storage facility member in line with Constitutional eligibility and membership requirements. This application has Beaumont Police Lieutenant/EMC Tim Ocnashek's sponsorship. Correspondence was read as previously noted. Cindy Powers made a motion that KMTEX be accepted into SNCA membership as a non-voting pipeline/storage facility. Aleta Cappen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff McNeel advised membership the Beaumont Fire Department was hosting a Youth Firesetting Prevention & Intervention Program, Level 1 on March 11-12, 2014 at the Beaumont EOC located at 700 Orleans, 2nd floor. The class is scheduled from 8-5 each day and will be facilitated by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Anyone interested in attending should send an email to jmneel@ci.beaumont.tx.us. (Flyer attached)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Covered under old and new business.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Website it up to date with information.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

This year's Port Security Grant Application process will likely begin soon. Two regional grant meetings have already been held, and the 3rd is set for April 3rd at the Regional Planning Commission. The Area Maritime Security Council (AMSC) and all its subcommittees are meeting at the Orange County Expo Center on FM 1442 on March 27, from 9am to 12pm. Members are urged to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat reminded members to go to website and update inventory items for anyone identified as a voting member. Steve Curran advised that anyone with radios on the regional radio system needed to advise him of any subscriber units that could not make the transition to P25 compliance. The goal is to identify the shortfall for the upcoming grant coordination process. The deadline to get with Chief Curran is Friday of this week

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

The G-620 Course is coming up 9-10 April at the Orange County EOC. Registration is through PreparingTexas.Org. Additionally, David Owens from IRIS advised they are providing a free training opportunity regarding the Kappler Road Show Training Modules on May 6, from 8-11am which will include a free lunch. Due to limited seating, RSVP with David at 409-363-3542. Flyer attached.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie reminded members there was only a month and a half left until the tournament. 15 teams and a number of hole sponsors have registered, but there are still plenty of spaces. More door prizes are needed as well. There were 36 teams last year, so please assist in getting the word out and soliciting sponsors and teams.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

The April meeting is scheduled as a Strategic Planning meeting. Aleta reminded everyone that the Host is the Program.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Jeremy reminded members of the AMSTEP drill March 13, and advised there is an Oil Spill Exercise in the works for early June. More information will be coming out later.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM:

Jeff Thibodeaux and the SETRAC Board presented a very professional overview of their organization, function, and capabilities. He also reviewed the method of engaging SETRAC support and resources.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

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

Host Member	Month	Year
GE Energy Water & Storage (Strategic meeting)	January	2014
Vidor Pd, OCESD#1 and Vidor ISD PD	February	2014

East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014
GT Logistics (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels Oil Tanking Beaumont	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014
National Trench Rescue	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	September	2014
Oil Tanking Port Neches	October	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 79 attendees at this meeting, up from 74 at the previous meeting: 36 Voting; 14 Non-Voting; no Honorary; 24 member agencies attendees; and 5 Guests

ADJOURN:

President Owens called for a motion to Adjourn. A motion made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Bryant Champagne. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnashek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The April 2nd, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Bryan Bishop and Beau Maida with GT Logistics at Rockin A Cafe- 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas



2/18/2014

Mr. John Owens
Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA)
P.O. Box 2257
Nederland, Texas 77627

Dear Mr. Owens:

I would like for you to consider Kmtex, LLC (ORG) Port Arthur for membership in the SNCA. It would be a pleasure to be a member and to partner with the numerous emergency responders in Southeast Texas.

Kmtex, LLC (ORG) has been in operation since 1992 at the same location and has continued to expand and become a premier commercial distillation company for Fortune 100 companies. ORG continues to operate facilities in Crosby, Houston and Singapore. Kmtex, LLC is also a standing member of the Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Kmtex, LLC is staffed with 58 full time employees. We are only able to support the SNCA with monetary means at this time. Kmtex, LLC does not maintain mobile fire-fighting equipment and only has a few trained fire personnel.

I hope you will seriously consider Kmtex, LLC (ORG) Port Arthur for membership in the SNCA. If you would like to contact me for any further questions or comments, please call me at 409-988-6895. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

David Jones
HSSE Coordinator
Kmtex, LLC
409-984-1418 direct
409-988-65895 cell

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1421 • Port Arthur, Texas 77640

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Mayor Becky Ames, Director
Tim Ocnaschek, Coordinator
700 Orleans, 2nd floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701
Office: (409)980-7280 Fax: (409)980-7240

February 21, 2014

President Owens and SNCA Board:

KMTEX has asked to be allowed to join the Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association. This organization is very similar to the type of organization and potential participation as the recently added member, OilTanking (Port Neches). This organization has been paying dues for the past several years and was fairly recently discovered to have never been officially voted in as a member. As can be read in the request letter, the organization is eager to continue supporting the association with technical expertise and funding and in fact are in the process of funding a team sponsorship in the annual SNCA Golf Tournament. They are always one of the first organizations to pay dues and in fact have already paid dues for 2014. Their information is also current and registered in the SNCA database. Additionally, they are a member of the Jefferson County LEPC and familiar with many members of our association.

I fully support this request and recommend your support as well.

Respectfully,

Tim Ocnaschek
Emergency Management Coordinator,
Beaumont Police Department



Membership Letter of Request:

Dear Sirs,

24hr-Safety LLC. Is requesting your consideration in granting membership status into the Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA). 24hr- Safety has provided industry expertise to the Golden Triangle Petrochemical industry and local Fire Departments in the field of Breathing Air, Gas Detection and Rescue since our opening in late 2005. We are confident in our ability to provide life safety services and equipment and believe we would serve as a great asset to the Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA) Organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Brucia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Brucia
District Manager
24hr-Safety LLC.



Nederland Fire-Rescue Services

P. O. Box 967 – 1404 Boston Ave. – Nederland, Texas 77627
Phone: 409-723-1531 – Fax: 409-723-1552

Gary Collins, Fire Chief/EMC Terry Morton, Assistant Chief

November 11, 2013

Sabine Neches Chiefs Association
P O Box 2257
Nederland Texas 77627

Dear Sirs,

I would like to bring to the attention of the board the application made by 24 hr Safety LLC. Having worked with this company and its representatives on systems for the regional rescue team trailer I believe their specialized expertise would be a great asset to the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association and its members. It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of sponsorship for them.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Collins
Fire Chief
Nederland Fire Rescue

“Serving You Every Day”



Rescue & Tactical Training Center

6030 Concord Rd.

Beaumont, Texas

(409) 363-3542

Fax: (281) 754-4651

May 6th, 2014
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
No Charge

Kappler Road Show Training Modules

Introduction to Kappler

20 minutes

A brief history of Kappler and overview of product lines

NFPA Standards

45 minutes

A review of NFPA 1991, 1992 and 1994 and Kappler certified products

OSHA General Industry

30 minutes

A review of OSHA requirements for the hazard assessment process

ASTM Test Methods

45 minutes

A review of the applicable ASTM methods to evaluate chemical clothing

Chemical/Flash Fire/Frontline Module

30 minutes

A review of the specific needs for petrochemical

*Limited seating. Please reserve your seat by contacting
David Owens at (409) 363-3542.*

The Beaumont Fire Department will be hosting a Youth Firesetting Prevention & Intervention Program, Level I on March 11-12, 2014 at the Beaumont EOC. Class will be approximately 8am-5pm each day. Jamie Perkins of the State Fire Marshal's Office will be teaching the 2 day class and a course manual will be provided. This class will be offered as a professional development course to fire department personnel. Please call or email Jeff McNeel (jmcneel@ci.beaumont.tx.us) if you are interested in the course. A description of the class follows below:

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

YOUTH FIRESETTING PREVENTION & INTERVENTION PROGRAM

LEVEL-I

(Previously known as: Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Program, Specialist I)

This two-day course is based on the requirements of NFPA Standard 1035 pertaining to the Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist Level I. Students will be empowered with a broad understanding of the knowledge, skills, and abilities the Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist I should meet as requirements of NFPA Standard 1035 pertaining to youth firesetting. The Level I intervention specialists provide services at the program delivery level. They help identify firesetters, conduct program intakes, provide screenings to identify risks of future firesetting, deliver educational interventions, perform follow-ups, and evaluate program services.

Target audience for this course is anyone who has worked (or will be working) with youth who are exhibiting firesetting behaviors, and is appropriate for volunteer and career firefighters, Fire Marshals, fire investigators, Fire and Life Safety Educators (FLSEs), and allied professionals from criminal justice, mental health, social services and juvenile justice.

Course covers the following:

- Review of the NFPA 1035 Standard for Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist I.
- Extent of youth firesetting problem and justification for local youth firesetting prevention and intervention programs.
- Examination of the typologies of firesetting and the motivation behind firesetting behaviors.
- Identification, intake, screening, disposition, and follow-up.
- Youth firesetting educational interventions.

Completion of the course student will be able to:

- Explain national trends in youth firesetting and compare those trends to the statistics from their home communities.
- Classify the typologies of youth firesetting.
- Explain intervention options to mitigate youth firesetting behavior.
- Present an educational intervention for a Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Program.