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## SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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### 2015 Board of Directors

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Police Director 15-16

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At-Large Director 15-16

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EMS Director 15-16

Cindy Powers  
Health Director 15-16

## JANUARY 2015 MINUTES

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

The 784<sup>th</sup> Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2014, at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: David Brucia and 24 Hr. Safety introduced Trent Smith of 24 Hr. Safety, who gave a brief presentation on 24 Hr. Safety. They are a full service safety company.

Board members Tommy Wells and Stephanie Garsea were excused from the meeting.

### READING OF THE MINUTES

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

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. President Jackson presented a membership request and sponsorship letter from Jefferson Rail Terminal. This was the first reading of the membership request. The request will be taken to the Board for review.
2. President Jackson read the resignation letter for Jeff Kelley as the At-Large Director effective January 9, 2015.

## TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of January 6, 2015:

Checking	\$38,025.55
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,126.03
Total	<u>\$48,119.44</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report and advised membership there are 9 members still needing to pay membership dues. Steve Curran made a motion to approve the report and Aleta Cappen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. Strategic Planning Meeting-

1. Each committee chair assisted by volunteers will review each section of the strategic plan against the commensurate sections of the Constitution, By-Laws or SOGs and make sure there is no conflict of wording or requirements.

2. Additionally, make sure the appropriate support guidance is provided for each approved recommendation of the Strategic Plan (such as how to handle the budget which is scheduled as an item for discussion at the January Board meeting)

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Martha Simien with the Port Arthur Health Department and Amanda Moore with the Orange County Health Department spoke about the upcoming events related to Closed Points of Dispensing (POD) in Orange, Jefferson, and Hardin counties. Both stressed the importance of the PODs in the event of a public health emergency. There is no cost to attend or participate in this program. The upcoming programs are:

Orange County – Tuesday January 13, 10:00am – 11:30 am, Orange County Expo & Convention Center

Port Arthur – Wednesday January 14, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, 449 Austin Ave, Port Arthur

Hardin County – Tuesday January 13, 2:00 – 3:30pm, 228 Country Lane, Lumberton

Flyers attached

- B. Carman Apple informed the group that there would be a Coastal Hurricane Workshop with Chief Kidd on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Orange County Expo & Convention Center, 11475 SH 1442 Orange TX at 1:00 pm
- C. President Jackson expressed his appreciation and thanked John Owens for his eight years of service on the SNCA executive board.



- D. Roger Erickson with the National Weather Service provided an update on the weather for the upcoming weekend. Chances of freezing rain are decreasing for the local area but still possible at the lakes area.
- E. Gary Duncan announced that he would be retiring from LIT where he served as the Director of the Regional Police Academy.

#### **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

Steve advised the group that there may be minor changes coming to the Constitution and By-Laws after the Strategic Planning meeting.

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

Steve advised the group that he would be working to update information on PayPal

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

Area Maritime Security Committee AMSC in 2015 will have the following standing sub-committees, Marine Firefighting, Maritime Domain Sharing, Cyber Security, Facility and Vessel Security

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

Pat informed the group that there would be an Amtrack and Railroad Safety training course Jan. 13 – 15 (Tuesday – Thursday) at the Beaumont EOC 700 Orleans 8 am – 1 pm

Pat is still working on connecting with the Harris County system. Parts issue.

Regional Radio Test (Interop 1) is on Tuesday at 9am. Participation has fallen off. It is important that everyone can communicate regionally over radios. This is a good opportunity to test the radios and the talk groups. PLEASE TUNE IN.

STEAR – Will be archiving the 2014 registrants, will start fresh in 2015. Each agency will have the capability to move 2014 registrants to 2015 if they desire.

We will be adding a couple of important inventory items. Hold off on updating 2015 inventory until these are added. Will be adding hydrant thread type, should be added in a few weeks.

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

Radiological Operations Bmt EOC Jan 27-29

ICS 300 & 400 Feb 24-26

MGT 346 EOC Ops for All Hazard Events- Orange Co EOC Feb 16-20

L954 Safety Officer Course- Orange Co EOC March 2-6

EMT-Course Hampshire VFD, 1/12/15 Start Date, POC - J. Hansen

Skywarn – Jefferson County Courthouse, 1/13 11am – noon, POC Roger Erickson

*Providing Mutual Aid for Over 60 Years*

Entergy Subsation, ESD #3 China VFD Fire Station, 1/13 6pm, POC D. Saunders  
NFA/TEEX Incident Safety Officer, Port Arthur Civic Center, 2/28-3/1, POC Mike Free

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

The update was prepared by Stephanie Garsea and presented by President Jackson. It's time to start getting ready for another GREAT event. We have begun receiving registrations and sponsorships. Please take a minute to complete the registration form and send in to Stephanie Garsea. All contact information is on the flyer. If your organization would like to donate a goody bag item or a door prize, please let Stephanie know as well. Remember that this event has been and will continue to be successful because of the awesome efforts by all of you! I'm looking forward to another AWESOME day!

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

**BOSSES NIGHT:** DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

**PROGRAMS:** ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappen stated that program were up to date.

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

No report.

**OIL SPILL:** TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

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

No report.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

The group divided into subgroups with the standing committee chairperson and reviewed the Strategic Plan as it relates to the Constitution and By-Laws and SOPs. In addition the subgroup looked at areas of improvement in their respective committees.

**PROGRAM:**

No Program Strategic Planning Meeting

**ATTENDEES:** There were 92 attendees at this meeting, 52 Voting; 18 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary, and 22 guests

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by John Owens and seconded by Steve Curran to adjourn the 784th meeting at 11:27 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Charlie Kosh**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting will be sponsored by Phillip and Charles Sonnier and LaBelle-Fannett and Cheek VFD at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)





## Port Arthur Closed Points of Dispensing Kickoff Meeting

Join us to learn more about a new partnership opportunity with the City of Port Arthur Health Department. Businesses, schools, healthcare, and other organizations can receive free life saving medication during a public health emergency or bioterrorism incident, such as an Anthrax release. Receive medication to distribute to staff, their families and others, if you choose (e.g. students, tenants, patients, contractors).

**There is NO COST to attend or participate in this program. Ever.**

Wednesday, Jan 14  
2:00 – 3:30 pm  
449 Austin Avenue  
Port Arthur, TX 77640  
(upstairs conference room)  
To Register go to <http://tinyurl.com/l5h52so>

Come to this informational meeting to learn how becoming a Closed Point of Dispensing can help protect your most important asset – your people – and help your community.

**Click on the registration link above and register today!**

**Protect Your Staff. Help Our Community.**



### Questions About the Program?

Martha Simien, Emergency Preparedness Planner  
City of Port Arthur Health Department  
409-983-8848 or [Martha.simien@portarthurtx.gov](mailto:Martha.simien@portarthurtx.gov)

### Questions About the Meeting?

Mark Kaintz, Business Development Analyst  
Bio-Defense Network  
314-809-7377 or [mkaintz@bio-defense-network.com](mailto:mkaintz@bio-defense-network.com)





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Tuesday, January 13  
10:00 – 11:30 am  
Orange County Expo & Convention Center  
11475 SH 1442  
Orange, 77632  
To register go to: <http://tinyurl.com/pirzhgc>

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## Questions About the Program?

Amanda Moore, Public Health Emergency Preparedness  
Planner, Orange County Health Department  
409-670-4135 or [amoore@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:amoore@co.orange.tx.us)

## Questions About the Meeting?

Mark Kaintz, Business Development Analyst  
Bio-Defense Network  
314-809-7377 or [mkaintz@bio-defensenetwork.com](mailto:mkaintz@bio-defensenetwork.com)





# Hardin County Closed Points of Dispensing Kickoff Meeting

Join us to learn more about a new partnership opportunity with the Hardin County Health Department. Businesses, schools, healthcare, and other organizations can receive free life saving medication during a public health emergency or bioterrorism incident, such as an Anthrax release. Receive medication to distribute to staff, their families and others, if you choose (e.g. students, tenants, patients, contractors).

There is NO COST to attend or participate in this program. Ever.

Tuesday, Jan 13  
2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Lumberton Fire Department  
228 Country Lane Drive  
Lumberton, TX 77657  
To Register go to: <http://tinyurl.com/o5gtga2>

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## Questions About the Program?

Sharon Whitley, Public Health Emergency Planner  
Hardin County Health Department  
409-246-5188 or [sharon.whitley@co-hardin.tx.us](mailto:sharon.whitley@co-hardin.tx.us)

## Questions About the Meeting?

Mark Kaintz, Business Development Analyst  
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# National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter Class



## Topics Covered:

- Severe weather safety tips
- Local severe storm history
- Cloud formations vs. type of severe weather
- How to report severe weather to the NWS

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015

**Time:** 11 am - noon

**Location:** Jury Impanelling Room, Jefferson County Courthouse, Beaumont, TX

For more information, contact: Roger Erickson, National Weather Service,  
337-477-5285 x223 or [roger.erickson@noaa.gov](mailto:roger.erickson@noaa.gov)