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SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 804th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order by President Dale Jackson, at 10:12 a.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at Rockin A Café – 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont TX. The meeting was sponsored by Martin Midstream Partners, L.P.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Pam Williams with Entergy Texas.

Board members Charlie Kosh and John Owens were excused from the meeting.

Self Introductions were made by those present.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jackson asked for “Approval” of the previous month’s minutes as e-mailed:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Greg Fountain to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Jackson read letters of thanks from Texas State University System for the Association’s donation to LIT. (Attached)

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of 9/6/2016:

Checking	\$40,562.18
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,159.36
Total	<u>\$50,689.40</u>

Tim Ocnashek gave the financial report and advised membership that three 2017 dues payments had already been made. As of September 1st, invoices have been sent to all primary members based on information in the database. Cindy Powers made a motion that was seconded by Larry Richard to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Jackson presented the Board recommendation regarding the membership request from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The required reading occurred at the last membership meeting, August 3rd. Then, later that day, the Board conducted an e-vote recommending membership that TCEQ be accepted as a Government Agency and non-voting member in the Association as per their request. Greg Fountain made a motion that was seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the Board's recommendation. The motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jackson advised the proposed date for the final 2016 SNCA Board of Directors meeting is October 27.

Pete Delacruz advised membership about Kari's Law which went into effect September 1, 2016 mandating direct dial capability for 911 calls even when using multi-line telephone systems common to many businesses and facilities. Copy of the law is attached.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA There was 1 activation in August when Sunoco placed the association on standby, but no assistance was needed.

SNCA Activations YTD 4 (1/28/16, 3/12/16, 6/2/2016, 8/12/2016)

Industry

Municipal Fire- Port Arthur had a Technical Rescue response for a cargo ship and a shipyard water recovery

Law Enforcement

EMS

Health – Port Arthur is setting up a drive through Flu shot clinic and mention there are currently 2 positive cases for Zika in Jefferson County.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Send Board Nominations to Matt Dulaney. MDulaney@hagemeyerna.com. A listing of eligible members will be sent out along with the minutes. Eligible positions include a new Fire person as Secretary/Treasurer. Sergeant at Arms (Carman Apple- incumbent), Larry Richard's Fire Director position, Chris Gonzales' position as Industry Director, Aleta Cappen's position as Police Director, David Frenzel's positions as At Large Director, as well as the EMS and Health Director positions are all expiring in December.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

See “New Business”

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Up to date

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Up to date

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Discussed the tanker spill and fire in the Port of Houston which closed that channel for approximately 14hrs. Flyer coming out soon for Marine Fire fighting training class in January. Goal is to have 50-80 trained personnel regionally.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Provided an overview from the ETN and STEAR Notes attached.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Shaqueena Nobles has additional information if needed. A Threat and Risk assessment course on 26 October and a Div/Group Sup Course on Nov 2. Check on PreparingTexas.Org for sign-up. Beaumont EM will host ICS 300 and 400 courses the last week of September- sign up for these through Snobles@beaumonttexas.gov.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

2016 Port Security Grant awards received by agencies. Be aware of RFID scams; New TWIC guidance released by DHS.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Awards nomination forms were provided and requested by the first of October so they are ready for Board review at the 4th quarter meeting prior to Bosses Night, December 5th.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Save the DATE for the 2017 golf tournament --Friday, April 28, 2017.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

RSVPs should be sent to Chief Frenzel. Members are responsible for invites. Event will be December 5th at the Groves Community Center just like the previous several years. RSVP to dfrenzel@orangefd.com

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Same report. Hosts are responsible for the program. Tell us something about YOU.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No exercises pending. Jeremy Hansen reminded FSOs that real world events/incidents can be used for exercise credit by facilities.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

End

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAM:

Pam Williams, Customer Service Representative for Entergy Texas for the Beaumont area, gave a Utility overview and introduced her counterparts for the region (Hardin and Orange Counties and Port Arthur). Entergy Texas covers 27 counties and have over 430,000 customers. They are no longer pursuing deregulation. She also gave a brief safety overview for line-down situations and discussed the prioritization of power restoration following major outages. Entergy.Com is a great website for monitoring power outages, and people can register for outage text alerts as well. They do have a program “Power to Care” to help select customers with utility bills.

ATTENDEES: There were 83 attendees at this meeting, 50 Voting; 13 Non-Voting; 4 Honorary Members; 13 Member Agencies and 3 guests.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Larry Richard to adjourn the 804th meeting at 11:06 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek

Vice President

NEXT MEETING:

The 805th meeting will be on October 5, 2016. The location will be the Roadair Roadhouse, 6701 Jade Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77640 (409-736-2102). The meeting will be hosted by Williams Fire and Hazard Control. The meeting will start at 10:00am. (Map Attached)

The proposed host list through 2017 is attached.

Attachment 1 - Proposed Host List

West Orange Police Department	796	January 4, 2016
Jefferson County Emg. Mgt.	797	February 3, 2016
Texas Gas (Southern Union)	798	March 1, 2016
Total Inc.-Pt. Arthur	799	April 1, 2016
Orange Fire Department	800	May 1, 2016
BASF/Beaumont	801	June 1, 2016
Hardin County Emergency Management	802	July 1, 2016
Martin Midstream Partners L.P.	803	August 1, 2016
Entergy Texas	804	September 1, 2016
Motiva	805	October 1, 2016
Orange County ESD #2	806	November 1, 2016
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.	807	December 1, 2016
McLewis VFD	808	January 1, 2017
Hardin County ESD #2 (Lumberton Fire)	809	February 1, 2017
ISTC	810	March 1, 2017
Orange Police Dept.	811	April 1, 2017
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. P.A.	812	May 1, 2017
Williams/Tyco	813	June 1, 2017
Hardin County Sheriff Dept.	814	July 1, 2017
Port Neches Fire Dept.	815	August 1, 2017
Port Neches Police Dept.	816	September 1, 2017
Jefferson County ESD #4	817	October 1, 2017
Nederland Fire Dept	818	November 1, 2017
Nederland Police Dept.	819	December 1, 2017



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.

Person Being Nominated	
Business Association:	
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)	
Nominated By:	
Your Contact #:	

Please check which award you are nominating your member for:

Outstanding Member: Presented to a member in recognition of exemplary performance relating to emergency management, emergency response, or emergency related duties or program administration.	
Community Service: 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.	
Special Awards: 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
 Fax: 337-521-3685 Cell: 409-284-3026

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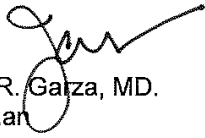
Chief Dale Jackson
President
Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association
P.O. Box 2257
Nederland, TX 77627

Dear Chief Jackson:

The Board of Regents of The Texas State University System would like to thank you for the \$9,372.21 you have contributed to Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation for the benefit of the 2016 LIT Salute to the Real American Heroes event and its endowment which provides scholarships to students in police, fire, emergency medical services, criminal justice and homeland security programs.

The TSUS Board of Regents greatly appreciates what you are doing to support LIT programs and its students.

Sincerely,


Jaime R. Garza, MD.
Chairman

c: Dr. Lonnie Howard, President
Lamar Institute of Technology

Kari's Law

Direct access to 9-1-1 service and multi-line telephone systems.

For a multi-line telephone system that provides outbound dialing, Kari's Law requires direct access to 9-1-1 service without the user having to first dial an initial number, digit, prefix or other access number or code before dialing 9-1-1. On March 1, 2016 the Commission on State Emergency Communications adopted Rule 251.16 (Direct Access to 9-1-1 Service) to implement Kari's Law.

Compliance with Kari's Law is required by **September 1, 2016**.

More questions – www.texas911.org/KarisLaw

Background on Kari's Law

On May 15, 2015, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 788 (Kari's Law). The law represents the culmination of efforts in the aftermath of the murder of Kari Hunt in a motel room in Marshall, Texas. Ms. Hunt's 9-year-old daughter tried to call 9-1-1 for help four times from the motel room phone. The call never went through because she did not know to first dial "9" for an outbound line before dialing "9-1-1." On March 1, 2016, Commission on State Emergency Communications Rule 251.16 (Direct Access to 9-1-1 Service) adopted to implement Kari's Law went into effect.

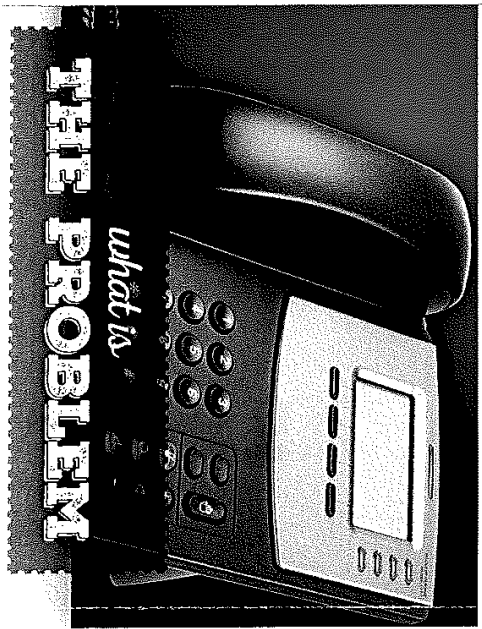
How to Request a Waiver

For a multi-line telephone system that provides outbound dialing, Kari's Law requires direct access to 9-1-1 service without the user having to first dial an initial number, digit, prefix or other access number or code before dialing 9-1-1. If such a telephone system, commonly referred to as a multi-line telephone system (MLTS), cannot be reprogrammed or replaced to meet the direct access requirement without the user incurring undue and unreasonable costs, a one-year waiver shall be granted upon timely submission of an affidavit (see FAQs for instructions on submitting an affidavit). For each telephone handset used with a non-compliant MLTS, an instructional sticker must be placed immediately adjacent to, and optionally on, the handset instructing the user how to access 9-1-1 service. The instructional sticker must be printed in at least 16-point boldface type, in a contrasting color using a font that is easily readable, and be written in English and Spanish.

Kari's Law also requires an MLTS to be programmed to send notification of a 9-1-1 call to a central location on the site of the facility from where the 9-1-1 call was made, and per rule 251.15 also to an optional additional location. Providing call notification is only required if it can be done without improvements to the MLTS's hardware. (See FAQs for additional information on notification requirements.)

Please note that:

- This waiver is used statewide for the entire state of Texas.
- The waiver is good for one year (September 1 to August 31).
- The request must be submitted before September 1st of each year.



If you operate a Multi-Line Telephone System or Private Branch Exchange (MLTS or PBX) in your school, hotel, hospital, or other business, it is important for you to know the issues that arise in calling 9-1-1 from these types of phones.

Some MLTS phones require an extra digit, often a "9", to be entered for an outside line. This can cause a problem, especially when people are taught to dial 9-1-1 and not "9,9-1-1."

Other MLTS phones might direct you to dial another digit before getting access to an outside line to call 9-1-1. Even more alarming are phones where you must dial several digits before getting to an outside line. This problem must be fixed in order to make sure everyone has access to emergency services.

fixing the MLTS problem

In 2015 Kari's Law was enacted requiring direct access to 9-1-1 from a MLTS phone without having to first dial a prefix or other access code. MLTS service providers have indicated that there would be little to no cost to update the MLTS configuration to allow direct access to 9-1-1. This simple change could potentially **save lives.**

working together to save lives

There are several options available in ensuring that MLTS phones can directly dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. Contact your MLTS provider to confirm that your phone can directly dial 9-1-1. You can also contact your local 9-1-1 coordinator to help assist with test calls and to provide public education on Kari's Law. For more information, please visit www.texas911.org/Karislaw.

"Seconds count and when a 9-year old little girl is mature and brave enough to attempt to dial 9-1-1 for help, she should be answered."
- Hank Hunt, Kari's Law

be prepared

It is important to understand your MLTS phone and how it works so that you can plan for emergency situations. Keep it simple and save lives and property in the process.

- Be prepared for any type of emergency and have a response plan in place.
- Work with your MLTS provider to provide direct access to 9-1-1.
- Work with your local 9-1-1 jurisdiction to test access to 9-1-1.
- Review your plan routinely to ensure emergency services are always available to anyone located in your building.
- Train staff on how to respond during an emergency; when to call 9-1-1, how to call 9-1-1 and what to say when calling 9-1-1.

responsibility is yours

It is the responsibility of the Business Service User to update and maintain your MLTS/PBX system so that 9-1-1 calls get through to 9-1-1. If you find that your system cannot meet standards, you must fill out a waiver and submit it to www.texas911.org/Karislaw.

Inventory Committee Notes.

STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry)

No major changes to the questions this year.

Major enhancement will be allowing public users to edit records which include allowing these records to remain in the database and not be archived.

STEAR enhancements requested for 2017 by SNCA

The ability to print a registrant's record. Some agency's print and file records as they update them.

A search filter for all the fields in the database would be a nice enhancement.

The ability to edit data on the review page. It would allow custodians to edit the data and document the review on the same page.

In the medical equipment fields only see the medical equipment selected or at least have the selected medical equipment to show up at the top of the list.

SNCA functional needs database

SNCA now automatically downloads STEAR registrants. Thanks to Clem and the State for making this happen.

Once again, each city should have a STEAR account with the STATE as well as access to SNCA database.

ETN State of Texas (Emergency Tracking Network)

The State has its own evacuation system that was used in the Brazoria County flooding events.

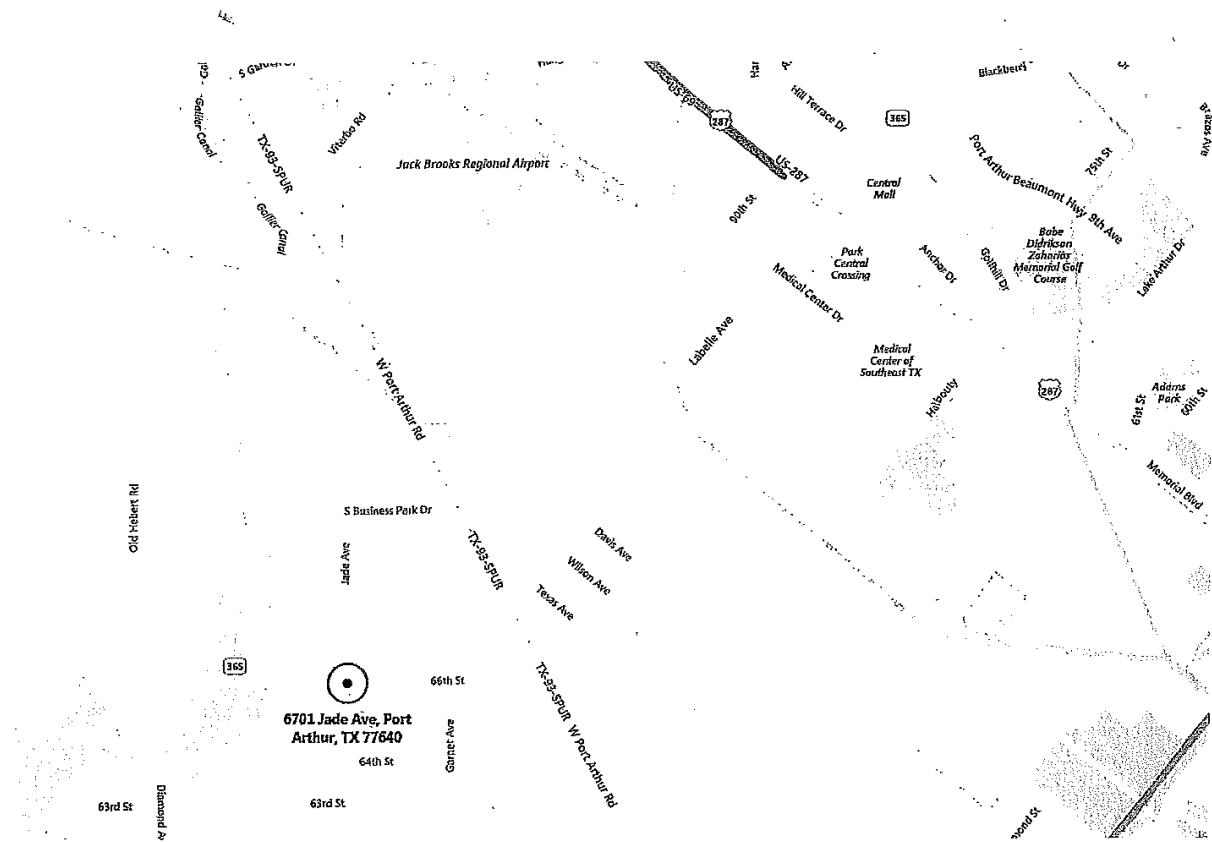
If you use the State for evacuating your citizens, this is what they will use. It integrates with WebEoc.

Each jurisdiction can use the State system by requesting it through your District coordinator.

It is app dependent so all you need is iphones or ipads and a web eoc account.

For private systems in place. Examples SNCA, Radiant and many other evacuation systems, the State is going to provide generic code that will allow each vendor to tie in to Web Eoc so that the private systems will have the option to connect to Web Eoc.

There is an informational/Training video that explains ETN and how to use it, if you want it, let me know and I can email you the link.



**Sabine Neches Chiefs Association
October Meeting**

Williams Fire & Hazard Control will sponsor the next Sabine Neches Chief's Association Meeting
 on Wednesday October 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM
 Roadair Roadhouse
 701 Jade Avenue,
 Port Arthur, TX 77640
 (936) 736-2102.

If you have any questions please contact
 Mr. Thom Jones (936) 349-5813
 thom.jones@tycofp.com

Please see back for map to Roadair Roadhouse.