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AUGUST 2021 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 857th meeting was held on August 4th. The meeting will was hosted by Chemtrade at the Beaumont Lakeside Center, 150 Magnolia St, Beaumont, TX 77701.

President Louie Havens called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Matt Dulaney Led Us in the Prayer
Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members, Tommy Shelton, Terry Morton, Shaquena Nobles, Sparky Robinson, David Frenzel & Sharon Whitley were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those present. Louie Havens introduced Chief Greg Benson, the new Fire Chief of Port Arthur.

HOST WELCOME

There was no host welcome presented by Chemtrade Logistics (Peak Sulfur)

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Louie Havens asked for "Approval" of the July 2021 meeting minutes as emailed:

A motion was made by Scott McDonald and seconded by Mark Czerwiec to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BBVA Compass Statement for June 2021.

E-VOTE: none

TREASURERS REPORT: Stephanie Garsea presented the report.
As of June 30, 2021:

As of 5/27/2021:

Checking	\$ 81,820.45
CD #1	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,180.04
Total	<hr/> <u>\$ 91,968.35</u>

President Louie Havens asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Matt Dulaney made the motion to accept, and Donte Miller seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Regional EOD/Bomb Squad formulation - Appoint an exploratory committee to research and provide recommendation. Louie Haven's discussing how to fill for this region; Louie and Tim to speak to Law Enforcement, Fire Marshals, County SO and area PD to see who would be interested in being involved.
- b. From the SETRPC - request to update our mutual aid agreements due to adding Jasper County.
- c. SNCA Board discussed in June and agreed to add Jasper County into the SNCA organization; Steve Curran has looked at the Bylaws and made recommended edits. These will be presented to the Board and General membership within the next 30 days.

Additional Items: President Louie Havens reminded the membership of Aleta Cappen, VP, retirement last month and Tim Ocnachek has been appointed to carry out this position.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Members: Final reading of Heritage Theral of Texas (HTT) was held. They were voted on last month and will be a non voting member.
2. CTEH - 1st reading request to membership with supporting documents from Tommy Wells at Energy Transfer. Reviewed by Bryan and the Membership Committee as a vendor/sales non voting member.
3. Salute for Real American Heroes - Louie shared information on the event to be held by LIT Foundation on Sept 9, 2021 at 6pm at the Beaumont Civic Center. They are seeking sponsorships to help with the event. Information will be posted to the SNCA Site.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no special announcements.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA Activations for – 0

SNCA Activations YTD - 0

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: Thom Jones discussed an event in Madisonville where he is the Fire Chief. There was a report of a pipe bomb; a mushroom plant where a guy built pipe bombs, and forgot about them. Maintenance found them, reported them and all was handled appropriately. He thanks everyone involved in this situation.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

This committee will begin doing nominations for upcoming elections in October and November with elections to be held in December. Matt will be speaking with the members on the board to see if they will continue their positions as well; He expressed his gratitude for everyone who is serving.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRIAN MARKLAND, CHAIRPERSON

There are 2 membership applications in process. One is pending waiting on the letter of support;

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

There are some adjustments recommended to be made which are to add Jasper County to the SNCA organization. These will be sent out soon to the membership to be reviewed and then voted on.

WEBSITE: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

*Virtual meetings – We will be trying a new way to host virtual meetings; more to come soon;
*Website – Jeremy continues to post on the website and work to update to provide valuable information; Please send him anything you wish to have added; We are trying to get all caught up.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: LOUIE HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON –

Several expansion going on in the area;

*Many facilities are along the waterway with a lot of activity; encourage those on water to develop relationships and plans; Louie H will assist to connect their folks and have a meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: BRIAN HEBERT, CHAIRPERSON

*Jeremy gave a report; Please check radio's interop channels; Verify SNCA Site information; If issues Jeremy can help along with Chief Hebert.

INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Louie spoke with Patt; he asked that everyone please check the inventory portal. Also check the membership names listed as this is how notifications go out for meetings, etc. If you have trouble getting in, message Pat and he will assist. If you are not getting emails from SNCA please let Pat know and he will correct it.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: SHAQUEENA NOBLES, CHAIRPERSON

Sign up on www.preparingtexas.org

Tim Ocnashek gave a report; BlackBoard and CCTA AAR's are pending; putting together after action review for the drill; SETRPC is asking for feedback please.

*There will be 300 and 400 courses; 9/27-10/5 at Orange County EOC; check site for more information.

Members should check <https://www.preparingtexas.org/index.aspx>? for training opportunities.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

*Continue to look at cyber security and remain vigilant. \$6.7 million total for Sabine Neches Region was awarded; maybe the largest to date; 2.5 million for interop radio - congratulations to everyone.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

*It's the time of the year to begin thinking of a nomination. Please turn in nominations no later than the September general meeting. Awards will be presented at Bosses Night in December.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

*Save the date - Friday, April 22, 2022

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Decals and patches are available if interested.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

2021 Bosses to be held the night of December 6, 2021

It has been confirmed to be held at the Groves Activity Building;

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

*If you have boats used for oil spills, check the inspection tag. It is taking a month or two to get tags so plan ahead; as long as you have your receipt and keep it on the boat you should be ok.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

*Due are \$700 due next month; Greatly appreciate SNCA support; the group is seeing a lot more activity recently in meeting and training; IMT's are still engaged although not many SNCA activations; 9/1/2020 - NAT'l association will increase dues by \$100; our renewal will be prior to this increase so we won't pay the new amount until next year.

*Sponsors of the IMT are still being sought; There is a week in Denver for training; if anyone is interested please let Tim know.

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: SCOTT MCDONALD

*Scott reported that he is working on a meeting to get the Industrial group together and have a meeting; More to come;

OTHER BUSINESS:

HURRICANE SEASON:

Scott McDonald shared a report from Roger Erickson, Nat'l Weather Service, that the hurricane season active part is upon us and to keep an eye out for the next several weeks; He also shared there is a vortex portal to see live weather, lightning strikes, storm surge graphics and get updates which is a very good resource. Mike White also mentioned that "Mike's weather page" and "spaghetti models.com" are two other good resources; all data has links to the source.

MATCH AGREEMENT:

Steve Curran noted that anyone participating in the Match Agreement plan to please fill out and send back to SETRPC.

*Thom Jones informed the group that the City of Beaumont will host the Texas Fire Marshal conference in June 2022; conference will have several activities; one of them being a large water flow flow activities which they hope will break the world record.

*John Durkey mentioned that the Plant Managers forum plans to add Jasper County under their umbrella.

*Baystart Chemical - John Durkey shared with the group that there is a new community industrial partner. Bryan M will seek them to become a possible member. They are at Total.

*SERVING MEALS AT THE SNCA MEETINGS: There was discussion had about when to begin serving meals at the SNCA meetings again. Currently the thoughts are to begin the last quarter of 2021. We will evaluate Covid numbers and ensure to give a sponsor 2 months heads up to make plans.

SNCA 75 Anniversary:

Louie shared with the group that in 2024 SNCA will be 75 years old. We are forming a steering committee to coordinate a celebration, and some give away items. These could include a new/redesigned patch, commission a coin, look at the 50th anniversary book; Several folks agreed to sit on the committee to date; More to come.

PROGRAM: no program

ATTENDEES:

See attached sign-in sheets.

ADJOURN:

President Louie Havens called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Scott McDonald and seconded by Tommy Wells to adjourn the 857th meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

NEXT MEETING:

The 858th meeting will be on September 1, 2021. The meeting will be hosted by BASF/Pt. Arthur at the Rocking A.

Stephanie Garsea

EMS Board Member (in absence of Secretary)

Up Coming 2021 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST & MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021			
Meeting Host	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
BASF/Pt. Arthur	858	September 1, 2021	Rocking A
Bridge City Police Department	859	October 6, 2021	TBD
Total Cray Valley	860	November 3, 2021	TBD
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Mary	861	December 1, 2021	TBD