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2023 Board of Directors

Tim Ocnaschek
President 23 - 24

Tommy Shelton
Vice-President 23 - 24

Chris Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer 23 - 24

Shaqueena Nobles
Sergeant-at-Arms 22 - 23

Matt Dulaney
Fire Director 22 - 23

Terry Morton
Fire Director 23 - 24

Tommy Wells
Industry Director 22 - 23

Scott McDonald
Industry Director 23 - 24

Donta Miller
Police Director 22 - 23

Sparky Robinson
Police Director 23 - 24

Joel Ardoin
At-Large Director 23 - 24

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 875 meeting of the SNCA was held on February 1, 2023 at Courville's Kitchen. The meeting was hosted by Solvay Specialty Polymers.

President Tim Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation. Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Scott McDonald (BASF), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD) and Sharon Whitley (HCHD) were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host representative Kyle O'Halloran with Solvay Specialty Polymers who welcomed the SNCA membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the January 4, 2023 meeting minutes sent out via email and asked if there were any corrections, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) motioned to accept the Minutes and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

E-VOTE: - There were E-votes sent out to the Board members regarding Ampol's request for membership. The Board voted in favor of bringing this request to the general membership at the February 2023 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Ocnaschek conducted the first reading of SNCA membership request from the following;

- Lamar Center for Resiliency (Liv Haslebach) and supported by Tim Ocnaschek, Beaumont PD.
- DRC (Mike White) supported by Joel Ardoin, Orange County Emergency Management.

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer C. Gonzales to present the Treasurer's Report:

Current Checking Balance	\$77,895.52
CD #2	\$5,186.59
Combined Funding Balance	\$83,082.11

President Ocnaschek then asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report as read. A motion was made by Michael Fratus (PAPD) to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Ocnaschek reminded the membership there are still some delinquent membership dues. According the membership's Constitution dues not paid after January 31st of the current calendar year the member becomes a member in remiss. Failure to pay after June 30th will result in termination as a member. President Ocnaschek asked that members check with the Secretary to assure their organization is current.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek reminded the membership that Ampol has requested membership to the SNCA and this was supported by Tommy Wells with Energy Transfer. Bryan Markland, Membership Committee Chair, recommended approval of Ampol as a Non-Voting Vendor/Sales Company. The 1st reading of the request and support letter was accomplished at the last membership meeting on January 4th. The Board met on January 26th and voted to recommend approval to membership. With that President Ocnaschek asked for a motion from the floor to accept Ampol as recommended. A motion was made by Louie Havens and seconded by Michael Fratus, there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.
- President Ocnaschek told the membership that the organization needed to assure that the strategic plan is current and in order. President Ocnaschek then asked that committee's

breakout into groups for approximately 15 minutes and then afterwards give a report on any findings and/or updates. The Committee Chairs then reported out with recommendations that will be compiled into a draft revision for membership and Board review.

- PNC Banking Business – President Ocnaschek explained to the membership the need to clarify and record the Board member changes for 2023-2024 so that names can be changed on the checking account at PNC Bank, the banking establishment the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association conducts business to assure the ability to have access to account information. The following is what needs to occur:
 - Remove outgoing President Louie Havens from the PNC account.
 - Place incoming Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales on the PNC account.
 - Make debit card changes
 - 1) Card needs issuing to Tim Ocnaschek (President)
 - 2) Card needs issuing to Chris Gonzales (Secretary/Treasurer)

2023-2024 Officers

President – Tim Ocnaschek

Vice-President – Tommy Shelton

Secretary/Treasurer – Chris Gonzales

President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion to make the above-named changes to the PNC banking account. A motion was made by Matt Dulaney and seconded by Louie Havens, there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jeremy Hansen (JCESD#4) announced that this would be his last meeting as Fire Chief of Jefferson County E.S.D. #4. Chief Hansen said that between his current job and the growth of the ESD#4 fire department he cannot dedicate the time necessary to run the department with his full attention. Chief Hansen stated a new fire chief would be named soon and would be announced to SNCA organization. Chief Hansen thanked the organization for their support over the many years and that he gained a lot of knowledge from a great bunch of people.
- Pat Grimes (SETRPC) discussed making former SNCA member and President Brian Schmidt (1998-1988) an Honorary Member. Brian also held the office of Vice-President & Secretary Treasurer prior to becoming President. Brian was very active in the SNCA chairing several committee member positions prior to his retirement from ExxonMobil. Pat and others present at the February meeting feel that Brian earned the distinction of being voted an Honorary Member and made a recommendation to make Brian Schmidt an Honorary Member. With that, Louie Havens made a motion to make Brian Schmidt a

Honorary Member and seconded by Pat Grimes. There was no opposition to the vote, motion carried.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES: It was verified there was no media in the room.

SNCA Activations since last BOD – 2

SNCA Activations YTD - 2

Industry: None

Municipal Fire:

- On 12/30/2022 at 18:30, the City of Groves Water Treatment Plant had a chlorine alarm. They contacted the Groves Fire Department as per protocol. GFD responded and were unable to control the leak. Port Arthur Fire Department was contacted for a mutual aid hazmat response. PAFD responded and were able to isolate the leak and assist in the replacement of the cylinder gauge to restore plant operations.
- On 1/13/23 Jefferson County ESD #1 requested assistance from Jefferson County ESD #3 on a large grass fire that was threatening a church building and surrounding wooded area.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bryan Markland - Chairperson

Absent

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Discussion on combining Committees and addressing the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. Further review of the proposals from the other Committee recommendations will determine how it will be addressed in the documents. The proposals mentioned in the meeting seemed reasonable.

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - A list of items is being submitted to Jux monthly that are right at 2 hours of work, which is what we are contracted for monthly. We are getting close to catching up some of the old missing items and hope to begin to do some redesigning, etc.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens - Chairperson – No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Brian Hebert – Chairperson

Report by Steve Curren - Jasper County, the newest county member in the SNCA, currently has a Level 3, VHF radio system, which endeavors to move to the 800 MHz South East Texas Regional Radio System (SETRRS). SNCA supports the Jasper County Three Phase Plan to upgrade and join the SETRRS as Jasper County's plan develops. The estimated time to achieve all three phases is from 2022 until 2028. The SETRRS Stakeholders Committee will have to review and approve the phased upgrades moving forward.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson - Please look closely at what you have in the Inventory. Please make sure it is up to date and accurate.

At the annual Focus Group Meeting at SETRPC we used the SNCA Inventory to get counts on Communications equipment in the Region. Some things were very helpful and some were a bit out of date. Please review your inventory often.

Database: Pat Grimes – Chairperson - Please let Chair Grimes know if you are NOT receiving Text and Emails from the SNCA. Meeting reminders and meeting minutes are sent out each month prior to the monthly meeting using the email and phone numbers in the database. In the event of an incident, request for personnel and equipment are made with the contact information you provide as a member. If your primary or alternate member is changing, please let Chair Grimes know so that we can update the database.

SNCA Mutual Aid Event Documentation is about complete. Once you log in to your agency's account the information will be on the top, right side of the home page.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

Chair Hansen requested the SNCA membership's assistance in sharing information of a workshop of how to learn about an approach to developing and maintaining House of Worship security. Workshop Goal: The goal of the webinar is to provide organizations with tangible, useful takeaway information on how to manage House of Worship security effectively. The webinar will be March 1 10:00 – 11:00 and registration can be made at:

<https://forms.office.com/g/DQXwp0GxXJ>

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea - Chairperson

Nothing to report at this time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - The 20th Annual SNCA Tournament is getting close. Friday April 28th. As of the meeting there was only one team registered and one cooking team. We need everyone's support to make this another wonderful event. Reminder that all proceeds go to LIT scholarships for first responder degrees. Please let Committee Chair Garsea know if you are interested in a team, hole sponsorship, raffle item, door prize or cooking team. Chair Garsea's cell is 409-284-3026.

Remember it takes everyone to make this event a success.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson - 75th Anniversary celebration is in the works. A venue is being determined within the month and a proposed budget will be presented to the Board and then membership for approval. The Committee would like to begin ordering items as soon as possible.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson
Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson
Chair Wells (Energy Transfer) told the membership that members should also try and attend their jurisdiction’s LEPC meeting to gain information from their respective organizations.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnashek - Chairperson
Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson – Tommy Wells provided an update in the absence of Chair McDonald. T. Wells told the membership that the IF&S Committee meeting has been rescheduled for February 22, 2023 and will be hosted by Energy Transfer.

ATTENDEES:
See attached sign-in sheets.

PROGRAM: Kyle O’Halloren, HSE Manager with Solvay Specialty Polymers provide the membership a glimpse into Solvay Specialty Polymers.

Upcoming 2023 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2023			
Meeting Host 2023	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Locat
ExxonMobil - Beaumont Complex	874	January 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Solvay Specialty Polymers	875	February 1, 2023	Courville's
Invista	876	March 1, 2023	TBA
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	TBA
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	TBA
Indorama Ventures Oxides	879	June 7, 2023	TBA
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	880	July 5, 2023	Courville's
Lion Elastomers Port Neches- (ISP)(Ashland)	881	August 2, 2023	TBA
OCI	882	September 6, 2023	Courville's
Phillips 66 (Chevron-UGT Pipeline)	883	October 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Monument Chemicals (KMTEX)	884	November 1, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Suez (Water Technologies & Solutions)	885	December 6, 2023	Courville's

NEXT MEETING: The 876th will be March 1st, hosted by Invista.
Location to be announced.

ADJOURN:

President Ocnaschek requested for a motion to adjourn. Louie Havens made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Stephanie Garsea. There was no opposition to the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37.

Tim Ocnaschek
President

Tommy Shelton
Vice President

Chris Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer