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Industry Director 23 - 24

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Police Director 24 - 25

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Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 889th meeting of the SNCA was held on April 3, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was hosted by Valero Pipeline and Logistics.

President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

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

Board members not in attendance; Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Donta Miller (JCSO), Sparky Robinson (OPD).

Self-introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Jody Lambright with Valero Pipeline and Logistics. Mr. Lambright welcomed the membership and told the membership he and VP&L were proud to part of the Association.

READING OF THE MINUTES


President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to accept the March 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) to accept the January 2024 Minutes as read and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.


CORRESPONDENCE:

Application letter from City Ambulance Services and sponsor letter from Port Arthur Fire Department. This will consist of the First Reading in the application process per the Constitution **Section 4 d – Application for Membership.**



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03/14/2024

Sabine-Neches Chief's Association

c/o Secretary/Treasurer

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Dear Members of the Sabine-Neches Chief's Association,

I am writing to formally request membership into the Sabine-Neches Chief's Association (SNCA) on behalf of City Ambulance. We are eager to join your esteemed association and actively contribute to its mission of promoting collaboration and enhancing emergency response capabilities in our region.

Enclosed with this letter, please find our completed "letter of request" for membership, which includes details about the types of response equipment and manning capabilities available at City Ambulance. We are equipped with ambulances staffed by trained paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), allowing us to provide comprehensive emergency medical services to our community and other territories as requested.

Additionally, we are requesting to be considered as a voting member of the SNCA. We understand that voting membership entails having resources available for mutual aid, paying dues, and hosting meetings. We are fully committed to meeting these requirements and actively participating in the association's activities.

At City Ambulance, we place great importance on collaboration and partnership with other emergency response agencies. We believe that membership in the SNCA will provide valuable opportunities for networking, sharing best practices, and working together to improve emergency response services for the benefit of our community.

Thank you for considering our membership application. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the SNCA and to building strong relationships with our fellow members.

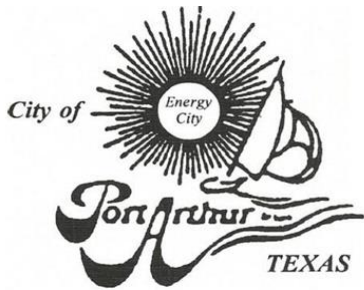
Sincerely,

Andre Ruby

Vice President/ Chief of EMS

City Ambulance

713-992-8592



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Greg Benson
Fire Chief

R.L. Havens
Deputy Fire Chief

L.P. Washburn
Fire Marshall

**From: Robert L. Havens, Deputy Fire Chief/DEMC
Port Arthur Fire Department**

To: Sabine Neches Chiefs Association Board of Directors

Reference: Letter of Support for City Ambulance Service Membership in the SNCA

The Port Arthur Fire Department is providing this Letter of Support for City Ambulance Service's membership in the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association.

The Port Arthur Fire Department believes the addition of City Ambulance Service's membership in the SNCA will be very beneficial to our organization.

Robert L. Havens
Deputy Fire Chief/DEMC

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1) to review the Financial Report with the membership:

Beginning March Balance..... \$ 45,466.71
 Deposits..... \$ 13,680.83 (combination of membership dues and golf tourney \$\$)
 Withdrawals..... \$ 1,658.74
 Ending March Balance \$ 57,488.80
 PayPal Balance..... \$ - 0-
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,187.90 (4/1/24)
Combined Ending Balance\$ 62,676.70

Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
Debit card	Juxtapose	Monthly web fee	\$ 90.00
Ck. #1684	Stephanie Garsea	75 th Anniversary Miscellaneous	\$ 818.74
Debit Card	Sr2	Annual Cloud Hosting Renewal	\$ 750.00

President Ocnaschek asked if there were any comments or changes regarding the Treasurer’s Report, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. A motion was then made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and seconded by Louie Haves (PAFD), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There are still some organizations that have not paid 2024 dues. Please see C. Gonzales to assure you are up to date.
 ** Louie Havens asked for the floor and told the membership the importance of the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association and what it means to everyone in the meeting and especially when an emergency occurs at their place of business. The SNCA has unlimited number of resources that can be dispatch to assist in mitigating “your” emergency so it’s important that the Association remain strong.

NEW BUSINESS:

- At the March meeting the First Reading of the Application Letter from Honeywell and accompanying Sponsor Letter from Chevron Phillips – Orange was read to the membership per the **Constitution Section 4 d – Application for Membership**. The Board has approved the application to have Honeywell become an Industrial Facility/Utility/Non-voting Member. Now per the **Constitution Section 4 f – Application for Membership** is being brought forth to the membership for a vote. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion to accept Honeywell into the Association as an Industrial Facility/Utility/Non-voting Member. A motion was made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) to accept Honeywell into the Association and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF). There was not opposition to the motion, motion passed.

- President Ocnashek told the membership of the upcoming Disaster Expo at the Orange County Convention Center on May 11th. The SNCA will have a booth and asked for anyone willing to occupy the booth to communicate SNCA during times slots to reach out to him.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)

SNCA Activations YTD – 17

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

No Report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Not present

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Continue to make monthly updates; If you have any pictures from incidents, events, etc. from SNCA, please send them to Stephanie Garsea (sgarsea@acadian.com). We are lacking a lot of our history and we need everyone to help put together our story. The 75th Anniversary Committee will also be working on this for the rest of the year. Also, monthly meeting information is posted for the next month after this month's meeting.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Nothing to report at this time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

*21st Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:

*It's that time of the year for our annual event to be held Friday April 26th. We are within a few weeks of the event.

* A Big Thank you to all of the organizations that are sponsoring team prizes, putting contest prizes, and agreeing to be a lunch and breakfast sponsor and beverage sponsor. This is a LARGE investment by these organizations and we are so grateful for their help. Without their support, these items would be purchased and financially be applied against our income which results in less money for scholarships.

**Teams: Right now, there is a total of 31 teams listed; we max out between 36 and 40 with 40 being the ultimate max. Of the 31, 6 of those have not paid; You must be paid prior to the event or speak to me to hold your spot. In the past we've had folks ask to hold a spot, then don't show up and we had to send other teams away. We do not want that.

**Hole Sponsors: As of this report, there are 22 commitments; 3 of those have not paid; I plan to order the signage next week so please get with me if you want to purchase a hole sponsor or see if you have paid/not paid.

*We are still in need of door prizes; If you have any gifts, can pick up gift cards (usually \$25 gift cards are good), etc. please let Stephanie know.

If you need anything regarding the golf tournament please contact Stephanie Garsea her email is: sgarsea@acadian.com ;

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

*75th SNCA Anniversary: I would like to make a scrapbook of the evening. If you took pictures, please send them to Stephanie Garsea at sgarsea@acadian.com.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson

The Communications Committee has been actively engaging in a series of regional meetings to represent the SNCA, focusing primarily on advancements and discussions surrounding radio communications. This proactive approach ensures that our association remains at the forefront of technological and operational developments in this vital area.

One of the key meetings attended by the committee was hosted by the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission. This gathering was crucial for discussing regional radio coverage challenges and opportunities, specifically in Hardin and Jasper County. Among the agenda items

were discussions about the annual radio subscription and maintenance fees required from stakeholders. This financial aspect is critical for the upkeep and continuous improvement of our communication systems.

Moreover, future funding and grant opportunities for the regional radio system were explored. Such financial avenues are essential for ensuring the sustainability and enhancement of our communication capabilities.

In an effort to maintain the highest standards of operational readiness, the committee reminded the SNCA membership of the importance of participating in the weekly radio interoperability checks. These checks, held every Tuesday at 9 am, are not only a test of our equipment but also a demonstration of our commitment to seamless communication in times of need.

Additionally, the committee underscored the importance of ensuring that all FCC license holders within our ranks have active and compliant licenses. Assistance and guidance have been offered to any member in need of support in this area, reinforcing our commitment to regulatory compliance and operational excellence.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson

The Strategic Planning Committee has embarked on a visionary project to chart the future course of the SNCA. With a collaborative spirit, a survey was meticulously drafted with inputs from committee members. This survey is not just a tool for gathering opinions but a reflection of our collective ambition to transcend our current operational paradigms.

The draft of this survey was shared with the SNCA President and committee members, inviting further feedback and recommendations. This iterative process ensures that every aspect of our strategic vision is scrutinized and enhanced, embodying the collective wisdom and aspirations of our leadership.

Once refined, the final draft of the survey will be distributed to the SNCA membership. The engagement of our members in this process is not just encouraged but seen as essential. The survey is designed to be a catalyst for expansive thinking, urging members to envision a future that not only extends beyond our current comfort zones but also challenges us to aspire for greater heights and achievements.

By soliciting and valuing the input of our members, we aim to foster a culture of innovation and forward-thinking. This approach is critical in ensuring that the SNCA does not succumb to stagnation but instead continues to evolve as a dynamic and influential organization within our community.

In summary, these reports from the Communications and Strategic Planning Committees highlight the SNCA's commitment to excellence, proactive engagement, and visionary planning.

Through these endeavors, we are not just preparing for the future; we are actively shaping it to ensure our association remains a leading force in our region.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory

Review your agency's inventory regularly and update accordingly. The inventory is used to find resources when we have an emergency.

Database

Thanks for everyone's cooperation with updating contact information. Be sure to let me know if you make changes to your primary or alternate members' information in the database so that I can make the changes in our notification system.

Remember, this information is used for notifying members in the event they are needed for an emergency.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

Jeff Phillips provided an update regarding various training opportunities occurring in the area.

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

No Report

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

No Report

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson

Not present

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnashek - Chairperson

No report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson

Chair McDonald reported that the first quarter meeting was held, and several topics were discussed. Two items of importance to the membership are:

1. The date for the dry deployment drill to be held at Energy Transfer on May 30th (See Tommy Wells for more information about participation).
2. The Industrial group will be hosting the 1st Annual SNCA Industrial Fire school on August 19th - 22nd, 2024. See Brandon Pippin or Shane Thomas for more information. The next meeting IF&S Meeting will be hosted by Motiva/S. Thomas on June 11th at 10am. EOR

PROGRAM:

There was no Program

NEXT MEETING: The 890th meeting will be May 1, 2024, hosted by Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group and will be held at Rockin A Cafe beginning at 10AM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to adjourn. Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:08AM.

2024 Meetings/Hosts

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Beaumont	886	January 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Natgasoline	887	February 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Energy Transfer Spindletop	888	March 6, 2024	Courville's
Valero Pipeline and Logistics	889	April 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group	890	May 1, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Port of Port Arthur	891	June 5, 2024	Carl Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Dr, Pt. Arthur
CTEH	892	July 3, 2024	Courville's
DRC	893	August 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Golden Triangle Polymers	894	September 4, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
AMPOL	895	October 2, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jasper County E.S.D. #1	896	November 6, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Dooley Tackaberry	897	December 4, 2024	Rockin A Cafe