

The 585th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on January 7, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Mobil Chemical O/A and held at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Mark Shields of the Mobil Chemical O/A.

- Self introductions were made.
- One new bill was introduced for payment.
 - Industrial Fire World for \$181.52

Motion to pay bill was made by Scott Kerwood and seconded by Warren Briggs. Motion carried.

- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- Mickey Bertrand announced that the Advisory Board for the Annual School is in need of two industrial representatives and one representative from the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association. He requested that the Board of Directors appoint someone to represent the Association and anyone who would like to nominate someone for the industrial positions should contact him at 880-3916.
- Dues statement for 1998 have been mailed out. Please pay your annual dues as soon as possible and be sure and list any changes in the voting members.

Committee Reports

- Communication

Brian Schmidt reported that the next committee meeting would be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 22nd at the Mobil Oil Refinery. The committee is continuing to work toward both short term and long term solutions to mutual aid communications problems.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt asked each member to review the current organizational chart and make any changes that are needed in the information concerning their entity. He noted that the new bylaws update packets are ready and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting.

- Training/Annual School

John Hubacek reported that there would be a meeting of the Field Committeemen and the Project Directors for the Annual School on Tuesday, January 13th at 10:00 AM at the Field. Lunch will be served. Scott Kerwood discussed the tactical experiences that can be achieved in the new "Fire Team Leader" course that will be taught in the Annual School

- Inventory/Organization

No Report

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Nominating Committee

No Report

- Emergency Management

No Report

- Programs

No Report

No Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Larry McBride announced that Mobil chemical has ordered a new E-1 Foam Platform.
- Lynn Baldwin announced that Star Enterprises has ordered a new E-One 3500 gpm Pumper with a 4000 gpm Deck Gun.
- Steve Jones announced that there would be a retirement reception for Major Nick Davis and the retiring Captains of the Orange Police Department on Thursday, January 29th from 2-4 PM at the Orange Public Library. All are invited to attend.
- President Lynn Baldwin presented D.A. Bruce with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association.

Program

- David Ford, Transportation Safety and Regulations Manager of Huntsman Corporation presented an informative program on TRANS CAER.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on February 4, 1998 hosted by Star Enterprise at the Holiday Inn - Park Central (Triangle Room), on Highway 69 in Port Arthur. The March 4th meeting will be hosted by Lamar University.

The 586th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on February 5, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Star Enterprise and held at the Holiday Inn - Central in Port Arthur, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Mike Killien of the Star Enterprise.

- Self introductions were made.
- Two new bills was introduced for payment.
 - Schooner Restaurant for \$178.02
 - Kay Radio for \$3073.00

Motion to pay bills was made by Larry O'Connor and seconded by Mickey Bertrand. Motion carried.

- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- Correspondence was received from Community Bank concerning the renewal of the Association's C.D. General consensus was to let the C.D. remain and be reinvested.
- A lengthy discussion was conducted by President Lynn Baldwin concerning the hosting of SNCA meetings in the future. It was understood that since the list has been published through the year 2001 for hosting entities, if your organization is

unable to host, it is the responsibility of the party that was scheduled to host to secure a replacement for the date in question. Ken Doise made a motion that the Association pay the food bill for the February meeting and bill the company that was scheduled to host. The motion was seconded by Al Putnam. Motion carried.

- David Frenzel read the minutes of the first quarter Board of Directors Meeting.
- Gene Browning gave a report concerning a meeting held at EquiStar last month that involved the members of the SNCA that are in the southern part of Jefferson County. The objective of this meeting was for these members to get better acquainted and be better prepared to respond in case an emergency mutual aid response is needed. They discussed communications, staging areas and plant plots.
- David White of Industrial Fire World discussed a reply that he had received from OSHA concerning the need for aluminized clothing in fighting flammable liquid fires. A copy of the letter was passed out to all that attended the meeting. The committee that he sits on will meet with the NFPA Standards Committee in El Paso at a later date to make a presentation concerning the use of NFPA 1971 standard clothing for flammable liquid fires. The new OSHA regulation concerning two-in/two-out was also discussed.

Committee Reports

- Communication

Brian Schmidt reported that the next committee meeting would be scheduled when the new prototype cross patch radio arrives from Kay Electronics.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt asked each member to review the current organizational chart and make any changes that are needed in the information concerning their entity. He noted that the new bylaws update packets are ready and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting if they have not already done so.

- Training/Annual School

John Hubacek thanked the Board of Directors for appointing a member to the Annual School Advisory Board. He gave an update on the current enrollment status of the Annual School and advised that the next Train-the-Trainer Course offered would be starting on March 23rd.

- Inventory/Organization
No Report

- Oil Spill
Joe Duplechin reported that Star Enterprise completed a very successful drill involving the SNCA and the GLO on January 27th.

- Nominating Committee
No Report

- Emergency Management
No Report

- Programs
No Report

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Jim Stehle announced that the Bosses Night Committee would have their first meeting between March 10th and 25th at the BRAD Club. The exact date will be announced at the next meeting.
- Scott Kerwood gave a report on recent NFPA committee meetings on pending standards and updates that are currently in process.
- The Golden Triangle Arson Work /Study Group will meet on Thursday, February 5th at the Bridge City Fire Department. All that are interested in arson investigation are encouraged to attend.
- President Lynn Baldwin presented James Taliaferro with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association.

Program

- Matt & Krystal Hall of the Mid County Search Dog Team presented an informative program on the use and availability of search dogs in our area.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on March 4, 1998 hosted by Lamar University at the Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room on ground floor), on MLK Parkway in Beaumont. The April 1st meeting will be hosted by the Bridge City Fire Department.

The 587th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on March 4, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Lamar University and held at the Montange Center in Beaumont, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Dr. Rex Cottle of Lamar University.

- Self introductions were made.
- No new bills were introduced for payment.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- President Lynn Baldwin advised that he had been contacted by the Plant Manager of Olin Chemical, apologizing for matter concerning their hosting of the SNCA meeting last month and said that he would forward a check to the Association to reimburse for the meeting expenses.
- David Frenzel reported that the Bosses Night Committee will meet at the BRAD Club at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. All members of the committee are urged to attend. Lunch will be served.

Committee Reports

- Communication

Brian Schmidt reported that the new prototype cross patch radio is being built and should be available by the next month's meeting.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt asked each member to review the current organizational chart and make any changes that are needed in the information concerning their entity. This will be the final update before it goes to the printer. He noted that the new bylaws update packets are ready and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting if they have not already done so.

- Training/Annual School

John Hubacek reminded the members about the next Train-the-Trainer Course that will be starting on March 23rd. Stella Baldwin gave an update on the enrollment for the Annual School and advised that the Industrial Fire Team Leader class is filling up rapidly if you plan on enrolling.

- Inventory/Organization

Lynn Baldwin reminded the members to contact Jeff Bolton of any new acquisitions that they may need to add to the inventory to keep it current.

- Oil Spill

A memorandum was read from Clean Channel Association, Inc. inviting everyone to attend an upcoming oil spill deployment and tabletop exercise. It will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 9:00 AM in the vicinity of the West Port Arthur Bridge boat ramp. The table top exercise will begin at 8:30 AM on the same date at MSO Port Arthur, 75th and Jimmy Johnson Highway. If interested in attending, please RSVP at 713-676-1318.

- Nominating Committee
No Report

- Emergency Management

A memorandum was read from the National Weather Service inviting all members of the Association to view the NOAA P-3 Hurricane Research Aircraft at the Jefferson County Airport on Tuesday April 28th. For any additional information, please call Roger Erickson at the NWS at 318-477-0626 or John Casio and Mary Ann Burbidge at the Jefferson County Emergency Management Office at 409-722-4371.

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that programs had been booked through the month of June.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Herb Conway announced that Inland Eastex has scheduled a drill for March 26th.
- John Williams announced that Huntsman would have a shipboard and shore side drill on March 31st.
- Mobil Chemical OA & BCSP have a drill scheduled for tomorrow, March 5th.
- The Golden Triangle Arson Work /Study Group will meet on Thursday, March 5th at the Bridge City Fire Department. All that are interested in arson investigation are encouraged to attend.
- President Lynn Baldwin presented Nick Davis, recently retired from the Orange Police Department, with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association.
- Lynn Baldwin introduced Mr. Jerry Merchant, President of the South West Louisiana Mutual Aid Association and Mr. Lloyd Miller, Chairman of their Drill Committee as guest to the meeting. Both men addressed the Association inviting all members to attend their meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and looking forward to working with the SNCA in an upcoming drill on the 24th of April.

Program

- John Hubacek, Richard Kasko and Mike Carpenter of Lamar University presented an informative program on the current programs, classes and custom applications that are available in fire and rescue training through the Lamar University Center for Industrial Fire and Hazardous Materials Training.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on April 1, 1998 hosted by the Bridge City Fire Department at their Central Station at 330 Bland Street in Bridge City. (Take Highway 87 to Bridge City, turn east off of Highway 87 on Roberts, the station is on the corner of Roberts & Bland) The May 6th meeting will be hosted by the Ameripol-Synpol Co.

The 588th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on April 1, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Bridge City Fire Department and held at the Bridge City Fire Department Central Station in Bridge City, Texas.

The invocation was given by Danny Borel.

The group was welcomed by Chief Larry Callahan of the Bridge City Fire Department.

- Self introductions were made.
- One new bill was introduced for payment.
 - \$115.00 for NFPA dues
 - Motion was made by Tim Lene and seconded by Lynn Bradford to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- Correspondence
 - Letter of apology was read from the plant manager of Olin Chemical expressing his regrets for the problem concerning their hosting of the February meeting and reimbursing the association for the expenses accrued.
 - An application for membership was received and read from the Hardin County Sheriff's Department. This was the first reading of their request for membership.

Business Items:

- President Lynn Baldwin lead a discussion concerning the use of aluminized bunker gear in industrial facility incidents and read a letter from David White of Industrial Fire World concerning the meeting that he attended with the NFPA committee and the direction that this matter will take in the future. A copy of the letter from David White is attached to these minutes.
- David Frenzel reported that the Bosses Night Committee has printed forms and envelopes for members to fill out so that printed invitations can be sent out for Bosses Night. Please pick up a copy, fill it out and mail back in the envelopes that are provided.
- Annual dues were due on April 1st. There are eight regular members and two associates that have not paid their dues to date. Please check with the Secretary if you are unsure if your organization has paid their dues.
- President Lynn Baldwin presented John Harrington, recently retired from BASF, with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Brian Schmidt reported that the new prototype cross patch radio was delivered and has been set up in the back of the room for inspection. Frank Harvell of Motorola will demonstrate and answer questions about the unit during the break.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt reminded the members that copies of the current updated bylaws were available and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting if they have not already done so.

-Training/Annual School

Stella Baldwin gave an update on the enrollment for the Annual School and advised that the Industrial Fire Team Leader class has only one slot left in it at this time. A total of 83 students have enrolled at this time and anyone planning to attend is encouraged to register as soon as possible.

- Inventory/Organization

Jeff Bolton has prepared current copies of the equipment inventory and they are available at the break for anyone interested in a current list.

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Nominating Committee

No Report

- Emergency Management

No Report

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that programs had been booked throughout the year with the exception of the months August, November and December.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Scott Kerwood announced that the Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association is having a drill on April 24th and have asked our Association to furnish some evaluators. Six evaluator positions are available. If you are interested, please contact Scott.
- Roger Erickson reminded the members of the NOAA Hurricane Plane that will be on static display at the Jefferson County Airport on April 28th.
- Scott Barnes announced that the Golden Triangle Arson Work /Study Group will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at the Bridge City Fire Department. All that are interested in arson investigation are encouraged to attend.

Program

- Bill Phillips of PolyTech presented an informative program on the use of polyethylene pipe for underground systems.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on May 6, 1998 hosted by Ameripol-Synpol Co. at the Holiday Inn - Park Central, 2929 Jimmy Johnson Boulevard in Port Arthur, Texas. The June 3rd meeting will be hosted by the DuPont - Beaumont.

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The 589th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on May 6, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Ameripol-Synpol Co. and held at the Holiday Inn - Central in Port Arthur, Texas.

The invocation was given by Walter Nebgen.

The group was welcomed by Tommy Hale of Ameripol-Synpol.

- Self introductions were made.
- Two new bills were introduced for payment.
 - \$564.20 to White Blue Print Co. for organizational chart printing
 - Motion was made by Jerry Lyons and seconded by Vern Beck to pay the bill. The motion carried.
 - \$99.00 to Fred Hoffman for reimbursement of travel expenses
 - Motion was made by Rick Nicely and seconded by Vern Beck to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- Correspondence
 - An application for membership from the Hardin County Sheriff's Department was read to the membership. This was the second reading of their request for membership. The application will now go to the Board of Directors for a recommendation and then return to the membership for a vote.

Business Items:

- President Lynn Baldwin reminded the membership that the annual dues were due

on April 1st and there are still six regular members and two associate members that have not paid. Please check with the Secretary if you are not sure if you firm has paid.

- Jim Stehle reported that the Bosses Night Committee has printed forms and envelopes for members to fill out so that printed invitations can be sent out for Bosses Night. To date only six members have replied. Please pick up a copy, fill it out and mail back in the envelopes that are provided.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Brian Schmidt reported that the new final pieces for the new cross patch radio are awaiting pick up by Clay Kennelly for the order to be complete.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt reminded the members that copies of the current updated organizational chart are available and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting.

- Training/Annual School

John Hubacek gave an update on the enrollment for the Annual School next week. A total of 187 students have enrolled at this time representing seven different states.

- Inventory/Organization

Jeff Bolton still has current copies of the equipment inventory and they are available at the break for anyone interested in a current list.

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Nominating Committee

No Report

- Emergency Management

Clay Kennelly gave a brief report on the South West Louisiana Mutual Aid Association drill that our organization took part in on April 24th. Clay also reminded the membership about the upcoming hurricane season and asked each organization to look over their emergency preparedness plan and update it accordingly.

- Programs
No Report

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Mickey Bertrand announced that on June 4th, District Chief Jeff McNeil will return to suppression and a newly promoted District Chief Ann Huff will assume command of the Beaumont Fire Training Grounds.
- Jim Stehle announced that there would be a brief meeting of the Bosses Night committee immediately following the next regular meeting at Esther's
- Lynn McGraff and David Sheffield of the Muscular Dystrophy Association gave a brief informative presentation on the MDA and asked for the support of each member of the organization through the upcoming "Fill the Boot" campaign.
- Ken Wheeler of Orange County Ambulance Service expressed his thanks for all of the help that his agency recently received while dealing with the recent loss of Paramedic Dea Seago.

Program

- John Hubacek of Lamar University and Jeff McNeil and Mickey Bertrand of Beaumont Fire-Rescue presented an informative program on the training facilities at the Beaumont Fire Training Ground.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on June 3, 1998 hosted by DuPont - Beaumont at Esther's Seafood at the foot of the Rainbow Bridge in Port Arthur, Texas. The July 1st meeting will be hosted by the Chemical Waste Management.

The 590th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on June 3, 1998. The meeting was hosted by DuPont-Beaumont Works and held at Esther's Seafood in Port Arthur, Texas.

The invocation was given by Jeff Bolton.

The group was welcomed by Roy Welch of DuPont-Beaumont Works.

- Self introductions were made.
- One new bill was introduced for payment.
 - \$178.02 to the Schooner for Board of Directors meeting.
 - Motion was made by Harold Burleigh and seconded by Vern Beck to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- President Lynn Baldwin presented the membership with a recommendation from the Board of Directors that the application for membership from Ed Cain, Hardin County Sheriff be approved . A vote was taken from the entire membership and the application for membership was unanimously approved. Sheriff Cain will be sent a letter advising him of this action.
- The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting that was held on May 28, 1998 were read and discussed.
- Jim Stehle reported that the Bosses Night Committee has printed forms and envelopes for members to fill out so that printed invitations can be sent out for Bosses Night. To date only twelve members have replied. Please pick up a copy, fill it out and mail back in the envelopes that are provided.

- Scott Kerwood made a presentation concerning the NFPA 1976 standard explaining the formal interpretation request that is being drafted. A discussion followed the presentation and any change proposals to the draft were solicited from the membership. The final draft will be mailed to NFPA as soon as it is complete.
- Ken Kreger questioned the possibility of establishing a standardized accountability system that could be adopted by the SNCA. President Baldwin explained that the issue had been discussed at the last Board of Directors meeting in conjunction with a standardized Incident Command System. President Baldwin asked Kreger to head a committee to investigate the possibilities and bring a proposal to the Association. Kreger accepted and asked that any member interested in serving on the committee to contact him.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Brian Schmidt reported that the new cross patch radio is available for viewing at the meeting and that the committee would have a brief meeting immediately following today's meeting to discuss a few items concerning it.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt reminded the members that copies of the current updated organizational chart are available and encouraged each member to pick one up before they leave the meeting.

- Training/Annual School

No Report

- Inventory/Organization

Jeff Bolton still has current copies of the equipment inventory and they are available at the break for anyone interested in a current list.

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Nominating Committee

No Report

- Emergency Management

No Report

- Bosses Night

Jim Stehle announced that Clark Refining would provide a display case for the patches from all member agencies to be on display at Bosses Night. Please get Jim a patch from your organization. He also reminded the committee members that there would be a brief committee meeting immediately following today's meeting

- Programs

No Report

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Charlie Watson of Bayer, Inc. recounted his recent heart attack experience at the Beaumont Fire Training Grounds and expressed his thanks and appreciation for all of the help that he received from the local paramedics, the Beaumont Fire/Rescue First Responders and the Beaumont EMS ambulance personnel.

Program

- David Abernathy of the Texas Forest Service presented an informative program on the Volunteer Fire Department Helping Hands Program in Texas.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on July 1, 1998 hosted by Chemical Waste Management at the Holiday Inn - Central in Port Arthur, Texas. The August 5th meeting will be hosted by the Clark Pipeline.

The 591st meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on July 1, 1998. The meeting was hosted by Chemical Waste Management, Inc. and held at Holiday Inn - Central in Port Arthur.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Roscoe Compton of Chemical Waste Management, Inc.

- Self introductions were made.
- Two new bills were introduced for payment.
 - \$250.00 to the Edgar, Kiker & Cross; for Annual Financial Statement
 - Motion was made by Lynn Bradford and seconded by Larry O'Conner to pay the bill. The motion carried.
 - \$384.00 to the U.S. Postmaster to purchase postage.
 - Motion was made by Harold Burleigh and seconded by Jim Stehle to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- David Frenzel read the letter that was drafted by the Association and sent to the NFPA and also read the response letter that the NFPA had sent to the organization acknowledging the receipt of the letter and promising to respond in a timely manner.
- David Frenzel asked that members that are not receiving their monthly minutes from the Association to check the mailing list during the break and correct any errors or omissions.
- President Lynn Baldwin reminded the membership that all dues should have been in by April 1st. There is still three regular members that have not paid their

annual dues at this time. Please check with the Secretary during the break if you are not sure if your dues have been paid.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Lynn Baldwin reported that the new cross patch radio is available for use at this time and is being stored at the Beaumont Fire Department Communications Center instead of with Clay Kennelly.

- Constitution & By-Laws

No Report

- Training/Annual School

No Report

- Inventory/Organization

No Report

- Oil Spill

J.T.Ewing reported that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve would be having a drill later this month and Ramco would be conducting an offshore drill in either August or September.

- Bosses Night

Jim Stehle reported that the invitation list has grown to 82 names. Please pick up a form and send it in if you have not already done so. Jim also requested that each organization send him a patch for display at the Bosses Night event.

- Emergency Management

No Report

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that programs have been booked through the end of the year.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Connie Berman of the Industrial Safety Training Council announced the upcoming possibility of having 40 hour ECA courses available for local personnel and asked anyone who might be interested in having this type of training to contact her.
- David Frenzel reported that the monthly meeting of the Golden Triangle Arson Study Group will be at 1:00 PM at the Bridge City Fire Department on Thursday July 2, 1998 instead of the regular time.
- Gary Collins found the Association patches in storage at the Nederland Fire Department and Lynn Baldwin announced that he had them and would make them available to any member group free of charge .
- David White of Industrial Fire World gave an update on the status of the NFPA 1976 discussion and stated that it seems that the commission may be considering a change in the requirement by issuing a Tentative Interim Agreement . He will keep the Association abreast of any forthcoming changes or action.

Program

- Scott Kerwood led a discussion outlining the initial findings of a committee that was formed to study the feasibility of establishing an accountability system that could be utilized by all Association members during a mutual aid incident. The committee studying these possibilities consists of Kerwood, John Williams, Mickey Bertrand, Ken Doise, Larry McBride, Ken Kreger and Lynn Baldwin. Mickey Bertrand and Ken Kreger assisted Kerwood with this presentation and Kerwood advised the group that he would make another report following their next committee meeting to update on any progress made toward the solution of this problem.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on August 5, 1998 hosted by Clark Pipeline Group at Don's Seafood in Beaumont, Texas. The September 2nd meeting will be hosted by the Inland-Eastex.

The 592nd meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by Vice President Brian Schmidt at 10:00 A.M. on August 5, 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Clark Pipeline Group and held at Don's Seafood in Beaumont.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Rick Nicely of Clark Chemical.

- Self introductions were made.
- Two new bills were introduced for payment.
 - \$188.08 to the Schooner Restaurant for the third quarter Board of Directors meeting
 - \$193.75 to Fred Hoffman for a travel reimbursement for his attendance at a TEEEX Advisory Board meeting.
 - Motion was made by Erskine Leysath and seconded by Louis Miller to pay the bills. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- David Frenzel read the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting that was held on July 21, 1998. Brian Schmidt led a discussion of the items that were covered in this meeting.
- Brian Schmidt brought up the idea of forming a committee to help plan the 50th anniversary of the Association that will be in February of next year. A sign up sheet will be placed by the door of the meeting room. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please sign up or contact Brian at Mobil.
- Industrial members of the Association were requested to meet with Brian Schmidt during the break to share their Hurricane Emergency Plans with him.

- Brian Schmidt informed the membership that all dues have been paid for this year. He thanked all the members for their help in making this happen.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Brian Schmidt brought the new cross patch radio to the meeting and had it on display. It is available for use at this time and is being stored at the Beaumont Fire Department Communications Center.

- Constitution & By-Laws

No Report

- Training/Annual School

John Hubacek gave a brief report on the success of the Annual School and discussed some of the critiques that had been received. The next Board Meeting for the Annual School will be August 12th at which time the planning for next year's school will commence.

- Inventory/Organization

Brian Schmidt reported that there are still copies of the inventory list and the organizational chart available if you have not received yours. Please contact Brian and he will make them available to you.

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Bosses Night

Erskine Leysath gave a report in the absence of Jim Stehle. He thanked the Board of directors for their approval of the expenditures and explained that there would be a combo playing throughout the entire event, gift certificates and table decorations as door prizes and the dress would be *business casual*. He asked that members fill out a form for invitations to be sent to your bosses and send it in if you have not already done so. It was also requested that each organization send a patch for display at the Bosses Night event. Please send the patch to:

DuPont
P.O. Box 3269
Beaumont, Texas 77704
Attn: Jim Stehle

- Emergency Management

Clay Kennelley addressed the Association about the movement of industrial apparatus during a hurricane emergency and asked the industrial membership to coordinate with the local municipalities in this relocation effort. He also briefed the membership on the fire in the Big Thicket Preserve as well as reminding everyone of the burning ban that is still in force across this part of the State.

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that a program is needed for the December meeting. If you have any ideas for a program, please contact Herb.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Lisa Dulaney of the South Jefferson County Red Cross is in need of some radio equipment. They are looking for a base with a repeater and approximately four mobile units in the 400 mghertz band range. They are also in need of a scanner that will scan trunked channels. If your organization has some equipment that you might be able to help the Red Cross with, please contact Lisa at 985-7461.
- Glenn Durham with Williams Fire & Hazard Control announced that they will be sponsoring a school at the Beaumont Fire Field later in September. If you are interested, please contact Glenn for details.
- Harold Burleigh announced that industrial members that are not members of the Texas State Firemans and Fire Marshals Association should contact him so that he could advise them of the advantages of the membership to the organization.
- Harold Burleigh announced that there would be a large full scale drill in Orange County in mid September. The drill is to exercise the emergency management skills of the Orange County LEPC and its members.
- Gene Browning of EquiStar - Port Arthur announced that they had been recently reviewed by TNRCC and he wanted to advise the membership of his mutual aid organization that a copy of EquiStar -Port Arthur's emergency plan is available to any responder of this association that desires one. Please contact Gene if you are interested in a copy of this emergency plan and he will furnish one to you.

Program

- Lt. Blazemore of the United States Coast Guard gave an informative program on an overview of what services are provided by the Coast Guard and what equipment that they have to respond with, whether it be in the area of marine safety or search and rescue.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on September 2, 1998 hosted by Inland-Eastex in the Eastex Room at the Inland-Eastex Paper Mill in Evadale, Texas. (Maps are attached for the plant location and for the Eastex Room location inside the plant) The October 7th meeting will be hosted by the Little Cypress Volunteer Fire Department.

The 593rd meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on September 2, 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Inland-Eastex and held at the Inland-Eastex facility in Evadale, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Mike Dimick, Operations Manager of Inland-Eastex.

- Self introductions were made.
- No new bills were introduced for payment.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- David Frenzel read a letter that the Association received from the Department of Energy, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office inviting any interested members to attend a Customer Outreach Day at the Bryan Mound site in Freeport, Texas from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on October 14, 1998. If you are interested in attending, please pick up an application at the meeting today.
- Lynn Baldwin led a discussion concerning the new cross patch radio and asked if it could be brought to the next meeting and demonstrated so that the members would be familiar with the operation in case they need to use it in the future.
- Jim Stehle reminded each member that they need to send in the names of the people that they want invitations sent to for the Bosses Night event in December. If you have not sent in a patch from your organization for the Bosses Night event, please mail one to Jim Stehle at :

DuPont - Beaumont Works
P.O. Box 3269
Beaumont, Texas 77704
Attn: Jim Stehle

Committee Reports

- Communications

Brian Schmidt explained that a detailed report of the Communication Committees actions to purchase the cross patch radio is available on the back table if you are interested.

- Constitution & By-Laws

Brian Schmidt reported that there are still copies of the updated by-laws and organizational charts on the back table if you have not picked one up.

- Training/Annual School

Richard Kasko gave a brief update on current and planned classes at the training ground. Ann Huff reported that there has been a failure of a fuel pump at the training ground and there is an immediate need to replace it. It is a 200 gpm 2x3 pump that produces 125 foot of head pressure. If you can be of help in replacing this pump, please contact Ann at the Beaumont Training Grounds.

- Inventory/Organization

No Report

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Bosses Night

Jim Stehle announced that there would be a meeting of the Bosses Night Committee following the October meeting.

- Emergency Management

No Report

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that a program is still needed for the December meeting. If you have any ideas for a program, please contact Herb. Lynn Baldwin thanked Herb Conway for "a job well done" in his efforts as the Program Chairman.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Brian Schmidt reminded the members of the committee that is being organized to plan for the 50th Anniversary of the Association in February. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Brian.
- Brian Schmidt read an article that he had received about the problems with some older smoke detectors. Jim Stehle asked that a copy of the article be attached to this months minutes.

Program

- James Sledge from Texas A & M Fire School gave an informative program on an overview of the curriculum at A & M in the field of firefighting, rescue and haz-mat training that is offered at the College Station Training Grounds.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on October 7, 1998 hosted by Little Cypress Volunteer Fire Department at Polo's Restaurant at the Ramada Inn at 2610 IH-10 in Orange, Texas. The November 4th meeting will be hosted by the Port Neches Fire Department.

The 594th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by Vice President Brian Schmidt at 10:00 A.M. on October 7, 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Little Cypress Volunteer Fire Department and held at J.B.'s Barbeque in Orange, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Joe Parkhurst, President of the Little Cypress Volunteer Fire Department.

- Self introductions were made.
- One new bill was introduced for payment.
\$167.35 to Our Designs for a presentation gift
Motion was made by Scott Kerwood and seconded by Lynn Bradford to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- Jim Stehle reminded each member that they need to send in the names of the people that they want invitations sent to for the Bosses Night event in December. If you have not sent in a patch from your organization for the Bosses Night event, please mail one to Jim Stehle at :

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Committee Reports

- Communications
No Report
- Constitution & By-Laws
Brian Schmidt reported that there are still copies of the updated by-laws and organizational charts on the back table if you have not picked one up.
- Training/Annual School
No Report
- Inventory/Organization
No Report
- Oil Spill
No Report
- Bosses Night
Jim Stehle announced that there would be a meeting of the Bosses Night Committee following today's meeting.
- Emergency Management
No Report
- Programs
Brian Schmidt reported that Herb Conway had advised that a program had been secured for the December meeting.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Harold Burleigh reported on the Orange County LEPC drill that was conducted in September. He gave a brief overview of the scenario and discussed the lessons learned. He felt that the entire drill was a success and encouraged other areas to conduct such large interagency exercises.
- Steve Jones reported on the use of the cross patch radio at the Orange County LEPC drill. Although the drill did not have to depend on the cross patch radio for all of the mutual aid communications, it was set up on scene and worked

- perfectly. Others are encouraged to utilize this important tool in their drills.
- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
 - Brian Schmidt advised the members of the committee that was formed to plan the 50th Anniversary of the Association in February that he would contact them in the upcoming month to set a meeting date for the committee.
 - Johnny Porter faxed in a notice concerning a NFA Executive Skills Course (Managing and Leading Change) that is to be taught at the Port Neches Employees Center on October 31 and November 1st. If you are interested in the class, call Johnny Porter at 722-5885.
 - Brian Schmidt reported that there are copies of the Industrial Hurricane Preparedness Plan and the Emergency Response Study for Industry available on the back table if any of the Industrial members are interested.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on November 4, 1998 hosted by Port Neches Fire Department at Port Neches Employees Center at 1006 Port Neches Avenue (at the corner of Hwy 365 and Port Neches Ave.) in Port Neches, Texas. The December 2nd meeting will be hosted by the Chevron Chemical - Port Arthur.

The 595th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on November 4, 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Port Neches Fire Department and held at Port Neches Employees Center in Port Neches, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Mayor Frances Monk of the City of Port Neches.

- Self introductions were made.
- One new bill was introduced for payment.
\$54.56 to Master Copy Printing for a Bosses Night Invitations
Motion was made by Ron McEachern and seconded by Rick Nicely to pay the bill. The motion carried.
- Five expense checks were written to pay for Bosses Night expenses:
Parkdale Mall - \$500.00 for 10 gift certificates
Central Mall - \$500.00 for 10 gift certificates
Academy - \$500.00 for 10 gift certificates
Jim Stehle - \$250.00 for miscellaneous expenses
Postmaster - \$64.00 for postage to mail invitations
Motion was made by Kenneth Browning and seconded by Larry O'Connor to approve all five of the expense checks. The motion carried.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- David Frenzel read a letter from Kay Electronics expressing their desire to become an associate member of the Association. Ken Doise has agreed to be their sponsor. This was the first reading of their application for membership.

- A discussion was led by President Lynn Baldwin concerning literature that he had received from David White of Industrial Fire World concerning the NFPA 1976 situation about aluminized protective clothing. Fred Hoffman offered information concerning current actions of NFPA and Ron McEachern gave the insight that he had received from the Chevron corporate officials that had been in contact with NFPA. A copy of the information that was sent by David White will be attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

- Communications

Rick Nicely reported that when he recently tried to use the new cross patch radio in a drill, it did not work. After some investigation, the problem was that his 800 radio was not programmed with the ICALL channel and the VHF radio he was using was not programmed with the 154.280 mutual aid frequency. These channels must be programmed in the existing radios that you are using for the cross patch radio to work.

- Constitution & By-Laws

No Report

- Training/Annual School

Ezra Gordon reported that a Train-The-Trainer class will begin next Monday and there are still some openings. Ezra gave a progress report on upgrades that were being made at the fireground and brought brochures for the 1999 Annual School.

- Inventory/Organization

No Report

- Oil Spill

No Report

- Bosses Night

Jim Stehle announced that names could still be given for invitations for Bosses Night if you have not already turned them in. The invitations will be mailed in about two weeks.

- Emergency Management
No Report

- Programs

Herb Conway reported that a program had been secured for the December meeting, but anyone who has a program idea for meetings for next year, please contact him.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- Rick Nicely conducted a survey with 19 petrochemical plants and refineries concerning their Emergency Response Teams . This report is now available and has been included with this months minutes.
- The Lumberton Volunteer Fire Department announced and upcoming drill on November 21, 1998. The membership is encouraged to attend and participate. A copy of the letter giving the details is attached to his months minutes.

Program

- Doug Meeks of the Southern Union Gas Company Corporate Safety Department gave an informative presentation on safety factors and emergency response to natural gas leaks.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on December 2, 1998 hosted by Chevron Chemical - Port Arthur at the Schooner Restaurant on Highway 69 in Nederland, Texas. The January 6th meeting will be hosted by the China Volunteer Fire Department.

The 596th meeting of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association was called to order by President Lynn Baldwin at 10:00 A.M. on December 2, 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Chevron Chemical - Port Arthur and held at the Schooner Restaurant in Nederland, Texas.

The invocation was given by Fred Hoffman.

The group was welcomed by Ron McEachern of Chevron Chemical - Port Arthur.

- Self introductions were made.

- Four new bills were introduced for payment.
 - \$270.00 to the U. S. Postmaster for postage
 - \$176.41 to the Schooner Restaurant for Board of Directors Meeting
 - \$ 54.00 to Fred Hoffman for travel expense reimbursement
 - \$260.00 to Johnsen's Florist for Bosses Night table decorationsMotion was made by Ron McEachern and seconded by Brian Schmidt to pay the bills. The motion carried.

- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Items:

- David Frenzel read a letter from Kay Electronics expressing their desire to become an associate member of the Association. Ken Doise has agreed to be their sponsor. This was the second reading of their application for membership. The application will now be sent to the Board of Directors for a recommendation.

- A discussion was led by President Lynn Baldwin concerning a letter that was received from NFPA concerning the request for a formal interpretation that the Association had requested this past Summer. David Frenzel read the letter aloud to the membership and Scott Kerwood explained the implications of the response. A copy of this letter was made available to anyone that wanted one at the meeting.

-The annual election to fill positions in the Executive Board and the Board of Directors was held. The results of the election are as follows:

President	-	Brian Schmidt - Mobil Chemical-Beaumont
Vice President	-	David Frenzel - Orange Fire Department
Secretary/Treasurer	-	Tim Sheffield - Southern Union Gas
Industrial Representative	-	Ron McEachern - Chevron Chemical- P.A.
Fire Representative	-	Larry O'Connor - Water District #10 F.D.
Law Enforcement Rep.	-	Steve Jones - Orange Police Department
At-Large Representative	-	Clay Kennelley - D.P.S.

Committee Reports

- Communications
No Report

- Constitution & By-Laws
No Report

-Training/Annual School

John Hubacek advised that the Annual School Board Meeting will be on Thursday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM at the training ground. John announced that six students had already been enrolled for the next Annual School. He reminded the membership of the Train-The-Trainer class that is offered and asked that it be considered when training supervisory personnel. Ann Huff of the Beaumont Fire Department thanked Brian Schmidt and Mobil Oil-Beaumont for their help in rebuilding the fuel pump at the training ground.

- Inventory/Organization
No Report

- Oil Spill
No Report

- Bosses Night
Jim Stehle asked for volunteers to help set up the BRAD Club for the Bosses Night event. If you can help, please be at the BRAD Club on Monday, December 7th at 10:00 AM.

- Emergency Management
No Report

- Programs
President Lynn Baldwin took the opportunity to publicly thank Herb Conway for the outstanding job that he has done as the program coordinator for the Association.

Recent Emergencies were discussed.

Special Announcements

- Fred Hoffman announced upcoming schools and activities.
- A letter from Frank Harvell of Kay Electronics, Inc. requesting blood donations for Douglas S. Spooner of the Huntsman Corporation was read to the membership by David Frenzel.
- Brian Schmidt announced that there would be a meeting of the 50th Anniversary Committee on Thursday, December 17th at 11:00 AM at the Beaumont Fire Department Headquarters.
- Scott Kerwood announced that there will be a Regional NFPA meeting on February 25th & 26th concerning the Industrial Fire Section Board and the Municipal Fire Section Board at a location to be announced at a later date.
- Larry O'Connor of Water District #10 Fire Department announced that former Association member Aubrey Dixon recently had a fire at his residence and asked that he be remembered in the prayers of the membership.

Program

- Larry Owens of Dooley-Tackaberry gave an informative presentation on *High-Fog* and the uses of high pressure low volume water applications in firefighting.

David Frenzel
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on January 6, 1999 hosted by Port Arthur Fire Department at the Pleasure Island Restaurant, at 600 Pleasure Island Boulevard in Port Arthur, Texas. The February 3rd meeting will be hosted by Mobil Oil - Beaumont.