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### 2024 Board of Directors

**Tim Ocnaschek**  
President 23 - 24

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Secretary/Treasurer 23 - 24

**Shaqueena Nobles**  
Sergeant-at-Arms 23 - 24

**Larry McBride**  
Fire Director 24 - 25

**Terry Morton**  
Fire Director 23 - 24

**Tommy Wells**  
Industry Director 24 - 25

**Scott McDonald**  
Industry Director 23 - 24

**Donta Miller**  
Police Director 24 - 25

**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 894<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SNCA was held on September 4, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was being hosted by Golden Triangle Polymers. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:10AM

Jeff Philips (Jeff. Co EM) led the membership in an invocation. Tommy Shelton (Goodyear) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members not in attendance; Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), Scott McDonald (BASF), Joel Ardoin (Orange Co. EM).

### HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Michael Peevey (Golden Triangle Polymers) who welcomed the membership.

President Ocnaschek then asked for the membership to commence with self-introductions.

### READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for a motion and second to accept the August 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) to accept Minutes as read and seconded by Billy Smith (Jasper Co EM), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1) to present the Treasurer’s report to the membership.

Beginning August Balance..... \$ 48,313.16  
 Deposits..... \$ -0-  
 Withdrawals..... \$ 1,590.00  
 Ending August Balance ..... \$ 46,723.16  
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,188.33  
**Combined Ending Balance .....\$ 51,911.49**

Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
8/2/24	Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website fee	\$ 90.00
8/12/24	Ck. #1691	Rod Carroll	*Pay for travel expenses – Allen Mall Shooting presenter	\$ 1,500.00

*\*\$1,500.00 was a donation that was funded by Golden Pass LNG thru the SNCA.*

President Ocnaschek asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer’s Report, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. A motion was made by Heather Low (Phillips 66) and seconded by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD#1) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- President Ocnaschek told the membership the Board of Directors recently received a letter of intent for membership from Port Arthur LNG requesting admittance into the Association. Membership Chair Czerwiec vetted Port Arthur LNG and has recommended they be made a Non-voting – Industrial Member. Via an E-vote the Board voted unanimously to accept this organization into the Association. Now, per the Constitution, Section 4d – Application for Membership, this will serve as the first reading of the Application and Sponsor letters to the membership.



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22 July 2024

Chief Donta Miller  
Chief of Law Enforcement  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
1001 Pearl St.  
Beaumont, TX 77701

**Subject: Letter of Request for Sponsorship to Join Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association**

Dear Chief Miller:

As an important representative of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association (SNCA), you understand the need for emergency responders, industry partners, and various offices of emergency management to provide mutual aid services as well as emergency and disaster support. Having learned of the SNCA and its mission during recent meetings with yours and other member organizations, Port Arthur LNG (PALNG) recognizes the benefits of becoming a part of the SNCA. As such, PALNG is actively trying to become a member of the SNCA and is seeking sponsorship.

As an industry partner whose facility is currently under construction, we are seeking non-voting member status until our facility becomes operational. We are actively establishing our internal emergency management processes and beginning to procure various types of response equipment. These resources, along with manning capabilities, will be made available for mutual aid purposes and to support the mission of the SNCA once we are operational.

We respectfully request sponsorship from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for the SNCA to consider PALNG for non-voting membership status in the SNCA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Fortenberry".

Chris Fortenberry  
Head of Operations  
Port Arthur Operations



**JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*Zena Stephens, Sheriff*

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**Donta Miller**  
Chief of Law Enforcement

**John Shauberger**  
Chief of Corrections

July 29, 2024

Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association  
Chris Gonzales  
Secretary/Treasure  
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Nederland, TX 77627-8257

Re: Letter of Sponsorship

Dear Members of the Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association:

Please accept this letter as our support for Port Arthur LNG's membership in the Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association. Port Arthur LNG, a new industry partner, is currently constructing its facility at 3570 South Gulfway Drive in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is a voting member in good standing with the association. Port Arthur LNG is seeking to join as a non-voting member until they commence full operations, at which point they will transition to a voting member.

Port Arthur LNG would greatly benefit the LNG and chemical plants along the coastline near the Sabine Pass and Port Arthur areas.

- President Ocnaschek reminded the membership of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that were read and discussed at the August meeting regarding membership classification, honorary membership eligibility/requirements and membership due increases. These proposed changes were discussed and changes shown to the membership. Per the Constitution the changes would then be voted on by the membership after a 30-day period.  
President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to the proposed Constitution changes (Membership Classification & Honorary Member). A motion was made by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD#1 and seconded by Eloy Vega (PNFD) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.  
President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to the proposed By-Law (Dues) changes. A motion was made by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM) and seconded by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- President Ocnaschek told the membership of the Hazard Incident Management Symposium that will be held the last week of February 2025. President Ocnaschek stated

he would like to see a presentation by a representative of the SNCA that would highlight the resources and operation of the Association during past mutual aid events such as the large forest fire event that occurred in the Vidor area and training activities i.e., water flow operation. President Ocnaschek if anyone had any interest to see him.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Billy Smith told the membership of Doug Saunders being recently placed on the SAFE-D Board of Directors.

**RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

(It was verified there was no media in the room)  
SNCA Activations YTD – 40

**Industry:** None

**Municipal Fire:** None

**Law Enforcement:** None

**EMS:** None

**Health:** Martha Siemen (PA Hlth. Dept) told the membership the flu vaccine will be out in October.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Not present. President Ocnaschek wanted to remind the membership that nominations for expiring Board positions will begin at the September meeting. Be thinking of members who could fill the Board roles.

**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](mailto:sgarsea@acadian.com)). We are lacking a lot of our history and we need everyone to help put together our story. Also, monthly meeting information is posted for the next month after this month's meeting.

**AWARDS:** Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

It is this time of the year to recognize a fellow SNCA member. We have received several nominations. If you have anyone, you would like to nominate please see the forms provided or contact Stephanie Garsea. All are due in September. Nominations are for those members who you feel have carried out the mission of SNCA within our organization or within our community. All nominations will be reviewed and voted on in October by the SNCA Board. Awards will be given out at Bosses night in December.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

\*Save the date for Friday April 25, 2025!!! We have begun working on the annual golf tournament; Registration will begin in January. But if you have any door prizes or give away items lying around your offices, you can get them to Stephanie to store. As always, we need and appreciate all of your support. Every donation given either monetarily or with donated items, allows for SNCA to give more towards scholarships for our future first responders. Any questions, please contact Stephanie. Her contact information is [sgarsea@acadian.com](mailto:sgarsea@acadian.com) or cell 409-284-3026.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Nothing to report.

**MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE:** Louie Havens – Chairperson – Not present

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Eloy Vega – Chairperson

Chair Vega reported the following regarding the Regional Radio System;

- The invoices for the 2025 radio infrastructure maintenance are due in October 2024.
- This year's invoice will not be subsidized by the regional planning commission, as the yearly grant that typically covers 75% of the cost was not secured.
- Each agency and jurisdiction that utilizes the regional radio system will be responsible for paying the full amount of their invoice.
- The invoices will be issued by Motorola, the service provider for the radio infrastructure.

**STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson**

Chair Vega reported the following regarding the Strategic Plan Review;

- The first strategic planning meeting with the committee chairs will be held in late September 2024.
- Invitations along with the meeting agenda will be sent out via the SNCA communication system to all relevant parties.
- One of the primary objectives of this meeting will be to begin planning strategic initiatives for the 2025 SNCA activity year.

**INVENTORY:** Pat Grimes – Chairperson

**Inventory**

Please review your agency's Dive Team and Communications equipment that is in inventory this month. See Chair Grimes know if you have new items that need to be added.

**Database**

Get with Chair Grimes if you are not receiving text and emails for meeting reminders. This distribution list is used to request resources in the event of an emergency. Let Chair Grimes know if your Primary Member, Alternate Member, or agency name changes so we can keep the data up to date.

**SNCA Agency Date Joined Project**

The year your agency joined is located on your agency's contact page in the database to the right of your agency's name. The date has been entered at that location since the database was created. For agencies prior to the database, we are reviewing minutes from past meetings to verify the date agencies joined.

In the database if we could not find the exact date joined, the default date is 0000-00-00 or 1969-12-31.

There is a list of member agency date joined in the Latest Notes on the members database for quick reference.

**TRAINING & EDUCATION:** Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

For more training information see *[Preparingtexas.org](http://Preparingtexas.org)*

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

**BOSES NIGHT:** David Frenzel - Chairperson

Chair Frenzel told the membership he has placed RSVP forms on the tables in the room and wants members to begin to list the number of people who will attend Bosses Night which will be held on the first Monday in December. Chair Frenzel reminded everyone that the Association DOES NOT invite anyone, it is up to the individual to invite their boss.

**OIL SPILL:** Heather Low - Chairperson

No Report

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM:** Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

No report

**INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY:** Scott McDonald – Chairperson

In the absence of Chair McDonald Brandon Pippin (Indorama) reported on the recent fire school held in College Station. B. Pippin reported the SNCA Fire School held in August had 59 students go through Leadership Development, 38 students took Basic Fire, and 70 students took the Advanced Fire class. Great reviews from all attendees. Next year's school is set for December 8-11 at College Station. B. Pippin reported that the next Industrial Group Meeting will be September 30 at 10am. Location will be Cheniere LNG hosted by Craig Corder.

**“AD HOC” HISTORIAN COMMITTEE:** John Randall – Chairperson

Chair Randall told the membership there have been conversations with Stephanie Garcea and Tyler Hebert at Port Neches Fire about what documents the Association have and what possible solutions we have to collect and present the items. There has also been talks with Lamar University representative about how they can help us set up and display our historical items.

**PROGRAM:** Michael Peevey, Golden Triangle Polymers provided the membership with a current presentation of the ongoing project at the Chevron-Phillips site in Orange.

**NEXT MEETING:** The 895<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be October 2, 2024, hosted by AMPOL 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. Heather Low (Phillips 66) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

**2024 Meetings/Hosts**

**HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024**

Meeting Host	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
City Ambulance Services	891	June 5, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
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
<b>AMPOL</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>October 2, 2024</b>	<b>Rockin A Cafe</b>
Jasper County E.S.D. #1	896	November 6, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Dooley Tackaberry	897	December 4, 2024	Rockin A Cafe



## HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meeting Host	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Port Arthur	898	*January 8, 2025	TBD
Allegiance Mobile Health	899	February 5, 2025	TBD
U S Fire Pumps	900	March 5, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Dow Chemical Company (Sabine River Ops)	901	April 2, 2025	TBD
Foster Safety	902	May 7, 2025	Foster Safety, 1715 W. Commerce Pkwy, Bmt.
TBD	903	June 4, 2025	TBD
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC.	904	July 2, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Fluor Federal Petroleum	905	August 6, 2025	TBD
Garner Environmental	906	September 3, 2025	TBD
Jasper County E.S.D. #4	907	October 1, 2025	TBD
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD