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2024 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 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 896th meeting of the SNCA was held on November 6, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was being hosted by Jasper County E.S.D. #1. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:16AM

Matt Dulaney (SNCA Chaplain) 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; Shaqueena Nobles (Bmt. EM), Donta Miller (JCSO), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD), Joel Ardoin (Orange Co. EM).

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Billy Smith (Japer Co. EM) who welcomed the membership. B. Smith also introduced County Judge Mark Allen, recently elected Sheriff Chuck Havard, Battalion Chief Larry McBride.

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 October 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD#1) to accept Minutes as read and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership there is a membership application currently being reviewed by the Board and will be presented at the December meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Beginning October Balance..... \$ 47,133.16
 Deposits..... \$ 3,200.00 (Dues)
 Withdrawals..... \$ 395.00
 Ending October Balance \$ 49,938.16
 PayPal Balance \$ 10,726.70 (Dues)
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,188.50
Combined Ending Balance\$ 65,853.36

Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
10/2/24	Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website fee	\$ 90.00
10/28/24	Debit Card	Rockin A Cafe	Board meeting meal	\$ 305.00

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 Louie Havens (PAFD) and seconded by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocknachek reminded the membership that SNCA meeting are CLOSED meetings to only members and invited guests. At the recent Board meeting this topic was discussed after it was recognized that uninvited/non-members were attending meetings on a regular basis. Anyone in attendance MUST sign-in at the Sign-in Table when entering the meeting room. President Ocnaschek asked the membership to help with this and get the word out. The meeting notices will no longer be placed on the SNCA website but will be listed in the membership database for members to view.
- Also, at the recent Board meeting the subject of organizations who are members but listed as Exempt and do not host meetings or pay annual dues was discussed. President Ocnaschek stated it is understood if organizations by statutory rules cannot pay dues or host meeting but if the organization generates revenue, they should be able to participate just as any other of the organizations involved in the SNCA. These organizations will soon

receive a letter asking to provide the reason they are EXEMPT and cannot pay dues or host meetings.

- President Ocnashek told the membership the 2025 SNCA Budget will need to be developed in the next couple of weeks and if anyone has any budget items/expenses that need to be listed to get with him or Secretary Gonzales so that can be considered.
- The listing for the 2025 meetings has been developed and if you have not replied to the Secretary regarding meeting location, please do so the annual calendar can be updated and distributed. Below is a list of those agencies who have not provided information.

Dow Chemical – April

Siddons Martin – June

Fluor Federal Petroleum – August

Garner Environmental – September

Jasper County E.S.D. #4 – October

Triangle Rescue – November

Honeywell - December

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

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

SNCA Activations YTD – 44

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: Martha Siemen (PA Hlth. Dept) told the membership the flu injections are available and should be taken advantage of.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney told the membership that as of this meeting nominations for the 2025 Board positions are now closed. Chair Dulaney said the voting will occur at the December meeting and thanked all those who provided nominations and also for those who have served on the Board.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

Chair Czerwiec told the membership he has presented a membership application letter and sponsor letter to the Board for review.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson
Not present

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson
We are trying to keep this as current as possible with updated bylaws, drills, etc. Our organization is doing amazing things with training so please look at these galleries.

****Note - meeting locations are now posted under the membership log in.**

Also, 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.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson
Nomination window for awards is closed. The Executive Board made their selection and awards given at Boss Night in December.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

***22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:**

*Save the date for Friday April 25, 2025!!! 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 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 or cell 409-284-3026.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson
Nothing to report.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson – Chair Havens said there is current talk of staffing a marine presence on the waterway utilizing tug boats with fire suppression capabilities. More news to come.

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson
Not present

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson
Carolyn Guidry (LIT) made a report on behalf of Chair Vega in regards to a recent Strategic Plan meeting that was held. According to Ms. Guidry there was discussion particularly around communications when a SNCA activation occurs and when response needs are requested. There will be more work done on this in future meetings.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Chair Grimes reminded everyone to assure they go into the database and maintain an updated inventory of equipment and supplies. The inventory system is used during SNCA events when resources are requested.

- (Fire) NFPA 1081 Trained Firefighters- NFPA Gear

- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Drager Tubes
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Drager X-am 8000
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Ex Drager X-am 2500
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Mini Rae
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Mini Rae 11,7 eV
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Radius BZ 1 10,6 eV
- (Hazmat) Dry Chemical Extinguisher Wheeled Unit
- (Hazmat) Dry Chemical Skid Unit
- (Hazmat) Co2 Extinguisher Wheeled Unit

- Portable Lighting System

A pdf of Inventory resources is in the notes in the members database. New items are highlighted in red.

Modifications to the inventory system to assist with new Industry Classifications.

Chair Grimes asked that you let him know if you have resource's that are not in the inventory that need to be added.

The meeting host and date of scheduled meetings will be posted on the notes in the members database.

The Fire Group in SNCA Everbridge has been updated and now includes all industry members and Fire Departments.

Let Pat Grimes know if there are any changes to your agency's primary or alternate members and let me know if you are not receiving text and email reminders for the SNCA meetings.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson
Not present.

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

BOSSSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Chair Frenzel told the membership Bosses night is just weeks away. Chair Frenzel stated he has placed more of the RSVP's on the tables and asked that if you plan to attend that you fill out a form in order to assure the carter properly prepares. Chair Frenzel emphasizes that the SNCA does not invite your boss, you do!

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson

Chair Low stated she is planning a oil spill drill in 2025 and will call a meeting planning meeting. More information to come.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

Chair Ocnaschek told the membership that Texas will be hosting the All-Hazards Incident Management Team Conference in Ft. Worth Feb. 25-27. Chair Ocnaschek stated this is a great opportunity to send your personnel to learn.

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson

Chair McDonald reminded the industrial members of the 4th Quarter meeting on Nov. 18th at 10am hosted by OCI - Scott Mistrot. Meeting invites have been sent.

“AD HOC” HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: John Randall – Chairperson

Not present

PROGRAM: County Judge Mark Allen told the membership his is appreciative of the SNCA and what it means to the region. Judge Allen stated he was a volunteer firefighter and understands the valuable resources that the SNCA brings to an incident.

NEXT MEETING: The 897nd meeting will be December 4, 2024, hosted by Dooley Tackaberry 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. Jodie Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Heather Low (Phillips 66). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM.

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
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

HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Port Arthur	898	*January 8, 2025	Courville's
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 (sent follow up email 9/6)
Foster Safety LLC	902	May, 7,2025	Foster Safety,1715 W. Commerce Pkwy.
Siddons Martin	903	June 4, 2025	TBD
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC.	904	July 2, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Fluor Federal Petroleum	905	August 6, 2025	TBD (awaiting approval from corp. 9/10)
Garner Environmental	906	September 3, 2025	TBD (sent follow up email 9/6)
Jasper County E.S.D. #4	907	October 1, 2025	TBD (sent follow up email 9/6)
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD (awaiting venue determination 9/10)
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD (sent follow up email 9/6)