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Tommy Shelton
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Sergeant-at-Arms 24 - 25

Larry McBride
Fire Director 25 - 26

Terry Morton
Fire Director 25 - 26

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Industry Director 25 - 26

Scott McDonald
Industry Director 25 - 26

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Police Director 25 - 26

Sparky Robinson
Police Director 25 - 26

Joel Ardoin
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Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 25 - 26

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 25 - 26

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 902nd meeting of the SNCA was held on May 7th, 2025, at Foster Safety LLC. The meeting was hosted by Foster Safety. President Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

Jeff Phillip (Jefferson County OEM) led the membership in an invocation. President Shelton (Goodyear) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members not in attendance:

HOST WELCOME

President Shelton recognized Casey Foster, of Foster Safety LLC, who welcomed the membership.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Shelton requested a motion and a second to accept the April 2025 Meeting Minutes, which were sent out via email. A motion was made by Billy Ted Smity (Jasper OEM) to accept the Minutes as read, and seconded by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS). There was no opposition to the motion, and upon vote, the motion passed.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Shelton then called upon the Secretary/Treasurer to give the monthly treasurer's report.

April Balance..... \$68,323.10
Deposits..... \$ 10,915.92
Withdrawals..... \$ 16,401.41
Ending April Balance \$ 62,837.61
PayPal Balance \$ 8,105.19 As of 4/30/2025
Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,189.02
Combined Ending Balances\$ 76,131.82

Post Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
04/02/2025	Deposit	PayPal transfer	Monthly Account Deposit	\$ 7,665.92
04/02/2025	Debit	Juxtapose	Website Fee	\$ 90.00
04/04/2025	Debit	Check 1700	Position Specific Training Co	\$ 7,500.00
04/09/2025	Debit	Next Cloud	Online File Storage	\$ 750.00
04/09/2025	Deposit	Check (Motiva)	Golf Tournament	\$ 800.00
04/18/2025	Debit	Threads	Golf Tournament BOD Shirts	\$ 231.84
04/28/2025	Debit	Rockin' A Cafe	BOD Meeting	\$ 209.52
04/29/2025	Deposit	Checks	Membership Dues and Golf Tournament	\$ 2,450.00
04/29/2025	Debit	Check 1701	Golf Tournament Reimburs	\$ 1009.07
04/30/2025	Debit	Check 1702	Golf Course	\$ 6610.98

President Shelton asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report; there were none. President Shelton then asked for a motion and a second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. A motion was made by Louie Havens (Port Arthur Fire) and seconded by Heather Low (Phillips 66); there was no opposition to the motion, and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Shelton reminded the membership to pay outstanding dues to remain in good standing. Any members who are still unsure if they have paid or not can contact the Secretary/Treasurer. All Primary and Secondary members have been notified of their delinquent status. Any dues not paid by June 30, 2025, will result in a revoked membership in accordance with the organization's constitution. The following members are still outstanding.
 - 24hr Safety LLC.
 - BASF- Beaumont
 - Christus SETX Jasper Memorial Hospital

- Dooley Tackaberry
 - DRC
 - Enterprise Products Partners L.P
 - Explorer Pipeline
 - Garner Environmental
 - Medical Center of SETX
 - Motiva Enterprise LLC-Port Neches
 - OCI
 - Orange County OEM
 - Orange Police
 - Port Arthur Terminal LLC
 - Sasol Chemical
 - Shell Pipeline
 - Texas Gas Service
 - Triangle Rescue LLC
 - Vidor PD
 - Vidor ISD PD
 - West Orange Fire
 - Williams Fire and Hazard Control
- The following organizations have requested to join the Sabine Neches Associations in their respective categories. The second reading was read for these organizations, and the membership voted.
 - Jefferson Terminal South requests membership as an industrial class voting member. This organization is sponsored by Jefferson Energy. In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letters of request and support were read during the March meeting. The Board reviewed the membership request and recommended acceptance of Jefferson Terminal South as an Industrial Class Voting Member. Billy Ted Smith called for a motion to accept Jefferson Terminal South as a voting member, and Heather Low (Phillips 66) seconded the motion. After a membership vote, the motion passed.
 - Emergency Power Service requests membership as a vendor/non-voting member. This organization is sponsored by Motiva Port Arthur Manufacturing Complex. In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letters of request and support were read during the March meeting. The Board reviewed the membership request and recommended acceptance of Emergency Power Service as a vendor/non-voting member. Mark Allen (Jasper County OEM) called for a motion to accept Emergency Service as a non-voting vendor member, and Heather Low (Phillips 66) seconded the motion. After a membership vote, the motion passed.
 - The Response Group requests membership as a vendor/non-voting member. This organization is sponsored by Motiva Port Arthur Manufacturing Complex. In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letters of request and support were read during the March meeting. The Board reviewed the membership request and recommended acceptance of The Response Group as a Non-Voting Vendor Member. Heather Low (Phillips 66) made a motion to accept The Response Group as a non-voting vendor member, and was seconded by Stephanie Garsea (Acadian EMS). After a membership vote, the motion passed.
 - Afton Chemical Corporation requests membership as a vendor/non-voting member. This organization is sponsored by Motiva Port Arthur Manufacturing Complex. In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letters of request and support were read during the March meeting. The Board reviewed the membership request and recommended acceptance of Afton Chemical as an Industrial Class Non-Voting Member. Louie Havens (Port Arthur FD) made a motion to accept Afton Chemical as an Industrial Class Non-Voting Member and was seconded by Heather Low (Phillips 66). After a membership vote, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The following organizations have requested to join the SNCA and received letters of support from member organizations. The letters were read as the first reading as required by the constitution and by-laws.
 - Jasper County Sheriff's Office requests membership as a non-exempt, voting, government agency. This request is sponsored by the Jasper County Office of Emergency Management (a member in good standing). In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letter of request and support shall serve as the first reading toward granting membership. (Read Letters)
 - SETX Civilian Task Force requests membership as a non-voting NGO. This request is sponsored by Jefferson County Emergency Management (a member in good standing). In accordance with the constitution and bylaws, the following letter of request and support shall serve as the first reading toward granting membership.
- Several member organizations have been asking for the bank account information to submit ACH deposits, particularly for membership dues. Currently, the account does not have a protected method to receive these types of payments without compromising the account and leaving it subject to unauthorized withdrawals. PNC Bank offers a service that will allow the organization to establish a secure ACH deposit method. This service comes with a one-time setup fee of 50.00 and a monthly fee of 6.00. The board recommends approval. Louie Havens (Port Arthur FD) made a motion to establish a secure ACH deposit method through PNC Bank, and was seconded by Sharon Whitley (Hardin County PH). After a vote, the motion passed.
- The organization has been absorbing the cost of PayPal fees per transaction, which over the course of a year, exceeds 1000.00 annually, that is automatically deducted from net payments to the organization. PNC Bank offers a service entitled "Clover" to accept payments without a point-of-sale device. This essentially is the same thing as PayPal, with all the same features, such as generating links, buttons, and QR codes to accept electronic payments in person and online. By using Clover, the system will recognize credit cards and pass the convenience fee of 3% onto the cardholder. So, if they owe \$100.00 and pay by credit card, it will automatically charge them \$103.00. This fee is cheaper than the 3.5% fee PayPal charges, which takes away from the net payment to the organization per transaction. This service also accepts debit cards at a 2.99% +.15 surcharge at the organization's expense. There is a one-time set-up fee of \$129.00 for this service and a \$ 6.95 monthly fee for Clover. This will eliminate PayPal transactions. The Board recommends approval. Louie Havens made a motion to establish a Clover account through PNC Bank and was seconded by Stephanie Garsea. After a vote, the motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were no special announcements

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

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

SNCA Activations YTD –9

President Shelton then called for any reports of recent emergencies or incidents that had occurred since the last meeting.

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney- Chairperson

Not Present – No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czeerwiec- Chairperson

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curran – Chairperson

Not Present – No Report

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea- Chairperson

Ongoing updates; There are some event pictures pending to be uploaded in the next month. 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 COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Nothing to report

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: Stephanie Garsea- Chairperson

It was a success! We had 40 teams, 25 hole sponsors, delicious food by our food sponsors, and a day full of fun and fellowship all for such a wonderful cause. We are pending a few financial pieces, so we will have final numbers soon. Save the Date for 2026 - Friday, April 24! Thank you to everyone who helped, played, or supported this event. We couldn't do it without you all.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Our organization received media coverage from two different stations for the Scholarship Golf Tournament. It is nice for our organization to be recognized and others to see what we do in the

community.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson –
Not present – No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson
Not present-No report

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson
Not Present-No Report

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson
Chair Grimes also reminded everyone to ensure they go into the database and maintain an updated inventory of equipment and supplies, as their membership classification is based on inventory. PDFs can now be added to Agency’s accounts.

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
See the training flyer distributed at the meeting.
Gave a report on the success of the FSX at Jack Brooks.

For more training information see *the new TDEM training portal, formerly PreparingTexas.org*.

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson
Gave a report to be emailed to the Sec. Treasurer

BOSSSES NIGHT: David Frenzel – Chairperson
Not Present - No Report.

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson
The date of the drill has changed to Oct. 2. For more information, see Heather.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnashek - Chairperson
No report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Brandon Pippin – Chairperson
The next committee meeting is June 30th for interested parties.

“AD HOC” HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: John Randall – Chairperson
Not Present – No Report

PROGRAM: DOW Chemical Overview

NEXT MEETING: The 903rd meeting will be June 4, 2025, hosted by Siddons-Martin and will be held at Rockin A Café, beginning at 10 AM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, President Shelton asked for a motion to adjourn. Louie Havens made the motion to adjourn, and Stephanie Garsea (Acadian Ambulance) seconded it. There was no opposition to the motion, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2025			
Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Siddons Martin	903	June 4, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
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	Rockin A Cafe
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD