



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

April 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Key called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:35 PM at San Leon Fire Department.

Chaplain Doolittle gave the invocation. Dan Key led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	1	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	1
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	1	Santa Fe FD	8
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	24
Dickinson FD	3	Kemah FD	2	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	1	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD		League City FD	3		
Bullard		Firehouse Software	1	Marathon Texas City	
CISM		Forrest Bend FD	1	MED 3000	
COM		Galveston County OEM	2	MES	
Commercial Wireless Solutions		Galveston County Wildland Taskforce		Metro	1
Dooley Tackaberry		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.	3	Philips	
ESO Solutions		Hallmark Fire Apparatus		Regnier & Assoc.	
Ferrara		Jack Roady		Sea Legs of Texas	
Fire Admin. Services	2	J.S. Sales		Shelly Johnson, CPA	
Fire Fighters Apparatus		M & M Fire		Siddons-Martin Emerg. Group	
		Marathon Galveston Bay	1	Southeast FD	
				United States Service Group	
				VFIS	
				Wilson Fire	

SPECIAL GUESTS

Prior to the meeting during the meal, the local MDA Representative spoke and introduces the new family for 2014. They are from the Galveston County area and will plan on making more of our monthly meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by K Baden and seconded by M Lancaster to approve the minutes for the month of March. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Secretary Sumrall read treasurer's report.

Motion made by M Lancaster and seconded by K Baden to approve the treasurer's report for the month of April. Motion carries.

\$14,208 is the checking balance and \$67,855 is the savings balance.

COMMUNICATIONS

None to report for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Check out the website for the Summer Smoke dates and classes.

The Harris County Field Day will be the first weekend in May. Check out the Harris county Firefighters Association website for more details.

Accountability

EMS

Website Keep sending stuff for the site.

Resource Book Allison needs information from Texas City, League City and Galveston.

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws There was a proposal and change in the by-laws. Refer to the unfinished business section of these minutes.

Mapping

Audit

Contract

COLLECTION OF DUES

No report for this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The second reading of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws change was read. The proposal is to change the dues for Member Departments to \$100 per year and Associate members to \$200 per year. **Chief Anderson made the original motion** for the change and the **vote was unanimous** in favor for the change. This will take place in 2016. Dan gave a brief report on the amounts that have been paid in the past, and agreed that it is time for some changes.

President Key mentioned that he was contacted by the County's Vehicle resource Department about the trucks that were given to the Association, and that they are still setting down at the County's lay down yard in Santa Fe, out in the weather. He asked what we wanted to do with them. Siddons Martin looked at the trucks and said it would take about \$50,000.00 on each truck just to get them back to a so-so working condition. President Key put together a letter saying that we were no longer interested in the trucks and that they could get rid of them.

NEW BUSINESS

President Key spoke about the newly renovated Volunteer Firefighters Monument at the Capitol and the Memorial Service recently held along with the Legislator day. A great time was had by all that attended and relayed concerns about upcoming bills to some of the Politicians. Chief Smith from League City thanked all who went and honored our fallen Brother from League City.

Dan went over a few bills that were of an importance that are coming up for a vote.

Dan also asked the Association for Rusty, for permission to open a separate checking account just for funds relating to the upcoming convention. All in attendance had no problems with the idea.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Anthony Cargile asked for information from the County Departments if they would like to have their Honor Guard to be escorts for the Memorial Service. You can contact him thru Santa Fe Fire and Rescue at 409-925-7331.

On June 19th and 20th the Texas City Fire Department in conjunction with the United Way will be holding a B-B-Q cook off, Fireman Games, Horse shoe Tournament, Washer Tournament and food and fun for the entire family! All of this will be held in the historic area of Texas City downtown on 6th street. You can get more information on the Galveston County Firefighters website or the Texas City Fire Department website. You can also go to www.uwgcm.org for more information.

Dan spoke about the convention and that we will need help from all of the Departments. We also had some discussions about some of the recognitions that we will need to be giving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE at Friendswood St. #1 on May 7 , 2015

This meeting will be held at the #1 Station located at 1000 Friendswood Dr.



***GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE***

There will be a monthly meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association. Please place this memo on your bulletin board and inform all members of this meeting location, date and time. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.