



# Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

February 4, 2016

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Key called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:30 PM at Hitchcock Fire Department.

Bob Doolittle gave the invocation. The Mascot led the pledge.

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	2	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	1
Bayou Vista FD	2	Hitchcock FD	30	Santa Fe FD	10
Crystal Beach FD	1	Jamaica Beach FD	3	San Leon FD	2
Dickinson FD	3	Kemah FD	3	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	2	LaMarque FD	5	Tiki Island	
Galveston FD	5	League City FD	1		
Bullard		Firehouse Software		Marathon Texas City	
CISM		Forrest Bend FD	1	MED 3000	
COM	3	Galveston County OEM	1	MES	
Commercial Wireless Solutions		Galveston County Wildland Taskforce		Metro	
Dayco Fire		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.	3	Philips	
Dooley Tackaberry		Hallmark Fire Apparatus		Red31Echo	
ESO Solutions		Jack Roady		Regnier & Assoc.	
Ferrara		J.S. Sales		Sea Legs of Texas	
Fire Admin. Services		M & M Fire		Shelly Johnson, CPA	
Fire Fighters Apparatus		Marathon Galveston Bay		Siddons-Martin Emerg. Group	2
				Southeast FD	
				TEEX	
				United States Service Group	
				VFIS	
				Wilson Fire	

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Judge Lonnie Cox addressed the upcoming election and was asking for support. He also emphasized the importance to get out and vote.

Chief Anderson from Santa Fe was asked to speak on behalf of Michelle Slaughter, which is running in the upcoming election.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by O Thompson and seconded by A Cargile to approve the minutes for the month of January. Motion carries.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's report was read by Rusty Kattner.

Motion made by T Anderson and seconded by K Baden to approve the treasurer's report for the month of January. Motion carries.

\$7250.00 is the checking balance and \$ 59,730.00 is the savings balance.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** Chief McLaren spoke on the New Member class from COM. The new classes will start on the 15<sup>th</sup>. of February for FF I. The classes' are on Monday and Wednesday evenings and several Saturdays.

The FF II classes will also start on the 15<sup>th</sup>. and is 100% online with some skills days that you will have to attend at the college.

Chief McLaren also commented on the testing scores of the students completing the courses. He said that they are trying to improve the scores, and that the Haz-Mat category seems to be the one that is giving students the roughest time. Rusty mentioned that the SFFMA has also seen that that category is giving most people the problems and that there may be some changes happening at SFFMA. We will be discussing this more in-depth at the Chief's Retreat on February the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief McLaren also mentioned that there is a new Dean at the college and that they are wanting ALL students to their registration done before classes starts.

Rusty and Dan mentioned that the Association will reimburse the Departments 100% for the New member classes upon completion and proof.

The Texas city FD has a house off of Wincrest that will be drilling in if anyone wants to participate. They will also need some tankers to help provide water on that day. It will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February.

EMS Chief C Anderson from Santa Fe asked if any departments had folks interested in attending an ECA class. Contact him thru Santa Fe Fire at 409-925-7331. There is also 2604 grant money for this class.

### **Accountability**

### **EMS**

**Website** Send stuff to Webmaster for publication.

### **Resource Book**

### **Dispatching**

### **Constitution and By-laws**

### **Mapping**

### **Audit**

**Contract** LC and Tiki should now have their checks. We will discuss more at the Chief's Retreat.

### **COLLECTION OF DUES**

Please send in your dues if you haven't.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan and several Board members met with the new County CFO to discuss how we operate and function. They briefly discussed the 5 points of the contract and that we will be discussing this more at the Chief's Retreat on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dan mentioned that the Legislature passed a new bill about fireworks and when and how long they may be sold. They expanded the time to 5 more holidays. Had a brief discussion and are looking for local FD's to contact their County Commissioners in opposition of this.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Chiefs Retreat is on February 20<sup>th</sup>. at 8:30 AM at Santa Fe Fire and Rescue's station #1 on highway 6 in Santa Fe. **Please attend this meeting if you are the Chief or have someone attend in your place. There is only need for 1 attendee from each department.**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>. there will be an antique Fire truck display at the Hilton Hotel in Kemah.

June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the Texas City FD will once again host a cook off, firemen games on 6<sup>th</sup> street in downtown Texas City.

The Association has 20 rooms for the convention in June in McAllen.

Tito still needs patches from area Departments.

Thank you Hitchcock for the meal and providing the facilities for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

**NEXT MEETING PLACE** at Port Bolivar VFD on March 3, 2016



***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.

