



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

January 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

Bob Doolittle gave the invocation. Trent Anderson led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	2	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	
Bayou Vista FD	2	Hitchcock FD	2	Santa Fe FD	10
Crystal Beach FD	2	Jamaica Beach FD		San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	3	Kemah FD	2	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	2	LaMarque FD	4	Tiki Island	3
Galveston FD	2	League City FD	2		
Bullard		Firehouse Software	1	Marathon Texas City	
CISM		Forrest Bend FD	2	MED 3000	
COM	2	Galveston County OEM	2	MES	
Commercial Wireless Solutions		Galveston County Wildland Taskforce		Metro	
Dooley Tackaberry		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.	2	Philips	
ESO Solutions		Hallmark Fire Apparatus		Regnier & Assoc.	
Ferrara		Jack Rody		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

Mike Jones, TDEM/DPS – Spoke to the Association about training thru the Texas Department of Emergency Management. They are also there to assist us in disaster preparation. On another note, they are asking that all Fire Departments report to them any Grass, brush and forest fires.

Garrett Foskit is the new interim director for the Galveston County OEM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by M Lancaster and seconded by J Westinghausen to approve the minutes for the month of December. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's report was read by R Kattner.

Motion made by Chief Grimm and seconded by Chief Anderson to approve the treasurer's report for the month of December. Motion carries.

\$2173.00 is the checking balance and \$2855.00 is the savings balance.

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Stan spoke about the Spring programs coming up at COM.

- Haz-Mat
- Fire Officer I & II
- ISO – March 23rd / May 15th
- Fire Instructor III
- TCFP Pump Operations – May
- The Day Fire Academy
- New member Classes – Feb. thru May

They are working on a night Academy. They are looking at merging the New Member Class with the TCFP Program. The students will be able to get their SFFMA and TCFP Certs. There will be some of this that can be done online.

The Brazoria County Training School – March 20,21 and 22.

The Richmond Fire School – February 21 and 22

Visit the TEEX website for more information.

Accountability

EMS

Website Send stuff to the Webmaster for publication on the website.

Resource Book

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract Dan passed out checks to 4 Departments that he had received from the County.

COLLECTION OF DUES

They are being sent out by Rusty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dan spoke about his meeting with the County. He mentioned that we had gone 3 consecutive years with no funding from them. He did receive a \$90,000.00 check from them. The approval to give us the money was unanimous and there will be some meetings to determine what we will be getting in the future years.

We now have a signed contract with the County for the year of 2015.

Stan thanked everyone on the hard work that has been put into this.

NEW BUSINESS

CHIEFS RETREAT – FEBRUARY 21st. This will be at Santa Fe Fire and Rescue's Station #1 starting at 9:00am. Light breakfast and a lunch will be provided.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming Conference at Moody Gardens this summer for the SFFMA. We will be doing more planning in the near future.

It was noted that we have the support from the Brazoria County Firefighters Association for the Convention.

Santa Fe Chief Tommy Anderson asked if it was feasible to try to obtain a grant from the Moody Foundation for some funding for the Convention. Galveston's Chief Wisko said he would look into the possibility.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

**** Dickinson and Hitchcock have swapped meeting dates. ****

Gulf Coast / Tri-Rivers meeting is March 7th in Matagorda.

Texas City FD will be having a gathering with a parade, fire games and vendors along 6th. St. in Texas City. This will be on June 20th. The cook off can set up on the 19th. More information is on the TCFD website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE at DICKINSON on February 3 , 2014

**** HITCHCOCK and DICKINSON have swapped Months.****



***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.