



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

January 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wistinghausen called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:20 PM at the Port Bolivar Fire Department.

Chaplain Pollard gave the invocation and the mascot led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	1	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	25
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	2	Santa Fe FD	7
Crystal Beach FD	9	Jamaica Beach FD	2	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	3	Kemah FD		Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	3	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	
Galveston FD	1	League City FD	2		

SPECIAL GUESTS Dwight Gibler from TEEEX gave a brief presentation on the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack grant that Shari forward is working on for Galveston County.

G Foskitt spoke about a GAP Analysis grant, and mentioned that all Departments need to get a list of your resources to Shari Forward.

Kylie Maples, Mascot for SFFMA was in attendance. She greeted the Association and spoke mentioning that she is raising funds to send at least 3 kids to camp this Summer. That's about \$1000.00 a camper.

Lastly, 3rd. VP for SFFMA, Chuck Richardson spoke and gave an update on some State news.

- We have a new lobbyist for SFFMA, he is J.P. Laney.
- On January 1st. the new dues structure started for the State. There is new benefits that go along with that. All SFFMA members are urged to take advantage of these benefits, which include car rentals, hotel rentals, cell phone plans and much more. These can all be found on the SFFMA website.
- The new certification program is up and running. There is some "how to" videos on the training program on the SFFMA website. Also, if you are purchasing training materials and supplies, please consider using the SFFMA online store.
- January 26th is the planning conference in Longview. If any of you are not on a committee, please consider joining one, and being a part of the annual Conference and Training Convention, which is June 21st thru the 26th.
- Also, on March 19th, is the annual FF Appreciation and Legislature day on the Capitol grounds. This includes a memorial service and a fried fish dinner on the Capitol grounds in Austin.

Mike Jones from TDEM spoke mentioning some changes in their personnel.

Casey Johnson spoke mentioning that she is running for Mascot at the Convention in June in Longview, and asked for your support.

Tommy Gattis from the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association spoke about the scholarship program, and urged for as many as possible to apply. Also mentioned that they will assist in benefits that your organization may be putting on. His contacts are, 832-652-1315 or tommygpfia@gmail.com.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by O Thompson and seconded by K Baden to approve the minutes for the month of December. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Secretary Sumrall read the treasurer's report for the month of December.

A motion was made by B Pollard and seconded by C Anderson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

Savings Balance \$68,115 Checking Balance \$3,540 CD Acct. \$50,326
GC/TR Acct. \$18,769 Dues and Donations \$23,736

COMMUNICATION President Wistinghausen read a letter from Treasurer Kattner mentioning that we need to have names removed and new ones added to our banking accounts. This will be our new Board member and new positions held by existing members. We will address this under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Chief McLaren from COM spoke about the current training programs at the college, and passed out the newest schedules. He mentioned that there would be more hours thus resulting in a longer duration of the classes. There was a 83% pass rate for the FF I and a 100% pass rate for the FF II class. There was some discussion about running the TCFP night class and the SFFMA night class together. The training and hours are pretty much the same. Just a thought. Captain Obert mentioned that there are new certification classes for SFFMA Driver/Operators course. The Fire Academy will be 3 days a week and some Saturdays. The classes will last 16 weeks for the FF I and the FF II classes.

Contact Chief McLaren at the college for more details.

C Anderson spoke about having the Texas City Flashover Trailer in Santa Fe for some training classes. All Departments in the County are urged to send students to participate in this training. This will be on Saturday February 23rd and Saturday March 2nd. Both dates will be the same training. The total cost is \$3500 dollars, which includes instructors and supplies. A motion will be made under new business.

Accountability

EMS

Website Send stuff in to the Webmaster for publication on the site.

Resource Book

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract

Galveston County OEM

COLLECTION OF DUES Port Bolivar paid their dues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

C Anderson made a motion and was **seconded by B Pollard**, to remove the name of Dan Key as a signer, from our checking and savings accounts. These are to include the general funds checking, savings, dues and donations checking and the CD account when it matures in March at Texas First Bank. Also in the motion, reflect that Treasurer Rusty Kattner, Commissioner/President James Wistinghausen, Commissioner/Vice President Christopher Anderson, Commissioner/Secretary, Joel Sumrall, Commissioner Orbin Thompson and Commissioner Tommy Cones are now to be signers on the above-mentioned accounts at Texas First Bank. **The motion passed**, with the approval from the membership.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Thanks to Port Bolivar for the great meeting and meal!

January 19th is the Chiefs retreat in Santa Fe beginning at 8:00 am. All Chiefs are urged to attend or send a designee in his place. We will conduct the meeting as we have in the past and will decide on a date for the Appreciation dinner.

March 1st is the Mardi Gras parade in Galveston. Line up is at 6pm at Pier 21.

March 16th is the port Bolivar oyster dinner fundraiser.

Also on March 16th, the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers meeting will be in Cat springs at the Fire Department. If you have posters to be turned in, they will need to be turned in to 2nd. VP Joel Sumrall by 5:00 pm that day. Meeting starts at 5:30 with a meal. The cost is \$10 per person.

May 16th and 17th is the Texas City Fire Games, concert and cook off. Funds raised go to the Galveston County United Way.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE **Hitchcock Fire Department, February 7, 2018**



***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.

For more information go to:

www.gcffa.com