



# Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

March 5, 2015

## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	1	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	20	Santa Fe FD	12
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	2	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	5	Kemah FD		Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	1	LaMarque FD	4	Tiki Island	
Galveston FD	3	League City FD	1		
Bullard		Firehouse Software		Marathon Texas City	
CISM	1	Forrest Bend FD	2	MED 3000	
COM	2	Galveston County OEM	1	MES	
Commercial Wireless Solutions		Galveston County Wildland Taskforce		Metro	1
Dooley Tackaberry		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.		Philips	
ESO Solutions		Hallmark Fire Apparatus		Regnier & Assoc.	
Ferrara		Jack Roady		Sea Legs of Texas	
Fire Admin. Services		J.S. Sales		Shelly Johnson, CPA	
Fire Fighters Apparatus		M & M Fire		Siddons-Martin Emerg. Group	3
		Marathon Galveston Bay	2	Southeast FD	
				United States Service Group	
				VFIS	
				Wilson Fire	

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

None in attendance this month.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

R Kattner read treasurer's report.

Motion made by M Lancaster and seconded by T Anderson to approve the treasurer's report for the month of February. Motion carries.

\$ 14,672 is the checking balance and \$ 67,855 is the savings balance.

Rusty mentioned that an additional savings account has been opened call a Discretionary Account. This account fill has donations and such placed in it. This was created to keep these funds and monies from the County, from intermingling. An easier way for tracking.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications to comment on this month.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** Chris Anderson reported for Stan, that the New Member training class is in full swing with a total of 28 Students.

There was a brief discussion brought up by Chief Edwards from Hitchcock about record keeping thru the College for the Students that attend the training. Dan mentioned that he and Stan will get together to discuss this more in-depth and come up with some ideas to better track training.

Also, the County Commissioners are happy for the recent help that has come from the County OEM on getting vacant and run down properties for the County Fire Departments to use for training purposes.

Dan mentioned that all of the Departments need to have your members complete the NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 courses that are FREE thru the FEMA website. The are the basic minimum courses.

## **Accountability**

## **EMS**

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

## **Resource Book**

**Dispatching**

**Constitution and By-laws**

**Mapping**

**Audit**

**Contract**

**COLLECTION OF DUES**

Most Departments are paid up and a second notice will be going out shortly says Treasurer Kattner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dan reported that the Chief's Retreat was again another success, and that many good topics were discussed. Mapping, NIMS Compliance, standardized SOP/SOG, and County Dispatching were just a few topics discussed. The minutes for the Chief's Retreat will be going out soon as per the Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Anderson brought up the subject of increasing the dues for the Association Members and Sustaining Members. **He submitted a by-laws change.**

Article I Section I – III reads that an active member of the Association shall pay \$25.00 annual dues. **Change to read \$ 200.00 annual dues.**

Article I Section I- VI reads that an Associate member will pay \$25.00 dues annually. **Change to read \$ 100.00 annual dues.**

This will be read at the next business meeting in April and will be voted on in May.

Dan brought up the discussion of the 2 fire trucks that this Association currently has for reserves in the event that someone needs them. They are currently sitting in the lay down yard for the County Roads Department in Santa Fe. Todd Zacherl, with Siddons Martin Apparatus went by there and took a look at them and reported it would probably be a minimum of \$50,000.00 each just to get them in a good working condition. Dan said we would make some kind of decisions on this next month so be thinking of what we should do.

*At the Chief's retreat, Tommy Anderson made a motion to tell the County that we no longer need the truck, seconded by Brent Hahn and the Motion Passed*

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Dan went over the attendance requirements for the Association. Any department missing 3 consecutive meetings in a row are considered not in good standing with the Association. There were 3 Departments last year. Each Department will need to have at least 1 person to attend the meetings throughout the year.

Chief Zacherl from Texas City gave a reminder of the Firefighter Games on June the 20<sup>th</sup>. **(Cook off participants can set up on the 19<sup>th</sup>.)**

This will include a B-B-Q cook off, music, food, shopping and fun for the entire family all held in the downtown historic 6<sup>th</sup>. Street area of Texas City. The games are scheduled to begin with a parade line up at 8am. Come out and have a fun filled day with other men and women from the fire service. This is open to all Firefighters and their families. The goal is to develop camaraderie and raise funds for the Galveston County Mainland United Way. To sign up go to [www.uwgcm.com](http://www.uwgcm.com) and follow the links. There is also a link on the County Firefighters Association website.

The Convention rooms have been sent to the Moody Gardens Hotel and have been booked. More about the Convention to come.

On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day at the Capitol. It is set to kick off at 11:00 am with a fish fry luncheon on the grounds to follow.

Thanks to the area Fire Department that has stepped up to help out with recent events in other towns such as Pearland, Friendswood and League City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

**NEXT MEETING PLACE at San Leon FD on April 2 , 2015**



***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.

