



# Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

May 7, 2015

## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	3	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	
Bayou Vista FD	2	Hitchcock FD	3	Santa Fe FD	11
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	2	Kemah FD	1	Texas City FD	2
Friendswood FD	12	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD	2	League City FD			
Bullard		Firehouse Software	1	Marathon Texas City	
CISM	1	Forrest Bend FD	2	MED 3000	
COM	2	Galveston County OEM	1	MES	1
Commercial Wireless Solutions		Galveston County Wildland Taskforce		Metro	
Dooley Tackaberry		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.	3	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	1
				Wilson Fire	

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Glenn Hastings with VFIS invited everyone to their hospitality room at the convention from 6-9 on Monday evening. He also mentioned the LODD cook off, motorcycle ride and events at Jack Brooks Park in Hitchcock May 15 and 16.

Also check out the new online training by VFIS...**University VFIS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by K Baden and seconded by J Westinghausen to approve the minutes for the month of April. Motion carries.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's report was read by the Honorable Rusty Kattner.  
Motion made by M Lancaster and seconded by T Anderson to approve the treasurer's report for the month of April. Motion carries.

\$12,178.00 is the checking balance and \$53,373.00 is the savings balance.

**COMMUNICATIONS** VFIS newsletter

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** None at this time.

**Accountability**

**EMS**

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

**Resource Book** Almost finished.

**Dispatching**

**Constitution and By-laws**

**Mapping**

**Audit**

**Contract**

**OEM** There will be a Radiological Nuclear Detection discussion and planning meeting on June 2, 2015 at 9:30 am at the County Building on 646.

**CISM** Shari spoke to the Association asking that if anyone is interested in joining the team that they are looking for volunteers. There will be some training this summer.

Dan spoke about **T-Flag** mentioning that there are several bills out there. Also there will be decisions made on sprinklers, inspections, insurance and 2604 training.

## **COLLECTION OF DUES**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tommy Anderson mentioned the new website for the SFFMA, and how nice it looks.  
[www.sffma.org](http://www.sffma.org)

Dan was asked by Brazoria County about the 2 fire trucks that were not needed by our Association. It looks like they will get them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Westinghouse asked about the scholarships that the County Association give away every year. He mentioned 2 guys that went thru the Fire Academy last year and asked if they could get reimbursement for it or part of it. This is tuition only.

**Chief Westinghouse made the motion and Chief T Anderson seconded it.**

Motion passed.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Dan mentioned that the Forestry service has vehicles coming that could possibly go to Fire Departments for use.

Chief Zacherl from Texas City mentioned the Fire games, cook off, parade, washer tourney, and horseshoe tourney in Texas City on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The parade line up is at 8:00am on Saturday but the Cook Off teams may set up on Friday. There will also be music, food and lots of family fun. This is a combined effort of the Texas City Fire Department and the Galveston County United Way.

Go to [www.uwgcm.org](http://www.uwgcm.org) and follow the links!

*Let's all go out and support this worthy cause.*

Dan and Rusty spoke about the Convention. They along with Chief Wisko from Galveston have been in constant contact with Gabbi at the State office coordinating things for the Convention in Galveston.

Crystal Beach is paying for a guest speaker to be there. Budweiser has committed to helping out with the beverages.

On the Friday night before the Convention, Rusty will be having his Presidents Dinner at Santa Fe's Fire Station 1 in Santa Fe. This is an invitation only event.

Saturday morning will be the registration and kick off of the Convention. We'd like to see some show of support from the County Departments by bringing some apparatus over to moody Gardens to show off.

Jim Cargile, the liaison for Galveston County and the Pumper Race Committee has everything lined out except some bleachers. They are looking for some stands that can be set up for the spectators and participants at the races. If you have any ideas please contact Jim at 409-502-1024.

C Anderson from Santa Fe is heading up the part time medics to work the convention. If you are interested, contact him at 409-739-6100. Friendswood will be donating their ATV for use.

Anthony Cargile asked that if anyone that is a part of his or her Departments Honor Guard and would like to participate in the Convention's Memorial Service, contact him at 409-795-4224.

Sunday nights Presidents Reception will be held at the Moody Gardens Palm Beach from 6:30 till 10:00. It will be exclusively for the members and families of Fire Fighters in Galveston County and Rusty's invited guests. There will be a live band, hamburgers and hot dogs and a fire works show starting around 9:30. We will have the special tickets for this event at the next County meeting in Galveston.

There will be transportation during the Convention to and from several places. Dickinson Fire Department will be handling this task.

There will be a hospitality night in Rusty and Nita's room every night of the Convention. This will be for a time to sit and relax, grab something to snack or drink on and have good conversation. Dan Key, Mark Lancaster and Joel Sumrall will be taking care of this.

The County Association will have a suite, to be determined where, for workers to sit and relax. This will also serve as a place of storage for supplies for the Convention.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8-5, there will be a special class...

**Social Media for Response and Recovery in the Fire Service.**

You can go to [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org) to register. The class is limited to 30 students.

**You will need a laptop computer that is wi-fi capable, and a twitter and Facebook account.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

**NEXT MEETING PLACE** at Galveston's Station #5 on June 4 , 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.

