



# Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

May 5, 2016

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Key called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:40 PM at Friendswood Fire Department, Station #1  
Bill Pollard gave the invocation and led the pledge.

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	1	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	1
Bayou Vista FD	2	Hitchcock FD	2	Santa Fe FD	8
Crystal Beach FD	1	Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	
Dickinson FD	1	Kemah FD	2	Texas City FD	2
Friendswood FD	16	LaMarque FD		Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD		League City FD	2		

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyndi Lewis from the International Code Council gave the Association a brief rundown on what's going on with codes, new codes and adoptions. She thanked us for being a part of their Association.

Chief McLaren from the College spoke about what's happening at the college and how they are continuing to provide new and more training opportunities.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

## TREASURERS REPORT

Rusty Kattner read treasurer's report.

Motion made by A Cargile and seconded by O Thompson to approve the treasurer's report for the month of April. Motion carries.

\$16,092 is the checking balance and \$37,930 is the savings balance.  
CD Balance is \$49,940 GC/TR Account is at \$9,593

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None at this time

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** Chief Koz spoke mentioning that the FF I and FF II classes are finishing up and that they did very well.

There will be an Officer Development class at the College that will be put on by a Captain from HFD. Dates will be available soon.

Stan also spoke about students possibly attending the classes for the night academy, which are M, W and every Saturday. Once the student passes the class they will take the SFFMA test instead of the TCFP.

Dan mentioned that he spoke with Chief Zacherl, and that the TCFD is looking into possibly building a training field. More details are to come in the future.

Chief McLaren spoke again mentioning that the registration for CE classes will be sent out. He also mentioned that for registration for these classes must be sent in BEFORE the class begins.

### **Some dates to remember are:**

May 16-27 Driver/Operator Course

### **Summer Smoke Dates:**

EVOG June 25th and 26<sup>th</sup>

Pump Operations July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10th

## **Accountability**

## **EMS**

## **Website**

## **Resource Book**

## **Dispatching**

## **Constitution and By-laws**

## **Mapping**

## **Audit**

## **Contract**

Garrett Foskit spoke from the GCOEM mentioning that they had a hurricane conference and urged everyone to be prepared for anything.

Sherri Forward from the CISM team spoke mentioning that if you need the team, you can now go thru the GCSO numbers to contact the team. Also, there will be some CISM training coming up in Sugarland.

## **COLLECTION OF DUES**

Santa Fe, Tiki Island, Firehouse Software, MES, Metro, Marathon, USSG and Wilson fire Equipment need to pay their dues.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dan spoke about the idea of a third party company doing our audit. He spoke with several businesses and the best he found would be anywhere from \$5000 to \$7000 dollars. Dan says he doesn't want to spend that kind of money unless the County Commissioners want to pay for it, and that he feels we can continue to do our own audit.

Spoke about the survey going online and that it will be accessible thru the website. We will be able to run reports and use these as to what we all do as individual departments. The surveys need to be filled out and sent back by the June Meeting.

TC Chief Rubio spoke about the house that they will burn. Will do some water shuttle operations training.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan spoke about the Departments in Brazoria County that border our County wanting to put our radio channels in their radios. He asked if we want to draw up a resolution and have them go thru our Association. All agreed that it should be on individual Departments.

Rusty spoke mentioning that the new hotel will not be ready for convention and that the hotel will need you credit card numbers on file for your room reservations.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

A Cargile spoke thanking everyone for the thoughts and prayers for the Brantley family. Also thanks for helping out with the funeral.

B Pollard asked if the GCOEM was providing ERG books. G Foskit said yes, and that there is also a FREE app you can get for your smart phone.

Chief Zacherl mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fire games benefiting the Galveston County United Way. The dates are June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. BBQ cook off, fire games, a concert and more! Visit the United Way of Galveston County website for more details.

Thanks to Friendswood Fire Department for hosting the meeting and great meal!

Bill Pollard led us all in a benediction prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dickinson



***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.

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