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# SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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# January MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

## NEXT MEETING

The February 6th, 2008 703rd SNCA meeting at 10:00 a.m. will be hosted by Christus Hospitals at the Christus St. Elizabeth Outpatient Pavillion in Beaumont.

The 702nd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was hereby called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 9th, 2008 and was hosted by the Hampshire Volunteer Fire Department here at the Hampshire Community Building.

Scott Kerwood gave the invocation.

Steve Curran led the pledge of allegiance.

Self-introductions were made and Host, Justin Chesson with the Hampshire Volunteer Fire Department, welcomed the membership.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Larry Richard, Cindy Powers, Gary Collins, Brad Guilbeaux and Mark Brown.

## READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jeff Bolton asked for "Approval" of the 701th previous month's minutes as e-mailed for the December 5th, 2007 meeting. A motion was made by Scott Kerwood and seconded by Larry McBride to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

## CORRESPONDANCE –

None

## TREASURERS REPORT

**Secretary/Treasurer, John Owens gave the Treasurer's Report with assistance from John Avery.**

All bills are current.

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2007

Checking:	\$6,364.71
CD:	\$4,967.86
Total Assets	<u>\$11,332.57</u>

The fiscal year 2007 in-kind contribution from GSL has now been expensed and is no longer an asset. Additionally, GSL has withdrawn its database support. Accordingly, the entire \$12,000 of unamortized in-kind contribution is now expensed and is no longer considered an asset.

In addition, President, Jeff Bolton discussed the issue of Dues Payments. Dues notices were mailed out in August, 2007. There are still some members that have not paid. Jeff read from a prepared list (see below) those that have not paid their dues, so that those respective entities could hopefully rectify this situation.

MEMBER	PAID FY '08 DUES	"x" indicates payment
Acadian Ambulance	x	
American Red Cross	x	
Arkema Safety	x	
AtoFina-Beaumont (Total)		
Ausimont USA, Inc		
BASF/Beaumont	x	
BASF/Pt. Arthur	X	
Beaumont Fire Department		
Beaumont Health Department	x	
Beaumont Police Department	x	
BMC Holdings, Inc. (Terra Capital)	x	
Bridge City Police Department	x	
C&B Services		
C.A. "Pete" Shelton	Exempt	
Center Point	pending	

Energy	
Charley Watson	Exempt
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. - Orange	
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. - Port Arthur	
Chevron-UGT Pipeline	
China/West Jefferson Co.	x
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	x
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Mary	x
CIMA c/o Lyondell	
Colonial Pipeline Company	X
Dick Nugent	Exempt
Dooley Tackaberry	x
Draeger Safety Inc.	returned unpaid
Dyn McDermott Petroleum	x
Lucite (DuPont) Beaumont	x
E. I. DuPont (Orange)	x
Entergy Company/Sabine Plant	x
Entergy Texas	x
Equistar-PD Glycol/Oxy-Chem	
Explorer Pipeline	x
ExxonMobil Beaumont Refinery	x
ExxonMobil Chemical BOAP/O/A	x
ExxonMobil Chemical P/E	
Father Don Golaskinsky	Exempt
Fire Source	
Firestone Polymers	
Foster Enterprises	
G.C. Baldwin	Exempt
Garner Environmental	x
Gerdau Steel	x
Goodyear Tire Rubber Co.	x

Groves Fire Department	x
Groves Police Department	x
Hagemeyer North America	x
Hamshire Fire Department	x
Hardin County Emergency Management	x
Hardin County ESD # 2	x
Hardin County ESD #5 (LumbertonVFD)	X
Hardin County Sheriff Dept.	x
Harold N. Shavers	Exempt
Huntsman	x
Industrial Fire World	x
International Specialty Products	
ISTC	X
Jefferson County E.S.D. #1	X
Jefferson County Emg. Mgt.	
Jefferson County LEPC	X
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.	x
Jerry Wimberley	Exempt
Jim Herrington	Exempt
John Harrington	Exempt
John Paul Freely	Exempt
Kay Electronics	x
Kenneth Browning	Exempt
LaBelle-Fannette FD	X
Lanxess (Bayer)	
Little Cypress Fire Department	
Louis Miller	Exempt
Lumberton Fire Department	
Martin Midstream Patners L.P.	x
McLewis VFD	X
Memorial Herman Baptist - Beaumont	x
Memorial Herman Baptist - Orange	x

Merisol	
Mine Safety Appliances Co.	
Motiva Enterprises	x
Motorola	returned unpaid
National Weather Service	exempt
Neches Industrial Park	returned unpaid
Nederland Fire & Rescue	X
Nederland Police Department	x
Nick Davis	Exempt
Nome Volunteer Fire Department	x
Oil Mop	X
Orange County Emergency Mgt.	x
Orange County ESD #1	x
Orange County ESD #2	x
Orange County ESD #3	x
Orange County Sheriff	
Orange Fire Department	x
Orange Police Department	x
Peak Sulfur, Inc. (ChemTrade Logistics)	x
Pinehurst Fire Department	x
Pinehurst Police Department	x
Port Arthur Fire Department	x
Port Arthur Police Department	X
Port Neches Fire Department	x
Port Neches Groves ISD	
Port Neches Police Department	x
R. A. Dick Nugent	Exempt
R. H. "Junior" Bruce	Exempt
R. J. Wood	Exempt
Ray Broussard	Exempt
S. D. Strickland	Exempt

Shell Pipeline Company LP	x
Silsbee Fire Department	
Simplex Grinnell - Bmt Fire Ext	
Southeast Texas Air Rescue(MTC)	X
Southeast Texas Regional Airport	
Stat Care EMS	x
Sun Marine Terminal (Sunoco)	x
SWLA Mutual Aid Association	Exempt
Texas Eastern/Eastern Prod. P/L	returned unpaid
Texas Gas	X
Texas GLO Regional Mgr.	Exempt
Texas Petrochemicals	X
Total Inc.-Pt. Arthur	x
TX. Dept of Public Safety	Exempt
United States Coast Guard	Exempt
Valero	X
VIDOR ISD	x
Vidor Police Department	x
Water District #10 VFD	X
Webb, Murray & Associates	X
West Orange Fire Department	
West Orange Police Department	X
Westvaco	
Williams Fire & Hazard Control	x
WSI (TOTAL SAFETY)	X

A motion was made by Vernon Pierce and seconded by Tod McDowell to approve the report from the Treasurer. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nominating Committee: Tommy Wells – No Report**

**Membership Committee: Dennis Gifford- No Report**

**Constitution and By-Laws: Gary Collins – No Report**

**Audit Committee: Andrew Garcia – No Report**

**Training and Education Committee: Elgin Browning**

For a complete, up-to-date listing of area Training and Education Opportunities for First Responders, please refer to the SNCA Website and click on “Calendar of Events”. Should you have any training opportunities that you want posted, Elgin asks that you contact him at [EBrowning@gt.rr.com](mailto:EBrowning@gt.rr.com)

**Awards Committee: No Report : If any member is interested in “Chairing” this Committee, please contact any Executive Board Member.**

**Communications Committee: Pat Grimes—No Report**

**Inventory: Vernon Pierce – No Report**

**Bosses Night: David Frenzel—No Report**

The membership acknowledged David and his Committee for a “Job well done” regarding the Dec. '07 Bosses Night Event.

David Frenzel and John Owens were also acknowledged as the 2007 Outstanding Award recipients.

**Program Committee: Bryant Champagne- None (absent)**

Bryant advised that he has Programs scheduled through March of this year, however is looking for prospective Programs for the remainder of the year: April-December.

Should any member have an idea for a program, please contact Bryant at (409) 989-7909 or [bryant.champagne@motivaent.com](mailto:bryant.champagne@motivaent.com)

## **Drill and Exercise Committee: Bob Stegall**

Bob advised the US Coast Guard will host a (3) day Field Exercise, June 7-9, 2007. All Industry and First Responder Entities are welcome to participate. "DHS" Exercise Credit will be awarded for those respective entities that participate. This exercise will probably be held at Ford Park.

Bob also advised the membership of an Incident Command System (ICS) training opportunity that should be available in May, 2008. This training will be specific to "Command Staff" (ICS-320) personnel and is not for elected officials. The classes consists of a (3) day curriculum instructed by US Coast Guard officials and will probably be held at Ford Park.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Homeland Security Committee: Steve Curran**

Steve discussed the issue of consultants with "CHI Systems" who are working with the local US Coast Guard, Marine Safety Unit and tasked with developing the "Area Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment Plan" for our Port Area. Consultants with "CHI Systems" will be contacting area industry and first responder jurisdictions to discuss vulnerability assessment issues. Steve stressed the importance of being receptive and cooperative when interacting with the CHI reps, as the information the reps. receive from the area first responders and private industry is VITAL to the actual "Plan" as written by CHI.

Steve also advised the membership that future Port Security Grant funding (FY'08) should be around 15-17 million for this Port Area. GOOD NEWS.....

Steve also stressed the importance of local industry becoming more involved in future proposed Port Security funding for "Fire Boats". Steve and Ross Gourlay, with Chevron-Phillips, Port Arthur have been working on a possible proposal. The proposed concept is as follows:

(3) Fire Boats would be purchased with Port Security Grant Funds (75%-25% cash match) for approximately 1 million dollars each. This would be a Joint Venture between Jurisdictions and Industry. Jurisdictions and Industry would share responsibilities.

The Boat size would be between 65'-100'. Municipalities and Area Industry would share responsibilities as follows:

- Municipalities would provide the Dock facility
- Municipalities would man and staff the fire boats
- Industry would provide fuel and maintenance costs

The SNCA Board discussed the possibility of bringing this concept in the form of a presentation to the Plant Managers Forum in hopes of garnering support from area industry. More work needs to be done on the "presentation", but a February '08 timeline is being looked at to present it to the Plant Managers Forum.

### **Oil Spill Committee: Tommy Wells-**

Tommy advised the Oil Spill Committee would be meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2008. He will be contacting Committee Members of the exact location, time, etc. The meeting will be sponsored by Oil Mop.

### **Overhead Team Committee: Scott Kerwood**

Scott advised of the following:

January 16 and 17, Scott Kerwood, Wayne Roccaforte, and Larry Richard are attending the Texas Fire Chiefs Association training program on statewide mutual aid fire resources for the SOC (State Operations Center). Later in January, the SNCA Overhead team will meet to discuss the outcomes of this meeting and to finalize the program for the SNCA February meeting. At the February meeting, the program presentation will be a panel discussing the SNCA OHT (Overhead Team) and the direction it is going. The SNCA membership will help in the program by providing feedback to the OHT to assure they are going in the correct direction.

### **Strategic Planning Committee: Cindy Powers**

**No Report**

### **SNCA Golf Tournament Committee: Bobby Layne/ Bryant Champagne**

Bryant advised that he is working on sponsorships for the Tournament and a process for those interested in participating (applications).

### **Public Relations Committee: Stephanie Garsea – Absent: No Report**

### **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ISSUES**

Recent emergencies were discussed in the following categories: Industry, Municipal Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, Homeland Security and Health.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bob Stegall, Security Specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard introduced “CHI Systems” consultants who are tasked with developing the “Area Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment Plan” for our Port Area.**

**Greg Fountain, Jefferson County EMC, John Owens, city of Port Arthur EMC and Jay Hall, Regional Liaison Officer with the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management at Beaumont, DPS discussed the upcoming State Hurricane Conference, May 19-22, 2008 at the Galveston Convention Center. In previous Conferences the focus has been on Evacuation/Sheltering/Special Needs Population Issues. Greg and John emphasized that this Conference also includes issues that pertain to working with the Private Industry Sector. Should anyone have issues they wish to be discussed or a topic that should be emphasized in**  
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the upcoming Conference, please contact any of the local Emergency Management Coordinators.

Rick Carter with "Solar-X" Window Films Systems made a brief statement concerning "Glass Protection" that is available through "Solar-X". "Pound for pound, mil for mil, there is no stronger, more tear-resistant security film in the world than 3M Safety and Security Window Film", a product that "Solar-X" has available. This product is excellent window protection against man-made explosive incidents or natural disasters such as hurricanes. Anyone interested can contact:

Rick Carter  
(409) 276-2626  
(713) 545-8330 cell  
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**PROGRAM:** Alan HERNBERGER with Williams Fire Hazard and Control gave an informative presentation on Williams Fire Hazard and Control Capabilities which included the "N-Hance" High Volume Water Pump.

**PLEASE NOTE THE UP-COMING HOSTS:**

MONTH	YEAR	ENTITY
February	2008	Christus Hospitals
March	2008	Sunoco Logistics
April	2008	Acadian Ambulance
May	2008	Chevron Pipeline
June	2008	Kay Electronics
July	2008	Chevron Phillips
August	2008	Valero
September	2008	Huntsman
October	2008	TOTAL Petrochemicals
November	2008	Stat-Care Ambulance
December	2008	Orange Co. ESD #3

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Elgin Browning and seconded by Steve Curran to adjourn the 702nd meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted,

*John Owens*  
Secretary/Treasurer