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Scott McDonald
Industry Director 23 - 24

Donta Miller
Police Director 24 - 25

Sparky Robinson
Police Director 23 - 24

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Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 890th meeting of the SNCA was held on April 3, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was hosted by Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Jeff Phillips (Jeff. Co. Emrg. Mgt.) led the membership in an invocation. Tommy Shelton (Goodyear) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members not in attendance; Sparky Robinson (OPD), Sharon Whitley (Hardin Co. Hth. Dept.).

Self-introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Verna Rutheford who was the representative of Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group. Ms. Rutheford said a few welcoming words to the membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for a motion and second to accept the April 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2) to accept Minutes as read and seconded by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD#1), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1) to review the Financial Report with the membership:

Beginning April Balance..... \$ 57,488.80
 Deposits..... \$ 9,956.77 (Golf + Membership dues)
 Withdrawals..... \$ 7,076.00
 Ending April Balance\$ 60,369.57
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,187.98 (5/1/24)
Combined Ending Balance\$ 65,557.55

Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website fee	\$ 90.00
Debit Card	Rockin A Café	Board meeting meal	\$ 279.00
Ck.# 1686	City of Beaumont	Golf Tournament (Henry Homberg Course)	\$6,707.00

President Ocnaschek asked if there were any comments or changes regarding the Treasurer’s Report, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. A motion was then made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) to and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASf), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership at the March meeting the first reading of the membership application from City Ambulance Services was read. Per the Constitution **Section 4d – Application for Membership**, the Application is now being brought forth to the membership for vote. President Ocnaschek asked for a motion and second to make City Ambulance Services a Non-Exempt Governmental Health/EMS/Voting Member. Louie Havens (PAFD) made the motion and seconded by Jeff Phillips (Jeff. Co, Emg. Mgt.), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- President Ocnaschek told the membership at the recent quarterly Board Meeting a member recommendation was brought before the Board for Honorary Membership. Butch Holmes has been part of the Association for a very long time and has served in many roles including EMS Director, Board Member and has always been a very active member serving in many roles of the SNCA events for all the years. Butch served at many of the Golf Tournaments lending a hand whenever and wherever needed and was also heavily involved in the behind-the-scenes work assisting and planning to make the 75th Anniversary event a great success. Outside of the SNCA Butch has served the first

responder communities all over the counties being involved in the many of the disaster incidents and emergency management planning his whole career. It is without any question Butch Holmes is worthy of the recognition of Honorary Member, and was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)

SNCA Activations YTD – 20

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Not Present

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

Chairperson Czerwiec told the membership he has one Membership Application pending, will be brought to the BOD for approval.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

No updates

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea continue to make monthly updates to the website. Chair Garsea asked if anyone has any pictures from incidents, events, etc. from SNCA, please send them to her (sgarsea@acadian.com). The SNCA is lacking a lot of our history and we need everyone to help put together our story. The 75th Anniversary Committee will also be working on this for the rest of the year. Also, monthly meeting information is posted for the next month after this month's meeting.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea told the membership awards will be given out at Bosses night in December and we will officially begin taking nominations in August. Chair Garsea said if anyone has someone they would like to nominate now, you can get with her to submit the request.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

*21st Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:

WOW -- What a great day! 41 teams played and we had 28-hole sponsors. Chair Garsea told the membership she is wrapping up the financials and waiting on a few organizations to pay; We hope to have official financials and do a check presentation to LIT for the June meeting. Lastly, LIT hosted their Spring scholarship banquet where President Ocnaschek and Golf Chair Stephanie Garcia were able to attend to represent the Sabine-Neches Chiefs' Association and were able to have dinner and visit with several of our scholarship recipients. It was great to see our efforts for this annual event come full circle to see those who are receiving the money. Thank you ALL who helped make the annual golf tournament a success!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

*75th SNCA Anniversary: Even though our anniversary event is behind us, we will still have a few things working. Please send any photos from the 75th anniversary event to Stephanie Garsea (sgarsea@acadian.com) so that we can pull together a scrapbook.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson

The Communications Committee has been actively engaging in a series of regional meetings to represent the SNCA, focusing primarily on advancements and discussions surrounding radio communications. This proactive approach ensures that our association remains at the forefront of technological and operational developments in this vital area.

One of the key meetings attended by the committee was hosted by the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission. This gathering was crucial for discussing regional radio coverage challenges and opportunities, specifically in Hardin and Jasper County. Among the agenda items were discussions about the annual radio subscription and maintenance fees required from stakeholders. This financial aspect is critical for the upkeep and continuous improvement of our communication systems.

Moreover, future funding and grant opportunities for the regional radio system were explored. Such financial avenues are essential for ensuring the sustainability and enhancement of our communication capabilities.

To maintain the highest standards of operational readiness, the committee reminded the SNCA membership of the importance of participating in the weekly radio interoperability checks. These checks, held every Tuesday at 9 am, are not only a test of our equipment but also a demonstration of our commitment to seamless communication in times of need.

Additionally, the committee underscored the importance of ensuring that all FCC license holders within our ranks have active and compliant licenses. Assistance and guidance have been offered to any member in need of support in this area, reinforcing our commitment to regulatory compliance and operational excellence.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson

The Strategic Planning Committee has embarked on a visionary project to chart the future course of the SNCA. With a collaborative spirit, a survey was meticulously drafted with inputs from committee members. This survey is not just a tool for gathering opinions but a reflection of our collective ambition to transcend our current operational paradigms.

The draft of this survey was shared with the SNCA President and committee members, inviting further feedback and recommendations. This iterative process ensures that every aspect of our strategic vision is scrutinized and enhanced, embodying the collective wisdom and aspirations of our leadership.

Once refined, the final draft of the survey will be distributed to the SNCA membership. The engagement of our members in this process is not just encouraged but seen as essential. The survey is designed to be a catalyst for expansive thinking, urging members to envision a future that not only extends beyond our current comfort zones but also challenges us to aspire for greater heights and achievements.

By soliciting and valuing the input of our members, we aim to foster a culture of innovation and forward-thinking. This approach is critical in ensuring that the SNCA does not succumb to stagnation but instead continues to evolve as a dynamic and influential organization within our community.

In summary, these reports from the Communications and Strategic Planning Committees highlight the SNCA's commitment to excellence, proactive engagement, and visionary planning. Through these endeavors, we are not just preparing for the future; we are actively shaping it to ensure our association remains a leading force in our region.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory

Chair Grimes Review your agency's inventory regularly and update accordingly. The inventory is used to find resources when we have an emergency.

Database

Thanks for everyone's cooperation with updating contact information. Be sure to let me know if you make changes to your primary or alternate members' information in the database so that I can make the changes in our notification system.

Remember, this information is used for notifying members in the event they are needed for an emergency.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

Jeff Phillips provided an update regarding various training opportunities occurring in the area.

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

No Report

BOSSSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

No Report

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson

No Report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

No report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson

Chair McDonald reported that the first quarter meeting was held, and several topics were discussed. Two items of importance to the membership are:

1. The date for the dry deployment drill to be held at Energy Transfer on May 30th (See Tommy Wells for more information about participation).
2. The Industrial group will be hosting the 1st Annual SNCA Industrial Fire school on August 19th - 22nd, 2024. See Brandon Pippin or Shane Thomas for more information. The next meeting IF&S Meeting will be hosted by Motiva/S. Thomas on June 11th at 10am. EOR

PROGRAM: Verna Rutheford presented an in-depth program into what Jefferson County Long Term Recovery is all about.

NEXT MEETING: The 891st meeting will be June 5th 2024, hosted by City Ambulance Services and will be held at Rockin A Cafe beginning at 10AM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to adjourn. Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2) There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:27AM.

2024 Meetings/Hosts

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Beaumont	886	January 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Natgasoline	887	February 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Energy Transfer Spindletop	888	March 6, 2024	Courville's
Valero Pipeline and Logistics	889	April 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group	890	May 1, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
City Ambulance Services	891	June 5, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
CTEH	892	July 3, 2024	Courville's
DRC	893	August 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Golden Triangle Polymers	894	September 4, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
AMPOL	895	October 2, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jasper County E.S.D. #1	896	November 6, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Dooley Tackaberry	897	December 4, 2024	Rockin A Cafe