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Tim Ocnaschek
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Sergeant-at-Arms 23 - 24

Larry McBride
Fire Director 24 - 25

Terry Morton
Fire Director 23 - 24

Tommy Wells
Industry Director 24 - 25

Scott McDonald
Industry Director 23 - 24

Donta Miller
Police Director 24 - 25

Sparky Robinson
Police Director 23 - 24

Joel Ardoin
At-Large Director 23 - 24

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Sharon Whitley
Health Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 893th meeting of the SNCA was held on August 7, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was being hosted by DRC. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:11AM

Matt Dulaney (SNCA Chaplain) 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. Hlth. Dept).

Tommy Wells recognized President Ocnaschek for recently being appointed Police Chief for the City of Beaumont. The membership responded with a standing ovation.

Self-introductions were made by those members present.

At the request of Chief White (BFD) President Ocnaschek asked the membership to stand and give a "Moment of Silence" of the recent passing of long-term Beaumont Fire Chief and SNCA member Chief Pete Shelton.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Mike White who was representing DRC who was the host for the August meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for a motion and second to accept the July 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) 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 present the Treasurer’s report to the membership.

Beginning July Balance..... \$48,876.79
 Deposits..... \$ 4,526.37
 Withdrawals..... \$ 5,090.00
 Ending July Balance \$48,313.16
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,188.24
Combined Ending Balance\$53,501.40

Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
7/1/24	CK. 1690	FireBoo, LLC	PSC Course	\$5,000.00
7/2/24	Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly web fee	\$ 90.00

President Ocnaschek asked if there were any questions 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 made by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) and seconded by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership the Tentative 2025 Host Schedule has been put together and Secretary/Treasurer Gonzales has sent emails to the primary contact with those organizations informing them of their scheduled month to host. President Ocnaschek told the group if you are to host to make plans with the venue ASAP and let Secretary/Treasurer know so he can update the schedule and inform the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek began an explanation of some recent proposed changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Membership Dues Structure. The current membership structure does not specifically explain the response capabilities of agencies, only provide what the organization has in their inventory. The Industrial Fire & Safety Team has proposed to the Board to change this structure and categorizing each organization of what they can deploy to a SNCA called response. With this structure change, the IF&ST has also proposed a change to the dues structure reflecting that organizations deployment inventory. Some organizations have only minimal supplies and equipment i.e., oil spill boom and no response personnel to deploy to a SNCA called response. Other organizations have significant equipment inventory i.e., fire engines, pumps, trailer mounted monitors, etc., plus manpower who can be deployed if called upon. The thought behind the structure

change if you have less to deploy to an emergency your organization will have to pay more in dues than those organizations with larger inventories. After a lengthy explanation by both President Ocnaschek and IF&ST Chairperson McDonald there was no comments from the membership and it was assumed to be a consensus of the proposed changes.

Per the SNCA Constitution, *Section 1, the Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of Voting Members present at any Monthly or Special Meeting provided the membership has been provided a copy thereof in writing or electronic means thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.* At the September meeting this topic will be reviewed and then brought to vote by the membership.

- President Ocnaschek then called on Chairperson Vega of the Ad hoc Strategic Plan Review to explain the changes to the Plan that he had been working on.
- President Ocnaschek explained to the membership proposed changes to the Honorary Membership process. For a member to be brought for Honorary Membership, the member must have rendered distinguished service specifically to the Association versus service for the former employer. Nominations for honorary membership shall be made to the Board of Directors in writing and shall articulate accomplishments and service to the Association warranting this honor. This change will too be voted on in the September meeting.
- President Ocnaschek then recognized Mark Czerwick who was recently made an Honorary Member.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

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

SNCA Activations YTD – 31

Industry: Joel Ardoin (Orange Co. EM) told the membership of a recent event that occurred in the Orange County area when a railcar was being flared and because the flare was not hot enough to burn off the toxic material, many of the citizens in the surrounding area were affected by it.

Municipal Fire: Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co, ESD#3) spoke of the recent structure fire that occurred in his district and mutual aid agencies responded. Chief Herrera was appreciative of the MA responders that help rescue the trapped residents.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: Martha Siemen (PA Hlth. Dept) told the membership of some West Nile cases that were confirmed positives in the Port Arthur Area.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney told the membership that nominations for Board positions will soon be taken. Chair Dulaney will provide a reminder at the meeting September meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

Chair Czerwiec stated he has a letter of application and associated sponsor letter he will vet and provide his recommendations to the Board of Directors

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Chair Curren stated he will ready to make the changes to the Constitution once voted on and presented to him.

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Continue to make monthly updates; If you have any pictures from incidents, events, etc from SNCA, please send them to Stephanie Garsea (sgarsea@acadian.com). We are lacking a lot of our history and we need everyone to help put together our story. Also, monthly meeting information is posted for the next month after this month's meeting.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

It's this time of the year to recognize a fellow SNCA member. If you have anyone, you'd like to nominate please see the forms provided or contact Stephanie Garsea. Our organization is made up of such amazing servants who give daily in our communities. Nominations will be taken during the months of August and September; They will be voted on in October by the SNCA Board. Awards will be given out at Bosses night in December.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

*Save the date for Friday April 25, 2025!!! We have begun working on the annual golf tournament; Registration will begin in January. But if you have any door prizes or give away items lying around your offices, you can get them to Stephanie to store. As always, we need and appreciate all of your support. Every donation given either monetarily or with donated items, allows for SNCA to give more to our future first responders. Any questions, please contact Stephanie. Her contact information is sgarsea@acadian.com or cell 409-284-3026.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

We will begin working to update the SNCA brochure this quarter. We are so proud of our organization and want to be able to tell our story and have something nice to display at events in our community. This will also can be used by the Membership Committee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson

Chair Vega reminded everyone to participate in the weekly Mutual Aid radio test each Wednesday at 9:00am. Also to review your organizations radio inventory.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson

Provide the update proposals in his earlier presentation.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory

Please review your agency’s Dive Team and Communications equipment that’s in inventory this month. Scott McDonald is going to review Foam types in the inventory for accuracy. Let Pat Grimes know if you have new items that need to be added.

Database

Get with Pat if you are not receiving text and emails for meeting reminders. This distribution list is used to request resources in the event of an emergency.

Let Pat know if your Primary Member, Alternate Member, or agency name changes so we can keep the data up to date.

SNCA Agency Date Joined Project

The year your agency joined is located on your agency’s contact page in the database to the right of your agency’s name. The date has been entered at that location since the database was created. For agencies prior to the database, we are reviewing minutes from past meetings to verify the date agencies joined.

In the database if we could not find the exact date joined, the default date is 0000-00-00 or 1969-12-31.

There is a list of member agency date joined in the Latest Notes on the members database for quick reference.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

- Shaqueena Nobles provided a training update in the absence of Chair Phillips.

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

Mike Hiatt told the membership of the recent grant approvals that has occurred.

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 reminded the membership about the SNCA annual fire school in August, and we currently have near 150 participates registered. The next meeting of the IF&S committee is September 30th at 10am hosted by Cheniere. If you are not on the email list and are an Industrial member, please get in contact with Chair McDonald.

PROGRAM: No program

NEXT MEETING: The 894nd meeting will be September 4, 2024, hosted by Golden Triangle Polymers 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 Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD#1) There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

2024 Meetings/Hosts

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meeting Host	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

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meeting Host	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Port Arthur	898	*January 8, 2025	TBD
Vidor ISD Police Department	899	February 5, 2025	TBD
U S Fire Pumps	900	March 5, 2025	TBD
Dow Chemical Company (Sabine River Ops)	901	April 2, 2025	TBD
Foster Safety	902	May 7, 2025	TBD
Entergy (Sabine Plant)	903	June 4, 2025	TBD
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC.	904	July 2, 2025	TBD
Fluor Federal Petroleum	905	August 6, 2025	TBD
Garner Environmental	906	September 3, 2025	TBD
Jasper County E.S.D. #4	907	October 1, 2025	TBD
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD