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2024 Board of Directors

Tim Ocnaschek
President 23 - 24

Tommy Shelton
Vice-President 23 - 24

Chris Gonzales
Secretary/Treasurer 23 - 24

Shaqueena Nobles
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 897th meeting of the SNCA was held on December 4, 2024 at the Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was being hosted by Dooley Tachaberry. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:15AM

Jeff Phillips (Jeff. Co. EM) 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 (Orange PD).

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized David Bartek (Dooley Tackaberry) who welcomed the membership.

President Ocnaschek then asked for the membership to commence with self-introductions.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for a motion and second to accept the November 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) 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 November Balance..... \$ 49,938.16
 Deposits..... \$ 14,400.00
 Withdrawals..... \$ 1,704.63
 Ending November Balance \$ 62,633.53
 PayPal Balance \$ 11,679.86 (transferred to checking 12/1/2024)
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,188.59
Combined Ending Balance\$ 79,501.98

Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
11/4/24	Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website fee	\$ 90.00
11/4/24	Ck # 1692	All-Hazards Inc. Mgt. Team Assn.	Annual membership	\$ 1,050.00
11/19/24	Debit Card	Jiffy Trophies	Bosses Night Awards	\$ 564.63

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 Treasurer’s Report as presented. A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) and seconded by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD1) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership the Board recently approved the 2025 SNCA Budget that was proposed by EKC, the association’s accounting firm. This budget will be used for the upcoming year.
- President Ocnaschek explained to the membership that letters were sent to organizations that were listed as Exempt and some have replied with documentation indicating why they cannot pay dues or host meetings. There are other organizations that have agreed to change their status from Exempt and have been sent an dues invoice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership the listing for the 2025 meetings has been developed and if you have not replied to the Secretary regarding meeting location, please do so the annual calendar can be updated and distributed. Below is a list of those agencies who have not provided information.
Fluor Federal Petroleum – August
Garner Environmental – September

Triangle Rescue – November
Honeywell – December

- President told the membership that there has been some development with the recent resignation of Secretary/Treasurer Gonzales and prior to elections he wanted to explain. C. Gonzales told the membership that now that he is in his fourth year of retirement, he did not feel that he could commit another four years to the Association as an executive board member and give it his all. Although it was a difficult decision it was best that he relinquish his position now rather than later. With that President Ocnaschek told the membership that Ricky Bodin's name came up several times in discussions as a replacement for C. Gonzales. President Ocnaschek contacted R. Bodin and he agreed to the position and was voted unanimously by the Board via E-Vote. R. Bodin has many years in the SNCA and has been involved with the Port Arthur FD and Orange Co. ESD#2 as Chief for many years and comes with experience.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)
SNCA Activations YTD – 54

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson
Not present – Chair Dulaney

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson
No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson
Not present

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

We are trying to keep this as current as possible with updated bylaws, drills, etc. Our organization is doing amazing things with training so please look at these galleries. **Note - meeting locations are now posted under the membership log in.

Also, 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.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Congratulations to Tommy Wells and Tim Ocnachek on receiving awards at Boss Night. So very well deserved.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:

*Save the date for Friday April 25, 2025!!! 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 towards scholarships for 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

Nothing to report.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson – Not present

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson

Not present

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson

Not present

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Chair Grimes reminded everyone to assure they go into the database and maintain an updated inventory of equipment and supplies. The inventory system is used during SNCA events when resources are requested.

- (Fire) NFPA 1081 Trained Firefighters- NFPA Gear
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Drager Tubes
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Drager X-am 8000
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Ex Drager X-am 2500
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Mini Rae
- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Mini Rae 11,7 eV

- (Hazmat) Air Monitor Radius BZ 1 10,6 eV
- (Hazmat) Dry Chemical Extinguisher Wheeled Unit
- (Hazmat) Dry Chemical Skid Unit
- (Hazmat) Co2 Extinguisher Wheeled Unit

- Portable Lighting System

A pdf of Inventory resources is in the notes in the members database. New items are highlighted in red.

Modifications to the inventory system to assist with new Industry Classifications.

Chair Grimes asked that you let him know if you have resource's that are not in the inventory that need to be added.

The meeting host and date of scheduled meetings will be posted on the notes in the members database.

The Fire Group in SNCA Everbridge has been updated and now includes all industry members and Fire Departments.

Let Pat Grimes know if there are any changes to your agency's primary or alternate members and let me know if you are not receiving text and email reminders for the SNCA meetings.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson
Not present

BOSSSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson
Chair Frenzel told the membership that Bosses Night was a success and was well attended and already making plans for next year.

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson
Chair Low stated s

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson
Chair Ocnaschek told the membership that Texas will be hosting the All-Hazards Incident Management Team Conference in Ft. Worth Feb. 25-27. Chair Ocnaschek stated this is a great opportunity to send your personnel to learn.

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson
Chair McDonald .

“AD HOC” HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: John Randall – Chairperson
Chair Randall told the membership if they have any memorabilia or know of someone who has some to contact him.

PROGRAM: David Bartek (Dooley Tacaberry) provided a look into the operation of Dooly and the products and services it provides.

NEXT MEETING: The 898nd meeting will be January 8, 2024 hosted by Port of Port Arthur and will be held at Rockin A Cafe beginning at 10AM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss President Ocnashek asked for a motion to adjourn. Jodie Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD#3) made the motion to adjourn and seconded Bily Smith (Jasper Co. EM) There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:12AM.

HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Port Arthur	898	*January 8, 2025	Courville's
Allegiance Mobile Health	899	February 5, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
U S Fire Pumps	900	March 5, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Dow Chemical Company (Sabine River Ops)	901	April 2, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Foster Safety LLC	902	May, 7,2025	Foster Safety,1715 W. Commerce Pkwy.
Siddons Martin	903	June 4, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC.	904	July 2, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
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	Rockin A Cafe
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD