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2024 Board of Directors

Tim Ocnaschek
President 23 - 24

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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 895th meeting of the SNCA was held on October 2, 2024 at Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was being hosted by AMPOL. President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:10AM

Matt Dulaney (SNCA Chaplain) led the membership in an invocation. Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD#1) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members not in attendance; Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), Donta Miller (JCSO), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD), Joel Ardoin (Orange Co. EM), Sharon Whitley (Hardin Co. Hth Dept).

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized Eric Lyons (AMPOL) 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 September 2024 Meeting Minutes sent out via email. A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) to accept Minutes as read and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD), 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 September Balance..... \$ 46, 723.16
 Deposits..... \$ 500.00 (Dues)
 Withdrawals..... \$ 90.00
 Ending September Balance \$ 47,133.16
 Certificate of Deposit..... \$ 5,188.42
Combined Ending Balance\$ 52,321.58

Date	Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
9/5/24	Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website 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 Treasurer’s Report as presented. A motion was made by Billy Smith (Jasper Co. EM) and seconded by Larry McBride (Jasper Co. ESD #1) there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek told the membership that at the September meeting the first reading of the Application Letter from Port Arthur LNG and accompanying Sponsor Letter from Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office were read to the General Membership requesting admission into the Association. Per the Constitution, Section 4g - Application for Membership, this request is now being brought to the membership for vote. If there is no discussion, requesting a motion and second to accept Port Arthur LNG into the Association. A motion was made by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2) and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
- President Ocnaschek briefly discussed the recent fire at the Clearstream Wastewater Systems facility in Silsbee. President Ocnaschek said this was a large event with several agencies throughout the area that responded to assist Silsbee FD.
- President Ocnaschek told the membership that the 2025 Membership dues have been sent out and with the recent membership vote the dues for most agencies have increased. President Ocnaschek then called on Scott McDonald, Chair of the Industrial and Safety Committee to

explain the payment process that is currently on the web. Chair McDonald told the membership that if you are an industrial partner there are five Classes to choose from, all are \$500.00 payments. Chair McDonald said that any of the Classes can be selected and used for payment at this time. Chair McDonald said that he is hoping in the first or second quarter of 2025 these industrial partners will be classified according to their on-site and response capabilities.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

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

SNCA Activations YTD – 41

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: Eddie Burliegh (AEMS) relayed an appreciation message from Chief Jones (Silsbee FD) to all the responding agencies to the Clearstream Wastewater facility fire.

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: Martha Siemen (PA Hlth. Dept) told the membership the flu injections are available and should be taken advantage of.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney told the membership that as of this meeting nominations for the 2025 Board positions are open. Expiring positions are Secretary/Treasurer, Fire Dir (T. Morton), Industrial Dir (S. McDonald), Police Dir (S. Robinson), At-Large (J. Ardoin), EMS Dir, Health Dir (S. Garsea), Health Dir (S. Whitley). If anyone has a member, they want to nominate contact Chair Dulaney at dulaneymatt@gmail.com or 409-656-7948.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Not present

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. We have received several nominations. If you have anyone, you'd like to nominate please see the forms provided or contact Stephanie Garsea. Nominations are for those members who you feel have carried out the mission of SNCA within our organization. All nominations will be reviewed and voted on in October by the SNCA Board. Awards will be given out at Bosses night in December.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

***22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:**

*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 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 – Chair Havens said there is current talk of staffing a marine presence on the waterway.

COMMUNICATIONS: Eloy Vega – Chairperson

Not present

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – Eloy Vega Chairperson

Carolyn Guidry (LIT) made a report on behalf of Chair Vega in regards to a recent Strategic Plan meeting that was held. According to Ms. Guidry there was discussion particularly around communications when a SNCA activation occurs and when response needs are requested. There will be more work done on this in future meetings.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory

The inventory listing in the database was recently used for the Clearsteam Wastewater facility in Silsbee. A request for portable light systems was made and the database inventory was searched. There were three lighting resources found that could have supplied the lights. Chair Grimes stated this was a good find but I know there are many more lighting systems available in the organization.

It is so important that the inventory be up to date. Please take some time look your organizations inventory and be sure you have added all resources listed. We can have the best resource list available for our region but it takes each agency to keep it up to date.

KEEP IN MIND YOUR SITE COULD BE THE ONE IN NEED!!

Add any quantity you want to. It is up to the agency what they send when the request is made. We have 93 items in the inventory system.

(Hazmat) Foam Fluorine Free

(Hazmat) Air Monitoring Equipment

If you need any assistance updating your agencies inventory, please reach out.

Database

The contacts listed in the database are equally important to be kept up to date. Please let Chair Grimes know anytime changes take place with Primary and Alternates for your agency.

If phone numbers or email addresses change, let him know.

If you make changes in the database, let him know so that he can update our notification system.

If you are not getting text and email messages for the monthly meetings, let me know.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Jeff Phillips - Chairperson

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

September marks National Preparedness Month, the annual campaign to remind everyone that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families and their communities safe.

Core capabilities are essential for the execution of each of the five mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Chair Frenzel told the membership he has placed RSVP forms on the tables in the room and wants members to begin to list the number of people who will attend Bosses Night which will be held on the first Monday in December. Chair Frenzel reminded everyone that the Association DOES NOT invite anyone, it is up to the individual to invite their boss.

OIL SPILL: Heather Low - Chairperson

No Report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

No report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald – Chairperson

Chair McDonald reported on the third quarter meeting and thanked Craig Corder/Cheniere Energy for hosting. SNCA 2nd Annual Fire School will be held at TEEEX on December 8th-11th, 2025. Save the dates. Chair McDonald also recognized Pat Grimes for all that he does for the SNCA related to the inventory. Chair McDonald reminded the Industrial members to update their inventory and that classifications of Industrial members will be assigned by the 2nd quarter 2025 based on the reflected inventory in the database. He also reminded Industrial members that are not receiving his communications need to provide them to him. EOR.

“AD HOC” HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: John Randall – Chairperson

No Report

PROGRAM: Eric Lyons with AMPOL provided a PowerPoint presentation of the operation of AMPOL and what they can provide to emergency operations during event.

NEXT MEETING: The 896nd meeting will be November 6, 2024, hosted by Jasper County E.S.D. #1 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. Louie Haves (PAFD) made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Scott McDonald (BASF). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.

2024 Meetings/Hosts

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

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	TBD
U S Fire Pumps	900	March 5, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Dow Chemical Company (Sabine River Ops)	901	April 2, 2025	TBD sent follow up email 9/6
Foster Safety LLC	902	May, 7,2025	Foster Safety,1715 W. Commerce Pkwy.
Siddons Martin	903	June 4, 2025	TBD
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC.	904	July 2, 2025	Rockin A Cafe
Fluor Federal Petroleum	905	August 6, 2025	TBD awaiting approval from corp. 9/10
Garner Environmental	906	September 3, 2025	TBD sent follow up email 9/6
Jasper County E.S.D. #4	907	October 1, 2025	TBD sent follow up email 9/6
Triangle Rescue Services	908	November 5, 2025	TBD awaiting venue determination 9/10
Honeywell	909	December 3, 2025	TBD sent follow up email 9/6