



**REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**  
August 7, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Mike Wisko called the meeting of the Galveston County Firefighters Association to order at 7:34 PM at the Bacliff VFD. Bob Doolittle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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| <u>15</u> Bacliff VFD      | <u>0</u> Hitchcock VFD     | <u>3</u> Texas City VFD    | <u>1</u> Draeger              |
| <u>1</u> Bayou Vista VFD   | <u>2</u> Jamaica Beach VFD | <u>4</u> Tiki Island VFD   | <u>0</u> Ferrara              |
| <u>1</u> Crystal Beach VFD | <u>3</u> Kemah FD          |                            | <u>0</u> Galveston County OEM |
| <u>0</u> Dickinson VFD     | <u>3</u> LaMarque VFD      | <u>0</u> AB Products       | <u>0</u> Gulf Coast FFA       |
| <u>5</u> Friendswood VFD   | <u>1</u> League City VFD   | <u>2</u> Bullard           | <u>2</u> Metro Fire           |
| <u>3</u> Galveston FD      | <u>5</u> Pt. Bolivar VFD   | <u>2</u> COM               | <u>0</u> UHCL                 |
| <u>0</u> Gilchrist VFD     | <u>6</u> Santa Fe VFD      | <u>0</u> CISM              | <u>0</u> VFIS                 |
| <u>1</u> High Island VFD   | <u>15</u> San Leon VFD     | <u>0</u> Dooley-Tackaberry | <u>0</u> Vista Realty         |

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

- Freddie Poor – Candidate for Sheriff.
- Reid Riggins – Emergency Response Solutions
- Jerry Palarski – Regional Mgr for Task Force Tips

**APPROVAL OF July 2008 MINUTES:** Motion made by Orbin Thompson and seconded by Roger Baust, to approve the July 2008 minutes. All approved, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Rusty Kattner reads the June 2008 treasurer report from the previous meeting. Motion made by Randy Phipps to accept June report, seconded by J. Smith, all approved. Motion carries.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

- BBQ Cook-off – HFD Fire Fest – October 24 -25, 2008.
- Action Training Systems catalog
- Tiki Island 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – September 18, 2008

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Training:**

- GCFFA Field Day – October 11-12, 2008
- Emergency Driving Class – August 8, 6:00-10:00 PM. August 9, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. La Marque.
- Liberty County Fire Expo and Conference September 13 & 14; the NIMS 300 Class starts on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Galveston County Sheriff Department will be hosting an ICS-300 - 400 course Aug 25 - 28 at the Galveston County Emergency Management Facility in League City, Texas. POC: Robert Ingram Galveston County SO or you can sign up by using <https://www.preparingtexas.org/> <<https://www.preparingtexas.org/index.aspx>> ;
- GCFFA is offering an ICS 300 class September 13 & 14 In Bacliff. Limit 3 per department if your department does not have your 3 slots filled by 1700 hrs. September 5, 2008 all vacant slots will be first come first serve.
- ICS 400 will be offered during the GCFFA Field day.
- With all the excitement lately it may have gone unnoticed but the new IS-100 and IS-200 courses were released by EMI on July 28, 2008. The new courses are known as IS-100a and IS-200a.  
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100A.asp>  
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS200A.asp>  
The old exam from the old courses will remain valid until Aug 31, 2008. I have attached links to both courses see above.
- HARRIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE offering the following classes:

**NIMS IS300** This class is for Mid Level Supervisors and will meet all the requirements for DHS/FEMA IS-300. Class times Friday 1800–2200 hrs. Saturday and Sunday 0800 – 1700 hrs

These classes will be held at the following places:

**NIMS IS400** - This is the follow up class for Senior or Command staff. Class times will be Friday 1800-2200hrs and Saturday 0800-1700 hrs.

#### **August 22 – 23, 2008**

281-932-7199 - Cell

CyFair Volunteer Fire Department, Station #12.

Cost will be \$30.00. Contact Tom Linnenkugel to sign up.

#### **November 14-15, 2008**

Tomball Fire Department

Location TBD

Cost will be \$30.00. Contact Tom Linnenkugel for more information and to sign up.

[tom.linnenkugel@fmo.hctx.net](mailto:tom.linnenkugel@fmo.hctx.net)

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College of the Mainland – Steve Keller

Day Fire Academy begins August 26, 2008

Night Fire Academy begins September 8, 2008

New member Training October 2008

**Accountability:** Galveston FD received tags

**EMS:** none at this time

**Website:** New Calendar on the website. Please let me know if you want to add any events.

**Resource Book:** none at this time

**Dispatching:** None at this time.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** None at this time

**By-laws Committee:** None at this time

**Audit Committee:** None at this time.

**Contract Committee:** None at this time

**Collection of Dues:** Everyone paid for the year.

**T-Flag Committee:** None at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Budget season with the County. There was a workshop that was rescheduled to Hurricane Edouard. We have requested \$75,000 increase in our budget. This will increase all depts. To \$15K and also increases the training budget.
- Rex Kessler requesting proposal for the State Convention for 2011 and 2012
- Mardis Gras parade in February.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tommy Anderson – Gulf Coast Tri-Rivers Firefighters Association meeting at the LaMarque FD. On September 13, 2008. Tommy makes a motion that the GCFFA co-sponsor the event and help fund up to \$400.00 which is about half the cost of the food. Chief Zacherl states there will be approximately 100-115 people and they are having Texican Catering. Cost is \$7.00 per plate. Tommy states we should expect about 75 people. Motion to co-sponsor and contribute ½ the costs up to \$400.00 is seconded by T. Zacherl, all approved. Motion carries.
- Bob Doolittle announced he was stepping down as the Asst. Secretary of the SFFMA at the McAllen Convention in 2009. Rusty Kattner announced at the Beaumont Convention that he was running for Asst. Secretary in 2009. Rusty is requesting an endorsement from the GCFFA. Tod Zacherl makes motion to endorse Rusty Kattner for Asst. Secretary, Bear seconded, and all approved. Motion carries.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Thanks to Bacliff VFD for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.
2. Bacliff VFD will be holding the live auction and dance, September 6, 2008.
3. **Next meeting place will be held at Pt. Bolivar VFD on September 4th.**
4. Door Prizes

Meeting Adjourned



GALVESTON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Galveston County Firefighter's Association. Please place this notice on your bulletin board and inform all members of this meeting date. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

GCCFFA 2008  
Meetings

- ◆  
**September**  
**Port Bolivar**
- ◆  
October  
Jamaica Beach VFD
- ◆  
November  
Tiki Island VFD
- ◆  
December  
Crystal Beach VFD

**Please start thinking about the 2009 Meeting Places. Reserve your month soon!**



## GCFFA 2009 Meetings

January

La Marque FD



February

Hitchcock VFD



March

Pt. Bolivar VFD



April

Tiki Island VFD



May

Friendswood VFD



June

**OPEN**



July

Texas City FD



August

Bacliff VFD



September

Kemah FD



October

Jamaica Beach VFD



November

Santa Fe VFD



December

Crystal Beach VFD

