



# GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

September 2, 2010

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wisko called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:25 PM at Kemah Fire Department.

B. Doolittle gave the invocation.

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	2	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	2
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	3	Santa Fe FD	5
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	2	San Leon FD	2
Dickinson FD	1	Kemah FD	15	Texas City FD	2
Friendswood FD	4	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD	3	League City FD	3	Marathon FD	
AB Products		Fire Fighters Apparatus		Penreco Fire Dept.	
Apparatus Services		Foam Pro		Orr Safety	
Bullard	1	Forrest Bend FD	4	Public Serv. Leadership Prog.	
BP Fire dept.		Galveston County OEM		Regnier & Assoc.	1
CISM		Gulf Coast FF Assoc.	3	Southeast FD	
COM	4	Jack Roady		UHCL	
Dooley Tackaberry		M & M Fire		United States Service Group	2
Draeger		Martin Apparatus		VFIS	1
Ferrara	1	MES		Vista Realty	
Fire Admin. Services	2	Metro	1	Wilson Fire	

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Weldon Glidden, Training Manager for the United States Service Group out of Deer Park.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Scotty Lyon and seconded by Chris Anderson to approve the minutes for the month of August. Motion carries.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's report was read by Rusty Kattner.

Motion made by Roger Baust and seconded by Chris Anderson to approve the treasurer's report for the month of August. Motion carries.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Robinson from Galveston Fire Department spoke to the association, asking for some help for the upcoming World Burn Congress in Galveston.

Dates are October 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. Help needs help loading busses, silent auction, registration and several other areas. He can be contacted thru the Galveston Fire Dept.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** Stan reported that the summer smoke has completed.

Also, there were 14 students for the SFFMA fast track basic class that was completed. The certificates will be ready next month, or you can stop by the college and pick them up.

There are 2 academies started, with 11 students being from Galveston County.

There are 4 applications turned in for the Grant.

League city will be hosting an EMT B class starting in October on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class will be \$850.00 and this includes the fee for your state exam.

**Accountability** Mike spoke about the UASE grant for the accountability system for the County. We are slated to receive \$350,000.00 in 2011. January or February the application process will start and we should have the system by June or July.

## **EMS**

**Website** Send your Department stuff to the Webmaster to post on the site.

**Resource Book** Keith Morgan from Dickinson is still working on this project. Send all your Department information to him. He is in the process of wrapping this project up.

## **Dispatching**

## **Constitution and By-laws**

## **Mapping**

## **Audit**

## **Contract**

## COLLECTION OF DUES

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

Mike stated that we need to start thinking about some dates for the Chiefs retreat and Banquet in 2011. Also, positions 2 and 4 and also the training will be up this year.

President Wisko mentioned that the Executive Board had a meeting with Chiefs Pittman and Lyons, from the San Leon Fire Department. They are having some hard times right now, financial wise, and need some help. This will be a decision made from the Association thru a vote, as to how we can help them.

Chief Pittman addressed the Association, and spoke about their funding losses since the Hurricane. There's just not as many folks that have moved back since the storm he said. He mentioned that they have cut out about \$50,000.00 from their budget, and have met with their Municipal Utilities District (MUD) to get some funding help. They are asking the Association for some help. They need about \$8,000.00 by the end of the month for insurance.

Chief Pittman was asking for some of their grant money in advance. This would get them over the hill and back going again.

Dan Key spoke as to clarify what the Executive Board is trying to do.

Rusty Kattner explained where the money will come from, and how the process will work. \$30,000.00 will be their grant money for next year and \$10,000.00 will be their contract money for a total of \$40,000.00. This is not extra money; they are just getting their money in advance. The same thing was done for High Island in the past.

Dan mentioned that they would be asked to fill out the same grant application for the money, and the same process would be followed.

David Zacherl of Texas City made a motion, and it was seconded by Larry Zuniga of Kemah, to assist them.

Chaplain Doolittle called for the question and a vote was taken by secret ballot. Each Department present was awarded 2 votes, providing they had at least 2 members present, otherwise they received only 1.

Training Chief Kozlowski, Chaplain Doolittle and Scotty Lyons from San Leon, all counted the votes that were taken up from the membership.

The results of the votes taken were as followed:

**25 for and 3 against**

There were several questions as to what else could be done to help them out.

T. Anderson asked about how much they lost. Chief Pittman said their budget was about \$164,000.00 last year; it is now about \$86,400.00.

Chief Pittman mentioned that they have some trucks that will be paid off shortly that will free up some money, and that they will be glad to furnish the Association with a report on their progress.

Stan Kozlowski made a motion to destroy the ballots and Bob Doolittle seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Secretary destroyed them that evening.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Raffle tickets are still on sale for Bacliff's fundraiser.

Thanks to Kemah for hosting the meeting, and providing the meal.

Tommy Anderson mentioned that Anthony Cargile had hernia surgery, and is doing well.

Todd Zacherl mentioned that LaMarque Fire Department has now disbanded their volunteers, and wanted to thank them for all that they have done thru the years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

**NEXT MEETING PLACE** at T.C. Nessler Center ON October 7, 2010

**Hosted by Marathon Oil Co. F.D.**