



# GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

July 7, 2011

## CALL TO ORDER

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

Bob Doolittle gave the invocation.

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	2	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	
Bayou Vista FD	3	Hitchcock FD	3	Santa Fe FD	9
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	2	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	2	Kemah FD	2	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	3	LaMarque FD		Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD	2	League City FD			
AB Products		Fire Admin. Services	1	MES	
Apparatus Services		Fire Fighters Apparatus		Metro	
Bullard		Foam Pro		Penreco Fire Dept.	
BP Fire dept.		Forrest Bend FD		Orr Safety	
CISM		Galveston County OEM		Public Serv. Leadership Prog.	
COM	1	Gulf Coast FF Assoc.		Re Max Realty	
Dooley Tackaberry		Jack Roady		Regnier & Assoc.	
Draeger		M & M Fire		Southeast FD	
Ferrara		Marathon FD		UHCL	
		Martin Apparatus	2	United States Service Group	1
				VFIS	
				Vista Realty	
				Wilson Fire	2

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Wendy Norris from Firefighters Line of Duty Death Foundation spoke about the fundraiser recently held at Jack Brooks Park. She said there were about 40 cook off teams and 350 bike riders. She said that next year they want to try to double the size. After that weekend, the profits were about \$9,000.00. Thanks to all who participated and donated to the cause. Also a big thanks to Santa Fe Fire and Rescue for feeding and taking care of all of the VIP's on that Friday evening before the event.

Tito Rodriguez, President, from Gulf Coast / Tri-Rivers Association greeted the association. He mentioned that it is important to be attending your District meetings.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by J. Westinghouse and seconded by A. Cargile to approve the minutes for the month of June. Motion carries.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

R. Kattner read treasurer's report.

Motion made by T. Anderson and seconded by M. Lancaster to approve the treasurer's report for the month of June. Motion carries.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training** Stan was not there, and there was no one from the committee to make a report.

**Accountability**

**EMS**

**Website** Send stuff to the Webmaster to be put on the site for your Departments.

**Resource Book**

**Dispatching** J. Westinghouse mentioned that the County was purchasing some radios for the unincorporated areas of the county. Also, made mention that there was a meeting held with Major Tuttlmondo, and he said that the County was hiring more dispatchers.

**Constitution and By-laws**

**Mapping**

**Audit**

**Contract**

### **COLLECTION OF DUES**

AB Products, Penrico and MES – all owe dues.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike Wisko spoke about a meeting that He and James had with the County Judge about the fireworks ban. Also in that discussion was about the current burn ban. This ban will

remain in effect until the Weather Service declares that we are out of the drought conditions. A brief discussion was held among the Association.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rusty spoke about the convention, and said that it went well. He mentioned that Rex Klesel from Alvin is now the new President of the SFFMA. Rusty also mentioned several things that are going on with the State Association.

SFFMA President Rex Klesel was in attendance, and spoke about a few things. First, was a dues increase to help pay for the new building that is to be built for the SFFMA. Secnd, there were a few bills that were squashed that was to potentially hurt the fire departments in Texas. He mentioned that we all need to contact our state representatives to urge their support to the fire service. The funding was cut from 25 million down to 7 million. This will cut out a lot of funding for Texas Departments.

If you are interested in serving on a state committee, contact your Districts.

Convention will be in Houston next year at Reliant, and the host hotel will be the Crowne plaza. If you plan on staying there, you may wanna get your reservations in now.

Tuesday, August the 26<sup>th</sup>. from 7pm until 10 pm, at the A&M fire school, there will be a casino night fundraiser for Rex Klesel, David Wade and Rusty Kattner. All of those set on the Executive Board for the SFFMA, and they are raising funds to cut costs for their conventions. The buy in will be \$30.00. There will be Black Jack, Texas Hold Em', Roulette Wheel and several others.

Rusty mentioned that they are still collecting gifts for prizes for that night from the area departments and personnel. If anyone wants to or can get someone to donate, the gifts should be between \$30.00 and \$50.00. Contact Rusty for more details.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Happy Birthday to James Wistinghausen. ( He said that he's 29 and holdin' )

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING PLACE** at **Bacliff Fire Department** On August 4, 2011



***GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE***

There will be a monthly meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association. Please place this memo on your bulletin board and inform all members of this meeting location, date and time. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.