



REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
June 12, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Mike Wisko called the meeting of the Galveston County Firefighters Association to order at 8:20 PM at Kemah FD. Bob Doolittle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Megan Chance.

**ROLL CALL**

<u>2</u> Bacliff VFD	<u>0</u> Hitchcock VFD	<u>0</u> Texas City VFD	<u>1</u> Draeger
<u>1</u> Bayou Vista VFD	<u>2</u> Jamaica Beach VFD	<u>3</u> Tiki Island VFD	<u>1</u> Ferrara
<u>1</u> Crystal Beach VFD	<u>10</u> Kemah FD		<u>1</u> Galveston County OEM
<u>2</u> Dickinson VFD	<u>3</u> LaMarque VFD	<u>0</u> AB Products	<u>2</u> Gulf Coast FFA
<u>3</u> Friendswood VFD	<u>2</u> League City VFD	<u>1</u> Bullard	<u>2</u> Metro Fire
<u>3</u> Galveston FD	<u>4</u> Pt. Bolivar VFD	<u>0</u> COM	<u>1</u> UHCL
<u>1</u> Gilchrist VFD	<u>6</u> Santa Fe VFD	<u>2</u> CISM	<u>1</u> VFIS
<u>2</u> High Island VFD	<u>4</u> San Leon VFD	<u>0</u> Dooley-Tackaberry	<u>0</u> Vista Realty

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Motion made by T. Zacherl and seconded by R. Baustl, to approve the May 2008 minutes. All approved, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

See attached reports.

Motion was made by Anthony to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. Motion seconded by Chris Anderson, all approved, motion carried.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

- David Wade – 4<sup>th</sup> VP of the SFFMA. Expresses his appreciation for all the support of GCFFA in his election to the SFFMA Board.
- Nita Kattner – Past President of TFA. Expresses her appreciation for all the support of the GCFFA during all her terms. She received her medallion and Presidents badge from the TFA.
- Marcy Doolittle – New President of TFA
- Megan Chance – Past Sweetheart of the TFA. Expresses thanks for the gift from the GCFFA for serving the past year with TFA.
- Anthony Cargill – Chosen as Firefighter of the Year at the 2008 SFFMA Convention.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Texas Forest Service newsletter.
2. VFIS newsletter received.
3. Golf Tournament
4. Rusty Kattner announced at the SFFMA Convention that he would be running for Asst. Secretary vacated by Bob Doolittle in 2009.
5. Contract Surveys not received from:
  - a. Friendswood VFD
  - b. Galveston FD
  - c. Jamaica Beach VFD
  - d. League City VFD

## 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.
- Pump Ops class @ Crystal Beach VFD was success. 22 volunteer firefighters attended.
- Texas A&M Annual Municipal School – July 20-25, 2008. Sign up soon for rooms.
- Fire/EMS Standown/Wellness & Fitness Incentives coming soon.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hurricane Luncheon at Ryan's Steakhouse – Thursday, June 19, 2008 @ 11:30 am.
- 1 Application for the GCFFA Scholarship was received this year and it was awarded to Jonathon Burns from Sante Fe VFD.

**Accountability:** Tiki Island still in need of tags

**EMS:** None

**Website:** Everyone needs to submit their hurricane evacuation plans for their community and we will post on the website. Also if you want the Monthly minutes emailed to you, please give me your email address.

**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. Some Associate Members added and deleted.

**T-Flag Committee:** Committee met at the SFFMA Convention. They are keeping everything clean and simple at this time as Legislation begins mid January 2009. Due to the Sunset Commission reviewing several State Agencies, to include DPS, DOT, FMO and SCFP, this committee is going to check out these reports before moving forward with anything. We are looking to bring the fuel tax exemption back in for Volunteer Fire Dept's. Also Sean Snider discussed at the Convention about putting legislation together for Volunteer Firefighters to get higher education tuition reimbursements.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Wisko reminds the membership of the Chiefs retreat discussion involving FireHouse software. All Chief's expressed being on the same page as far as reporting to TXFIRS and NFIRS. IF all the dept's were on Firehouse Software for reporting then it could simplify the annual survey that GCFFA requires. All the reports would be the same. The discussion was that the GCFFA would look into purchasing the software and purchase additional licenses for depts. not currently on the FH. The quote to get everyone on board with the software is \$6680.00. The 6 depts that would receive licensing would be Tiki Island, Crystal Beach, Gilchrist, High Island, Bayou Vista. GCFFA would actually own the program w/ additional licenses.

Motion made by Todd Zacherl to purchase the software for \$6680.00, seconded by James Wistinghausen. All in favor, Motion carries.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mardis Gras Parade. Mike Wisko opens discussion on whether or not we want to participate again in the Mardis Gras Parade being held February 14, 2009. The Crew of the motorcycle group would like to be involved by riding approximately 10 minutes prior to the parade starting. Cost this year will be about \$2000.00. If approved now we will have 6-7 months to advertise instead of waiting until the last minute. Mike Wisko entertains a motion that GCFFA hold the Mardis Gras Truck Parade for 2009, Randy Phipps so moves, Chris Anderson seconds, all approve. Motion carries.
2. Mike Wisko announces his new appointment as Team Leader of the San Jacinto Group for Emergency Incident Management Teams. There are 8 State Teams. We are in Region 2 and Mike is a team leader for our region. He was appointed by John Simpson and Mike Montgomery of the HCFMO. Mike Wisko is looking for about 14 people with specific training that would be interested in being on the team, contact Mike either by phone or email which is listed on the website. The maximum deployment period would be 10 days.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Thank you card received from past mascot Will Ludlow of the SFFMA. (Bob & Marcie Doolittle's grandson) The GCFFA contributed to purchasing him a laptop and accessories for serving as SFFMA Mascot.
2. Tara ?? from GCFFA is the new Sweetheart serving for Marcie Doolittle on TFA board in the upcoming year.
3. 8 Proposals @ the SFFMA Convention were approved. A list will be published on the website. There were 192 delegates at the convention.
4. The Texas City Chief announces that the Toros Baseball team will be having a Firefighter Appreciation night on July 26, 2008 at 6:30 pm.
5. Anthony Cargill announces that there are 20 committees within the SFFMA at the Convention. 12 of these committees have representatives from Galveston County. We are very well represented in the State.
6. David Tovey announces guest vendor fro Hamontro. Truck is outside for viewing.
7. David Wade reiterates the involvement of GCFFA members involved in the State. Speaks about Bob Doolittle was reelected as Asst. Secretary on the SFFMA and that Bob announced his retirement from the Board after this year. David states that Bob Doolittle has represented us very well in all that he has been involved in.
8. Discussion about changing the meeting from July 3, due to July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Dan Key to make change to July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All approved, motion carries **Next meeting place will be held at Texas CityFD on July 10th.**
9. Door Prizes

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm.



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



**July 10, 2008**  
**Texas City FD**



August  
Bacliff VFD



September  
Port Bolivar



October  
Jamaica Beach VFD



November  
Tiki Island VFD



December  
Crystal Beach VFD