



REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
November 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mike Wisko called the meeting of the Galveston County Firefighters Association to order at 7:30 PM at the League City VFD. Bob Doolittle announces the sympathies to the following people: Ben Kennedy in the loss of his father; The Maples Family in the loss of Ed Maples, former chief from Alvin VFD. 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> Ferrara
<u>0</u> Bayou Vista VFD	<u>2</u> Jamaica Beach VFD	<u>0</u> Tiki Island VFD	<u>0</u> Galveston County OEM
<u>1</u> Crystal Beach VFD	<u>2</u> Kemah FD	<u>0</u> AB Products	<u>0</u> Gulf Coast FFA
<u>2</u> Dickinson VFD	<u>1</u> LaMarque VFD	<u>0</u> Bullard	<u>2</u> Metro Fire
<u>6</u> Friendswood VFD	<u>14</u> League City VFD	<u>6</u> COM	<u>0</u> UHCL
<u>3</u> Galveston FD	<u>6</u> Pt. Bolivar VFD	<u>0</u> CISM	<u>0</u> VFIS
<u>0</u> Gilchrist VFD	<u>5</u> Santa Fe VFD	<u>0</u> Dooley-Tackaberry	<u>0</u> Vista Realty
<u>0</u> High Island VFD	<u>2</u> San Leon VFD	<u>1</u> Draeger	<u>1</u> Wilson Fire

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Bruce Cole and Paul Schaefer from Woodman of the World. Here at the meeting to present Chainsaws to the Galveston Fire Depts who were hit hard by the hurricane. Their commitment is to VFD's all over and the goal is to put a chainsaw on every fire truck. Lodge members of the Woodman of the World raise funds to help local fire depts.. They also have available American flags and Texas flags to any fire dept. that contact them. If you need a flag take a card and call. Presentation made to David Loop, James Wistinghausen, and Charlie Bouse. All of these Chiefs received a brand new Chainsaw for their station.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2008 MINUTES: Motion made by Tommy Anderson and seconded by Bear, to approve the October 2008 minutes. All approved, motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report read by Rusty Kattner. Motion was made by Tommy Anderson to accept the Treasurer's report for August. Motion seconded by Orbin Thompson, all approved, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS

- David Loop, Fire Chief of Crystal Beach VFD expresses his deep appreciation to the GCFFA and all the individuals that assisted him and his family as well as the fire department during Hurricane Ike.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training:

1. ISO workshop – December 6
2. SFFMA certification workshop – November 8
3. NIMS 400 – November 14-15
4. Ellington Field HazMat training
5. 100 Club nominations due December 15 for FF of the Yr, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Rookie of the Yr.

Accountability: none

EMS: none at this time

Website: none at this time

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. Statements for 2009 will be out soon.

T-Flag Committee: None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Last month we set up the email on the website for special request due to Hurricane Ike. So far we have requests from San Leon VFD and Bacliff VFD.
- Recap of the last 7 weeks. (Mike Wisko)
 - We have received phone calls from many people with immediate needs. There has not been much opportunity to bring a lot of decisions to the membership. SO the following is what has been happening.
 - We asked the State for Mutual Aid
 - Mike Wisko met with the County Judge and requested mutual aid for 30 days for the month of October.
 - Texas City, Galveston, Baytown, and Beaumont to help with resources.
 - On Monday, November 10, people may start returning to the Peninsula to their homes.
 - The Texas Forest Service have been down to the Peninsula to evaluate.
 - The State and County have established a new shelter and we have to make it happen. They are requesting 48 hour shifts from surrounding county departments. League City VFD, Texas City FD, Kemah FD, and Hitchcock VFD have all signed up. We need W-9 tax forms for all who are going to work the shelter. The shelter opened October 26. There were 289 people housed and as of today there are 117 people. The shelter is scheduled to close for good on November 10. It is being managed by a company from San Antonio. Fire Watch is MANDATORY.
 - We have to meet more for long range plans for the Peninsula

Tommy Anderson makes a motion that the members of GCFFA to take a role call vote for all the actions taken by President Wisko over the past 2 months in regards to the above discussions. James Wistinghausen seconded. Each Dept. can cast up to 2 votes. Votes are as follows:

<u>2</u>	Bacliff VFD	<u>2</u>	Jamaica Beach VFD	<u>2</u>	San Leon VFD
<u>1</u>	Crystal Beach VFD	<u>2</u>	Kemah FD	<u>2</u>	Santa Fe VFD
<u>1</u>	Dickinson VFD	<u>2</u>	LaMarque VFD	___	
<u>2</u>	Friendswood VFD	<u>2</u>	League City VFD	___	
<u>2</u>	Galveston FD	<u>2</u>	Pt. Bolivar VFD	___	

All approved, Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

- Date for the Chiefs Retreat and Annual Banquet? We can look at February 7th or th 14th. Moody Gardens is up and running. MOTION was made by James Wistinghausen to check dates and go back to Moody Gardens. Motion by Wistinghausen to hold the Chief's retreat the same date as the banquet at the Santa Fe VFD. T. Anderson seconded the motion. All approved, motion carries.
- **Nomination of 2009 Officers**
Position 2 – Current officer – Rusty Kattner
Position 2 – nominated – Rusty Kattner

Position 4 – Current Officer – Mike Wisko
Position 4 – nominated – Mike Wisko

Training Officer – Current officer – Tim Johnson
Training Officer – nominated – Stan Kozlowski

Mascot – Current mascot – Megan Chance
Mascot – Nominated – Megan Chance

Nominations closed. Elections to be held at December meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Anthony Cargile announces the Santa Fe Rescue BBQ being held Sunday, November 9, 11am – 2 pm or until finished serving. All invited.
2. Thanks to League City VFD for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.
3. FireFest Concert – Buda, TX look at the website if interested. www.firefesttexas.com
4. **Next meeting place will be held at Dickinson VFD on December 4th.**
5. Door Prizes

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm.