



REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
September 4, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mike Wisko called the meeting of the Galveston County Firefighters Association to order at 7:38 PM at the Port Bolivar VFD. Bob Doolittle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Megan Chance.

ROLL CALL

<u>3</u>	Bacliff VFD	<u>1</u>	Hitchcock VFD	<u>0</u>	Texas City VFD	<u>0</u>	Draeger
<u>2</u>	Bayou Vista VFD	<u>2</u>	Jamaica Beach VFD	<u>4</u>	Tiki Island VFD	<u>1</u>	Ferrara
<u>2</u>	Crystal Beach VFD	<u>2</u>	Kemah FD			<u>0</u>	Galveston County OEM
<u>1</u>	Dickinson VFD	<u>1</u>	LaMarque VFD	<u>0</u>	AB Products	<u>1</u>	Gulf Coast FFA
<u>2</u>	Friendswood VFD	<u>0</u>	League City VFD	<u>0</u>	Bullard	<u>0</u>	Metro Fire
<u>2</u>	Galveston FD	<u>20</u>	Pt. Bolivar VFD	<u>1</u>	COM	<u>0</u>	UHCL
<u>0</u>	Gilchrist VFD	<u>7</u>	Santa Fe VFD	<u>2</u>	CISM	<u>0</u>	VFIS
<u>2</u>	High Island VFD	<u>0</u>	San Leon VFD	<u>0</u>	Dooley-Tackaberry	<u>0</u>	Vista Realty

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Joe Stepchinski - Vendor - FF Tools
- Steve Donnelly – Vendor – Ferrara – Thanks to all for the prayers for his wife.
- Kirby Wilson Jr. – New Hurst Rep for Texas – Wilson Fire Administrative Services
- Mark Robertson – Vendor – Scott
- E.C. Kattner

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2008 MINUTES: Motion made by Orbin Thompson and seconded by Phipps, to approve the August 2008 minutes. All approved, motion carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- September 13 – Tri Rivers Gulf Coast Meeting – Sponsored by LaMarque FD and GCFFA
- September 19-20 – Port Bolivar BBQ Cookoff
- October 5 – Hitchcock VFD annual BBQ Fundraiser

- October 10 – Fire Prevention week Parade. JSC at Rocket Park
- Steve Barnett and his wife suffered an accident. At home after 2 weeks. Wife Becky is back in the hospital with more complications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training:

- October 3,4,5 – Auto extrication – TEEX Class. Kirby Pride & Ownership
- GCFFA Field Day – October 11, 2008
- Liberty County Fire Expo and Conference September 13 &14; the NIMS 300 Class starts on the 12th.
- 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.
- 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.

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 281-932-7199 – Cell

College of the Mainland – Steve Keller
Night Fire Academy begins September 8, 2008
New member Training October 2008

This CAMEO workshop is being hosted by the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management at the Emergency Management Facility’s Emergency Operation Center 1353 FM 646, Dickinson, Texas 77539.
Seating is very limited.

Coming in 2009 / TEEX Leadership Development Symposium
(formerly known as the Texas Fire Officer Symposium)

January 12-14 2009
Henry D. Smith Bldg
Brayton Field
College Station, TX

League City Fire Department
Presents
Company Officer Development

“The First Ten Minutes”

**Saturday
September 6, 2008
8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Jack Helton
Cell: 713-882-6460

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.
T-Flag Committee: None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- February 14 – Mardis Gras parade. More information as we get it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion** was made by Kattner to accept Wilson Fire & Rescue as an Associate Member. Loop seconded the motion, all approved, all approved.
- PA System – T. Anderson – we should look for new system. Bring back information next meeting.
- Would the association like to sponsor a cook off team for the Pt. Bolivar fundraiser? MOTION was made by T. Anderson to sponsor a cook team and give \$350 for the Pt. Bolivar cook off. Motion seconded by Anthony Cargile, all approved, motion carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Thanks to Port Bolivar VFD for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.
2. FireFest Concert – Buda, TX look at the website if interested. www.firefesttexas.com
3. **Next meeting place will be held at Jamaica Beach VFD on October 2nd.**
4. Door Prizes

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm.