



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

August 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Key called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:30 PM at the Friendswood Fire Department.

B Pollard, the Chaplain gave the invocation. The Mascot led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD		High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	1
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	2	Santa Fe FD	5
Crystal Beach FD	1	Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	2
Dickinson FD		Kemah FD	1	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	22	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	
Galveston FD		League City FD	9		

SPECIAL GUESTS

Shari Forward from the CISM team. Also, a rep from MES, Siddons-Martin, Metro Fire and the Texas LODD Wendy Norris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by K Baden and seconded by T Cones to approve the minutes for the month of July. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Rusty Kattner read the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by T Anderson and seconded by C Smith to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of July. Motion carries.

\$5,834 is the checking balance and \$40,063 is the savings balance.

\$50,326 is in the CD Account and \$18,437 is in the GC/TR Account.

\$13,867 is the Dues and Donations balance.

Rusty also mentioned that the Casino Night fundraiser that is done at the annual fire school at Texas A&M, raised about \$16,800. There were expenses of around \$8,000 and after all is said and done, he looks to make about \$7,800.

Chief Anderson mentioned that there may be some sort of rules set up as to how many prizes each individual can win, or something on that line. There are too many people that get in tight with the dealers and the dealers get rather relaxed on giving out winning hands. Rusty mentioned that there would be some looking into what can be done. This will be discussed at the Gulf Coast meeting on September 8th in Santa Fe.

COMMUNICATIONS

Received a letter from SFFMA regarding the training software issues and the dues increase that was voted on at the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

Industrial will be \$500

Fire Department will be \$200

Fire Marshals Office will be \$200

Districts, County Associations etc. will be \$200

Sustaining Members will be \$200

Individual Dues (dept paid or individual) \$50

Also, Gabi Glass has resigned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Stan reported that with the changes in the curriculum at SFFMA, there will be some changes at COM. With that being said, there will also be a rise in tuition and add a couple of weeks onto the classes. G Ober spoke mentioning that there was a 90% pass rate last semester. Also mentioned that the FFI is around \$795 while the FFII is about \$300.

College of the Mainland is looking at doing other certification programs such as a Rescue Apprentice Class. It would consist of a 2-weekend course.

Also, the Traffic Incident Management course is a must for all members.

Other courses of Emergency Management are as follows:

- EMAP 1400 Principals of Basic Emergency Management
- EMAP 1345 Hazard Mitigation and Debris management
- EMAP 1371 Multi-Agency Command and Emergency Operations
- EMAP 1440 Disaster Exercise Design and Evaluation
- EMAP 2300 Developing Volunteer Resourced and Decision making
- EMAP 2301 Leadership and Effective Communication
- EMAP 2301 Managing Mass Casualty and Fatality Incidents
- EMAP 2355 Disaster Recovery
- EMAP 1313 Contingency Planning
- EMAP 2337 Managing a Unified Incident Command
- EMAP 2341 Legal Aspects of Public Management
- EMAP 1372* Capstone of Internship
Or 1373*

* This is NOT an 8-week class.

Contact the COM office for info on starts dates and upcoming courses.
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Accountability

EMS

Website Send stuff to Webmaster for publication on the website.

Resource Book

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract

EOC G Foskit mentioned that there is NO burn ban at this time. Also he mentioned that he will be changing jobs at the Emergency Management office, but not sure what he will be doing.

Wendy Norris from the Texas LODD spoke mentioning that they have been busy the last couple of months helping out with the incident at the Santa Fe ISD. She mentioned that there is an increase in cancer rate among Firefighters and also an increase in suicide form all First Responders.

The CISM's Shari Forward mentioned the Wendi Norris is now a member of the Galveston County CISM team.

COLLECTION OF DUES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dan spoke, mentioning that he and Kyle Baden met with the County about the audit, and that they have asked for a few more items. Other than that, all is looking good with it.

Dan also spoke about a workshop that will be held for all of the Association Departments that will include record keeping, book keeping and check writing for 501C3 organizations. This will take place with a CPA that has agreed to teach the class that will possibly take place in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan went over the contract compliance report with all in attendance.

Dan also mentioned that Centerpoint Energy gave the Association a \$10,000 donation that was in response to the transformer fire a few months back. Chief Zacherl and Chief Anderson agreed that a donation to the Association would be best since there were a few Departments responded.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chaplain Pollard spoke mentioning about several deaths from some of the Departments. Please keep all of the families in your prayers during these difficult times.

Thanks to Partsmaster, Siddons Martin Metro Fire and the Friendswood Fire Department for the great meal, meeting place and great door prizes!

Reminder that the Gulf Coast / Tri-Rivers meeting will be on September 8th in Santa Fe. A meal will be served starting at 5:30.

Chief Anderson mentioned that there are several Firefighters responding to the fires in California.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next meeting place is at LaMarque's new station on September 6th.



***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.

For more information, visit:

WWW.GCFFA.COM

The next meeting is in LaMarque at the new station just off of
FM 2004 on HWY 1765.

September 6th.