



# Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

February 1, 2018

## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

## ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	3	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	5
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	15	Santa Fe FD	10
Crystal Beach FD	2	Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	2
Dickinson FD	4	Kemah FD	1	Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	1	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	2
Galveston FD	3	League City FD			

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Commissioner Ken Clark and Lonnie Cox both addressed the Association and gave words in support of the Fire service and our Association. They also asked for our support in the upcoming election of Galveston County.

J Campbell and Corey from Siddons Martin were in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

## TREASURERS REPORT

Secretary/Commissioner J Sumrall read the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by T Anderson and seconded by B Hahn to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of January. Motion carries.

\$1,881 is the checking balance and \$65,016 is the savings balance.

\$50,214 is in the CD Account and \$17,495 is in the GC/TR Account.

\$14,798 is the Dues and Donations balance.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

VFIS Newsletter

February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, The Galveston Fire Department will have a special guest speaker.

For more information, contact R Pearson, Assistant Chief at the Galveston Fire Department.

The Mardi Gras parade is set for Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The T-Flag met in Arlington and discussed the Legislature issues. Also in discussion was the SFFMA looking for a new Lobbyist.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training-** The New Member class is set to start on February the 12<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Suicide Prevention Class put on by the CISM team on February 8,9,10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Shari Forward or any of the CISM team members for more details.

For any Departments that had members that attended the New Member class, please turn in your class completion certificates and the Association will reimburse the Departments. Thos is refundable thru the State.

### **Accountability**

### **EMS**

**Website** Turn in stuff to the Webmaster for publication on the site.

### **Resource Book**

### **Dispatching**

### **Constitution and By-laws**

### **Mapping**

### **Audit**

### **Contract**

**EOC** G Foskitt spoke and mentioned that I 45 is still under construction in Galveston County. Also, from 9pm to 5am, there will be construction on FM 517.

There was discussion on the LODD and the proper use of PPE. It was decided that it would probably be a case-by-case issue.

The County OEM will be having a NIMS 300 and 400 classes this summer.

**COLLECTION OF DUES** If you have not paid in your dues for 2018, please get them in.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

February the 17<sup>th</sup>, at Santa Fe Fire and Rescue, the Chiefs Retreat will begin around 8:30. Please note that this is for the Chief's of someone designated in their place, not open for the membership.

Also, that evening we will have an appreciation dinner for the membership at Moody Gardens beginning at 6:30 for the social hour and 7:15-7:30 for the evenings festivities to begin. It will be in the Floral Room A upstairs. There will be a few guest speakers. Each Department will need to RSVP to Kim at 409-925-7331 by the 14<sup>th</sup>. Each Department will be limited to 10 guests including guests. This dinner will include the Department Membership, along with our Associate members, the OEM and the CISM Team.

We need our Association member Departments and Associate Members to try and donate a door prize or two for the evening. We are asking for the value to be at least \$50.00. The Association will be purchasing some gifts to go along with them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan spoke mentioning that there was a brief Board meeting this evening before the actual meeting began. He was reappointed as President along with James Westinghausen as V. President. Also remaining as Secretary will be Commissioner J Sumrall. Also, we are still looking for a Treasurer for the association. We have some things in the works, but would like to hear from the association membership if you have any thoughts. We will be conducting an internal audit of the books just before they are handed over to ensure we are in compliance with local, state and federal regulations. We have no doubt that Rusty has been doing a great job, but want to have a clean slate going to someone else.

Dan spoke also in regards to the membership in SFFMA being low.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Zacherl from Texas city spoke mentioning that the Fire Games is set for May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, he mentioned that there had been land that was sold by the Gulf Coast Water Authority for the construction of a Fire Field. The land is located near Humble Camp road just South of the airfield.

February 20<sup>th</sup> thru may 2<sup>nd</sup> is early voting.

A Cargile mentioned that the Gulf Coast / tri-Rivers meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Alvin fire Department with a meal beginning at 5:00. You must have your Department dues paid to turn in your posters for the poster contest at the annual SFFMA convention that will be in Arlington this year in June.

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> is the Port Bolivar VFD Annual Oyster Dinner. Time is from Noon till 8:00pm. Dinners are served with fries and cole slaw. A \$25.00 donation is suggested. Bolivar Fire Station, 1806 Lop108, Bolivar, Texas

Thank you to the Hitchcock fire Department for the great Fajita Dinner and for hosting the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next meeting place is at the

**Tiki island Fire Department**

**On**

**March 1st.**



***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](http://WWW.GCFFA.COM)**

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