



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

September 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner/President Wistinghausen called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:00 PM at the Galveston, Station 1 Fire Department.

Chaplain Pollard gave the invocation and the Mascot led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

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| Bacliff FD | 1 | High Island FD | 1 | Port Bolivar FD | 2 |
| Bayou Vista FD | 2 | Hitchcock FD | 6 | Santa Fe FD | 7 |
| Crystal Beach FD | 1 | Jamaica Beach FD | 1 | San Leon FD | 1 |
| Dickinson FD | 1 | Kemah FD | | Texas City FD | 1 |
| Friendswood FD | 3 | LaMarque FD | 2 | Tiki Island | 2 |
| Galveston FD | 12 | League City FD | 3 | | |

SPECIAL GUESTS Representative from Emergency Reporting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Commissioner/Secretary Sumrall read the treasurer's report for the month of August. A motion was made by C Anderson and seconded by K Baden to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

CD Savings Balance \$50,603 Checking Balance \$6,443 CD Acct. \$0
GC/TR Acct. \$21,548 Dues and Donations \$26,529

COMMUNICATION

There will be a retirement party for Chief Mike Wisko on Friday, September 13th at 1:00 pm at the Fire Station #1 located at 823 26th St. Galveston, Texas

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for the Tiki Island fire Department.

Tiki Island BBQ Cook-Off is October 4th and 5th at the Tiki Island Pavilion.
www.tikiislandfiredepartment.com for more details.

On September 28th and 29th, the League City fire Department will be hosting a Command / Officer class. Cost is \$25 a class. Contact LCVFD for more.

The OEM mentioned that they need all departments to get the asset lists turned in. They also have many training classes coming up. Go to www.preparingtexas.org for details on all of the classes. Also, on September 25th and 25th, there will be a critical thinking class at the League City Civic center. Contact the OEM for more details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- New member class started There is 25-30 students.

Accountability

EMS

Website Send information to the Webmaster for publication on the website.

Resource Book

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract

Galveston County OEM

COLLECTION OF DUES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS James spoke about the renewal of Firehouse reporting for the Departments that are paid for by this Association. Originally these Departments were given until December to find other avenues. Our renewal is up this month and we have decided to NOT renew. With this being said, Departments were urged to find themselves something now. Billy, from ESO was in attendance, and offered to stay around after the meeting to find out the Departments needs. The other option was that the Departments could pay for Firehouse themselves.

T Anderson spoke about the cool down trailer that we saw last month. He mentioned that Santa Fe Fire and Rescue's offer was still on the table about splitting the cost with the Association 50-50. The price came back a little higher than expected at \$160 K. Santa Fe would house the trailer as well maintain and deliver it when it was needed. Let the Board know your thoughts.

Chief Wisko asked if the Association had the money to put into this project. It was discussed that we could possibly find a grant to help fund this it. The Board will discuss this more in-depth and bring it back.

NEW BUSINESS TC Chief Zacherl thanked everyone for helping out on the grass fire.

C Anderson spoke about the possible by-law change at the State level. He mentioned that he would be taking it to the Gulf coast meeting. His proposal was to have a 4-5 city rotations for the Annual Conventions.

T Anderson made a motion and K Morgan seconded for our Association to support the change. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Chaplain Bill Pollard spoke about the great turn out at the funeral for our long time member and one of the founding members of the Galveston County Fireman's Association, Bob Doolittle. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Also, Dan Key spoke about Friendswood FD losing a member of their Department, Sam Scott. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill also thanked the CISM team for coming out to speak with those who made the horrific accident on 2004. The team was out of town on training but was able to put together a group to cover for them. Great job CISM TEAM!

For information about your Gulf Coast / Tri-Rivers District, a new Facebook group has been sat up. Go to that page and request membership.

Chief Wisko mentioned that tonight's meal was donated and cooked, at no cost, by a faithful supporter of the Fire Departments of Galveston County.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE **High Island FD on October 3, 2019**

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 go to:

www.gcffa.com