



REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
May 1, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dan Key called the meeting of the Galveston County Firefighters Association to order at 7:30 PM at Friendswood VFD. Bob Doolittle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>3</u> Bacliff VFD	<u>5</u> Hitchcock VFD	<u>2</u> Texas City VFD	<u>1</u> Draeger
<u>1</u> Bayou Vista VFD Crystal Beach	<u>0</u> Jamaica Beach VFD	<u>4</u> Tiki Island VFD	<u>0</u> Ferrara
<u>1</u> VFD	<u>1</u> Kemah FD	<u>0</u> AB Products	<u>0</u> Galveston County OEM
<u>3</u> Dickinson VFD	<u>2</u> LaMarque VFD	<u>2</u> Battalion Badges	<u>2</u> Gulf Coast FFA
<u>16</u> Friendswood VFD	<u>1</u> League City VFD	<u>0</u> Bullard	<u>1</u> Metro Fire
<u>2</u> Galveston FD	<u>3</u> Pt. Bolivar VFD	<u>1</u> COM	<u>0</u> Stewart & Stevens
<u>2</u> Gilchrist VFD	<u>8</u> Santa Fe VFD	<u>2</u> CISM	<u>0</u> VFIS
<u>2</u> High Island VFD	<u>1</u> San Leon VFD	<u>0</u> Dooley-Tackaberry	___

SPECIAL GUEST:

David Wade with the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office and 1st Vice President of the HCFFA. David is running for the 4th VP of the SFFMA at the upcoming State Convention in Beaumont, June 7-11, 2008.

APPROVAL OF April 2008 MINUTES: Motion made by Orbin Thompson and seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the April minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report read by Rusty Kattner. Motion was made by Tommy Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report for April. Motion seconded by Anthony Cargill, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training:

- Steve Keller with COM will be holding SFFMA Basic Cert Course, June 10 – July 26. Flyer is circulating. Commitment is 2 nights each week and 3 Saturdays each month. 96 total hours.
- NFA offering 2 new courses: ICS 300-400 Information is online.

- Texas Hurricane Conference in Galveston on May 20-22, 2008
- GCFFA Field Day – October 11-12, 2008
- Texas A&M Municipal School July 20-25, 2008 – Register soon and get hotels as they are filling up quickly.
- David Wade with HCFMO informs membership of the ICS 300 & 400 being offered around Harris County. All welcome. Prerequisites ICS 100,200,700,& 800. Offered on weekends for volunteers that work during the week. Courses need to be taken in succession.
- Emergency Driving Class – August 8, 2008
- Pump Ops Class – on the Peninsula at Crystal BeachVFD, May 17, 2008, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Accountability: Tiki Island need tags.

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

Mapping Committee: None to report

By-laws Committee: None at this time

Audit Committee: None at this time

Contract Committee: None at this time

Collection of Dues: All FD's are paid. Ferrara and UHCL still outstanding. Grants received from Port Bolivar and Crystal Beach. Still no surveys from Friendswood, Galveston, Jamaica Beach and League City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- If you are planning to attend the State Convention in Beaumont, June 7-11, 2008 register now. Information on the Convention is in INFOFire Online through the SFFMA website.
- Letter was read to the membership from Chief James Wistinghausen addressing concerns about Bacliff FD.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Another New Member class is complete through College of the Mainland. Rookies were presented with certificates of completion. See website for pictures.
2. Steve Keller was in the top 5 nominated for Instructor of the Year at College of the Mainland. Congrats to Steve.
3. David Tovey expressed gratitude for all the cards, balloons, letters and prayers for his daughter Kaitlyn who was in the hospital with a serious infection. Kaitlyn set a record at the hospital with approximately 250 letters.
4. San Leon is putting a brush truck back in service that they received from a neighboring department.
5. Thanks to Casey Smith for providing dinner for tonight's meeting and Friendswood VFD for hosting the May County meeting..
6. **Next meeting place will be held at KEMAH FD on June 12th. CHANGE OF DATES due to the SFFMA Convention.**
7. Door Prizes

Meeting Adjourned



GALVESTON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Galveston County Firefighter's Association. Please place this notice on your bulletin board and inform all members of this meeting date. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

GCFFA 2008
Meetings



February
Hitchcock FD



March
LaMarque FD



April
Gilchrist VFD



May
Friendswood VFD



June
Kemah FD



July
Texas City FD



August
Bacliff VFD



September
Port Bolivar



October
Jamaica Beach VFD



November
Tiki Island VFD



December
Crystal Beach VFD