**LIBERTY COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**February 20, 2024**

Meeting called to order by N. Nelson @ 1900.

Thank department for the meal: HWY 321

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| Meeting Attendance + Number for next Meeting | | | |  | |
| **Calls Active Membership Calls Calls** | | | | | |
| 12 | Batson | 53 | ESD 2/Hull Daisetta VFD | NP | Moss Bluff VFD |
| NP | Cleveland | 57 | ESD 3/ LCESD FD | N/A | N Lib Co VFD |
| N/A | Cypress Lakes VFD | 62 | ESD 7/ Hardin VFD | 135 | Plum Grove VFD |
| 58 | Dayton | 10 | Hazmat | 115 | Tarkington VFD |
| 6 | Devers | 30 | Hwy 321 VFD | 8 | Woodpecker VFD |
| 53 | ESD 1/Kenefick VFD | 75 | Liberty Fire | N/A | Fire Marshal |
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Guests: 1st guest speaker- Nicole Lang- TFS- discussed some changes that would not affect the response from the agency. Nicole is still the representative for the location but Cleveland office has a new supervisor Conner Renee. Also, Nicole is still interested in hosting a Ground Cover Course for Liberty County. It will be an 8-hour class and can be online/field day style. She will need at least 10 people and a couple of months’ notice to set it up. She also recommends holding the course in the fall or spring months to avoid extreme weather conditions. 2nd guest speaker- Brian – Siddons- stated Terry has been promoted to regional so there is a new representative John Nobles and there is a new northeastern shop manager Lawerence Emery.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept by Martin- Liberty . Second by Freddie- Batson .

Discussion - none . Motion - carried no opposition .

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| Financial Statement Checking Savings Total | | | |
| Beginning Balance – | $15,394.12 | $6,064.07 | $21,458.19 |
| Deposits |  |  |  |
| Deposits- Interests |  | $0.52 | $0.52 |
| Debts |  |  |  |
| Honor Guard | $12,125.00 |  | $12,125.00 |
| Ending Balance – | $27,519.12 | $6,064.59 | $33,583.71 |

Motion to accept by Sam – HWY 321 . Second by Martin - Liberty .

Discussion - none. Motion - carried no opposition .

**Action Item List**

**Reports and recommendations of the President.**

* Reminder that lists are due to the county for equipment and personnel and needs to be submitted to Bill ASAP.

**Reports of committees/departments**

* By-Law Committee will meet after the meeting to schedule a meeting soon to continue By-Law review.
* March 3-8 2024 Texas Spring Fire School- flyer given at meeting
* Liberty Fire hosting a gun raffle- flyer given at meeting
* Tarkington offering H-511 course May 4th and H-512 May 11-14- flyers given at the meeting, and Paul is hosting a Tanker Shuttle course March 16th in Woodville.
* Liberty Fire hosting NIMS 300 & 400 class. Chief McDaniel is not sure of how many spots are available currently. Paul will schedule another 300 & 400 later in the year as well. All officers of departments are required to have these classes.
* Livingston Fire School is happening this weekend.
* FRO Committee Jesse- the FRO would be Basic only and AED would be under a mutual agreement with Allegiance if we go forward. He stated there were some questions brought to him; who is going to pay for the insurance and supplies to run the organization, who is going to pay for the medical director which could cost up to $3,500 a year if held by Dr. Brauner and what is the cost for insurance and who will it cover exactly. Discussion amongst the departments was possibly VFIS could be cover the FRO. Also, discussion of who will set the protocols and procedures for the FRO and what to do if they conflict with department procedures. There were no definite motions on how to move forward with the FRO for the County.

**Old Business**

* If any more departments need assistance with their ISO ratings please see Nat, Bill, Brandon, or James. Bill is still seeing departments without ISO ratings and this is critical that it is completed.
* Discussion on 800 radios. Everything is on track so far and new towers are coming alive within the next few weeks. Unless there are any further issues, everything is completed with this discussion.
* Discussion on communication with dispatch. Nic stated he was still having trouble with Response Master and Hardin will go in a different direction. Others in the room expressed they too were having issues with load time, not receiving complete information. Nat said he relies on E-Dispatch for his dispatch information. No action on this item, just discussion.
* Discussion on meeting locations. The meeting calendar went out, but locations needed to be clarified. All meetings are good apart from the following: ESD 3 will have their meeting at the Dayton station due to construction, Tarkington will again have their meeting at Rural Shade Church, and Cypress will depend on the weather conditions.

**New Business**

* Sam- HWY 321 made a motion to purchase a US Flag for the OEM building because we will have meetings there, with a second by Kevin- Devers and no opposition the motion carried to purchase a flag.
* New board members need to be added to the bank account. J.R.- Hazmat made the motion to add Nic and Brandon to the bank account with First Liberty with a second by Freddie- Batson, and with no opposition the motion carried.
* With the changes Nic- ESD7 discussed the importance of separating the association business from regular work. He felt it would be important to consider the board members to have emails specifically for association business. Paul -Tarkington made the motion for the board to establish emails and with a second from Josh- Dayton the motion carried with no opposition. Discussion of what software will be utilized for the emails is still being discussed and if funds are needed, they will be presented at the next meeting.
* Nic discussed with Bill if the contracts with the county are based on call volume overall. Discussion on budget resulted with knowledge that the budget set forth by the county has not been raised in a while but everyone will be very pleased for the next budget year and the commissioners agree that the fire departments need a raise.

Motion to adjourn by Sam- 321 . Second by Josh- Dayton .

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 2032.

President Signature

Secretary Signature