



Harris County Fire Fighters Association

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**February 15, 2017 Association Agenda
Jersey Village Fire Dept.
16501 Jersey Drive
Houston, TX 77040**

Social begins at 18:30 hrs

Meeting begins approximately 19:00

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Welcoming**
 - a. Pledge of allegiance – American Flag
Texas Flag – “I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, One State, Under God, one and Indivisible.
 - b. Invocation
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. Fire Chief Welcoming – Mark Bitz
 - e. Recognition of Guest
 - i. Past Presidents
 - ii. Elected Officials
 - iii. Other Guest
- 2. Presentations**
 - a. Texas Emergency Services Retirement System – Billy Langford
 - b. Texas Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund – David Padovan
- 3. Presentation of reports**
 - a. Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - b. Financial Report
- 4. Report from Area Chiefs Organizations**
 - a. Northwest Emergency Services Leadership Coalition
 - b. Northeast Side Chiefs
 - c. Bay Area Chiefs
- 5. Training**
 - a. 2017 HCFFA A&M Field Day – April 21 – April 23, 2017
 - b. Training Cadre – Rodney Reed
- 6. State TDEM update – Jennifer Shields Hawes**
- 7. HCFMO – “Burning Matters” – Mike Montgomery / Rodney Reed**
- 8. HC Homeland Security & Emergency Management – Mark Sloan**
- 9. SFFMA Update – David Wade**
- 10. Any other items for discussion**
- 11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – Location Webster**

We encourage all departments to attend. If you are not available to attend please send a liaison for your department.

18:30 Social

19:00hours opened meeting

Invocation by Assistant Fire Chief of Jersey Village Frank Maher

Pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

Roll Call

Fire Chief Welcoming - Chief Mark Bitz - Jersey Village Fire Department

Past Presidents

David Wade, Mike Montgomery, Bryan Harris

Elected Officials - none

Other Guests

Texas Emergency Services Retirement System

Texas Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund

Presentation- Sharon Hays and Billy Langford - TESRS **19:05**

Presentation - David Padovan - TVFRF **19:33**

Presentation - Chief Bryan Harris read a card from the Godfrey family **19:41**

Presentation of reports: 19:42

A. Minutes from previous meetings , November 16, 2016 and January 6, 2017 - A Motion was made by David Wade And 2nd by Richard Lieder

To approve the minutes for November 16, 2016 and January 6, 2017. The motion carried all in favor.

B. Financial Report - Bryan Harris - Motion made by Mark Bitz And 2nd by David Wade To accept the financial report as presented. Comments from David Wade. Questions regarding any registrations yet for field day. No registrations. Bryan indicated any money that comes in will go into the savings account, The motion carried all in favor

Report from Chiefs Organizations 19:45

Northwest - Dispatch Linking, Richard Lieder indicated transition for Comm Center radio frequency will start noon March 14

Northeast Chief - No Report

Bay Area Chief - David Wade - General discussion on working on communications there. Some discussion on Grace equipment, Routine comments

Training: 19:48

2017 Field Day - Mike Mulligan indicated for everyone to look for a new flyer with information on registration changes. There was some feedback from last years group. Spring fire came up with idea for high rise class. That did not get legs because the person who was heading it is no longer with Spring Fire Department. Spoke to Emergency Ministries about doing a suicide recognition course. Two individual classes would have to happen. But the contractor they use to put on those classes was to expensive to put the class on. This year the field day will be in memory of Michael Godfrey along with something special to be done at the memorial service.

Bryan Harris - Pointed out that TEEX has changed their forms so everyone needs to pay close attention to this.

David Wade indicated their is a pocket safety guide that all students will get.

Mike Mulligan- Eveyone knows that the gear has to been NFPA 1971 standard, clean shaven and eye protection. Mark Bitz asked if these safety requirements were in the flyer. No further questions

Training Cadre - Rodney Reed - We finally have some movement on training coordinators throughout the county. Their will be four meetings over the year. They have developed a survey and are waiting on TEEX before they get together with all department coordinators. They are working on having a TEEX training in Tomball. They had a meeting with Ben Kennedy with TEEX. They have a lot of classes that are created but then dont make. It is as much the fault of TEEX for accepting the classes as it is for the groups creating them.

David Wade: Project Mayday - February 27th and February 28th - No Cost - In Bryan, Chief McGregor, David will send it to Amy Ramon and ask her to post it. Chief DOn Abbot will instruct the class. He is out of Phoenix.

State TDEM - Jenniffer Shields Hawes - Not Present 20:05

HCFMO - Mike Montgomery - Burning Issues - 20:05

2016 statistics are together. Up 10% on fire, investigations up 75%. The program making huge differences. We are getting calls we have never had before and would not have gotten until we started this program of calling us. Inspections was up over

200%. We keep hearing about the slow down because of oil prices. The bottom line, we are extremely busy right now. Lead time 7 days or less. Make sure contractors call early if they want an inspection. Seeing some major impacts on financial planning and business models.

Richard Lieder - Question about Cy-Fair schools and their construction.

Mike Montgomery - Budget Approved - Looks like we will get funding for a some more people. If you haven't seen NFPA 1072, professional standards for Hazardous Material Responders. This is a guide for training for Hazardous Materials Responders.

Bill Anders - Having some medical going on and he has asked for prayers

Rodney Reed - Broadband Jamming went on just before the Super Bowl - FCC is looking into it. Suspected to be faulty equipment.

Chris Turrentine - A few departments have still not signed the Interlocal Agreement for Grace, PSTRAx will be contacting department that do not use their system to train them on how to use the program for GRACE tracking. Training coming up - ICS 300-400, Inspectors Class In March - Hazardous Tech sometime in the year.

Harris County Office Homeland Security and Emergency Management - Mark Sloan - Not Present 20:23

David Wade - Activated for weather event - Level 3. Started receiving intel regarding potential forecast worse than the other day. Start Sunday and last into Tuesday. - Moisture levels are indicative of an October time frame. Look for some emails soon from the weather service and from Harris County. David is the Executive Director for the Greater Harris County LEPC. You should be receiving Tier II. There are some areas that will have RMP facility. Just like the WEST, Texas plant that exploded. New rules are going to be in place for these facilities to get with the local fire departments and work closer with them. David is encouraging all departments and ESD'S to get more involved with the LEPC. Next Meeting LEPC is April 19th.

Marty Menke who coordinates Cert and did her final CERT Rodeo- She got home and found her husband deceased. Keep her and family in prayers. Sunday February 19th Funeral- Rodney Reed will send information out.

Cert rodeo this last Saturday - Went well. Thanked Chief Harris for bringing tower out in support of the CERT rodeo. Furthest CERT team from Indiana. Mike Mulligan also indicated he had a mass casualty unit out there.

SFFMA Update: David Wade 20:43

Planning conference at end of January - Speaker and Trainer committee - SFFMA Conference in June in San Marcos

Any other items for discussion 20:47

- Rodney Reed - Emergency Reporting has integrated their software to Texas Forest Service
- Radio Shop- This weekend they will update software - This Saturday Zone 1 around 2pm may have some trunking issues.
- Seasons have flip flopped - Mike Montgomery Spoke about what we are seeing right now is what we would see in October. He indicated we are in a flash drought.
- March 22- Legislative Day in Austin - SFFMA is partnering with Oil and Gas - David Wade to send information for blast out.

Next Meeting- Wednesday May 10- Webster **End 21:12**