



MINUTES
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 830th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: April 13, 2022

LOCATION: Managan Center - 1221 Sampson Street - Westlake, LA 70669

ORDERED BY: Tammy Ryan, President –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tammy Ryan, President –

INVOCATION BY: Mason Lindsay –

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Tammy Ryan, President –

HOST ENTITY: Tammy Ryan, President –

Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1 (Edgerly/Toomey)

No Power Point Presentation

☞ *Luncheon as tradition*

- Open Discussion - by Chief Tom Berry
 - ☞ Ward 7 Fire Protection District No. 1, located south of I-10
 - ☞ 4 Engines
 - ☞ 3 Tankers
 - ☞ 1 Truck
 - ☞ 1 Rescue Boat w/Fire Pump

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Tammy Ryan, President – *N/A*

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Tammy Ryan, President –

Calcasieu Parish E-911

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of March 2022 - **(47)**
- Open Discussion – by, Chief Todd Parker, w/Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1
 - ☞ Woods Fire on Bud Bennett Road
 - At 12:35pm, Ward 6 was dispatched to a woods fire on Bud Bennett Road
 - Upon arrival, LA Dept of Agriculture and Forestry was on scene attempting to contain the fire with several dozers.
 - The high winds and low humidity made for extreme fire conditions that continuously jumped fire lanes.
 - Ward 6 utilized the mutual aid system and requested apparatus and manpower from multiple agencies to provide structure protection and cover our fire district should any other emergencies occur.
 - Departments involved:
 - Ward 6 Fire Protection Dist. 1
 - **HOUSTON RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
 - Ward 5 Fire District
 - Beauregard Parish Fire District 2

- La. Dept of Ag and Forestry
- Calcasieu OHSEP
- Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office (CPSO)
- Calcasieu Parish Public Works
- **DeQuincy Volunteer Fire Department**
- The fire burned approximately 800 acres of timber. There was no damage to any structures and no injuries to any emergency responders
- 6 homes were evacuated as a precautionary measure, residents were able to return to their homes at around 7pm
- There will be smoke in the area over the next few days as LDAF crews mop up hot spots.
- Ward 6 E5 and Service 8 are currently working a grass fire on Hwy 389 that was caused by a downed power line
- Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers that spent over 8 hours working this incident
- Chief Lappe, w/HRFD, thanked Chief Parker for backfilling

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT - Account Balance Ending as of March 31, 2022 – **\$96,948.38**

BY LAWS: Richard McGuire, Chairman – **N/A/Absent**

COMMUNICATIONS: Richard McGuire, Chairman – **N/A/Absent**

DRILL: Robby Trahan, Ward 1 Fire Protect District No. 1, Chairman –

Regulatory ALERT/RMP Tabletop Drill After Action Report:

- Presented by Mr. Greg Satterfield/Mr. Chris Chaisson w/LyondellBasell

☞ How Facilities Impacted:

- All LyondellBasell manufacturing facilities (referred to as “stationary sources” under the Clean Air Act) located in the United States which are covered by 40 CFR Part 68

☞ Summary:

- On November 21, 2019, the EPA released the RMP Reconsideration Final Rule, modifying and improving the existing rule to remove burdensome and unnecessary amendments while maintaining appropriate protections and ensuring first responders have access to necessary safety information
- On December 19, 2019, the EPA published its RMP Reconsideration Final Rule in the *Federal Register*

EMS 8 HEALTHCARE: Mark Conner, Acadian Ambulance, Chairman –

Discussed - Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting met on Monday, March 28, 2022, to discuss:

• **Burn Kits Assembled & Deployed**

- ☞** 1st of next month
- ☞** Region 4
- ☞** Region 5
 - Region 5 owes their own drone

• **Dr. Cavanaugh – Provided public health and COVID updates**

- ☞** COVID numbers and positivity rates are at all time low
- ☞** Testing contracts managed by the state – going into “warm status”; encourage hospitals to consider their surge testing strategies and plans at EDs with this option being scaled back
- ☞** LNG supported sites are going to begin demobilizing

- ☛ Opioid updates – over 100 deaths in 2021 for Calcasieu parish
 - Has over doubled in past two years
 - Fentanyl is a big contributor
 - LE and PH/ESF8 working closely to help combat and discuss challenges/opportunities to combat
- **Frances Arledge provided the hospital preparedness program and statewide updates**
- ☛ Burn Surge Annex Planning
 - A draft state level plan has been developed and is being reviewed and modified by HCC leads/DRCs
 - HCC members and hospitals should expect to see drafts of their region 5 adopted plan and provide feedback
 - Burn push packs have been developed and are hoping to be deployed to the field in the month of April – these packs are designed to help provide care in the field, at rural hospital or at Trauma centers to help manage up to 10 burn patients with mild-moderate burn injuries
 - Burn Screen developed in the portal to provide LERN visibility on available beds; message groups are being developed to put burn hospitals on standby of burn MCI events as well as eventually including the southern region burn hospitals (Southern US region)
- ☛ Supply Chain and resources assessment
 - HCC must conduct assessments of supply chains and resources available
 - Currently the ESF8 portal captures some basic resource information in the Resource Management and in the MSTAT systems
 - Additional resources and supply chains are needed to be captured to meet this requirement and assist with mitigation strategies
 - Hospitals should expect to see a resources/supply survey pushed out at the state level and should provide responses to that survey – only 8 questions, should take no longer than 5 mins
 - Additionally, hospitals should make sure they update the Resources Management, Resources tab and the MSTAT critical infrastructure section of the ESF8 Portal
- ☛ Hurricane Improvement Planning – Communications and Info Sharing
 - ESF8 Portal and At-Risk Registry platforms are essential – there will be training for introductory level users and refreshers on the systems at end of April
 - At state level, focus is on identifying and maximizing redundancies in communications (PACE planning)
 - All hospitals should do the same – review the ESF2/Communications Lunch and Learn recording (linked in the Slide set) to help assess the risk assessment and understand PACE planning
- ☛ Upcoming Trainings – see slides
 - Future Cyber Workshop details to come soon

- **Scott Kyle provided regional updates**

- ☛ Reviewed the Regional HVA summary
- ☛ Reviewed the NIMS courses and the suggested levels for various hospital/healthcare response partners
 - P. Destout encouraged the practical use and participation of NIMS
- ☛ emPOWER data – this data set is sent quarterly by CMS, de-identified
 - Helps show by parish the number of patients who are vulnerable – i.e. vents, oxygen, etc
 - Can be identified and sent in preparation for a storm – hospitals and regional coordinators should understand approximate numbers of these citizens as this may put an extra surge of patients on the hospitals
- ☛ Redundant communications drill – April 4th, will be conducted in conjunction with a radio roll call

HAZMAT: Chief, Mark Ware, Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 2/Carlyss, Chairman – **N/A**

INSPECTION: Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman – **N/A/Absent**

Equipment List: *Inspection Progress*

MARINE USCG: Randy Scott, Port Security Specialist/USCG MSU –

Chemical & Radiological Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism

- Toxic Industrial Chemical (TICs), Toxic Industrial Materials (TIMs) & Toxic Radiological Materials (TRMs)
 - ☞ **FREE:** – Virtual Course
 - ☞ **Date:** April 28-29, 2022
 - ☞ **Registration Info:** acmt.net/CRAOTTX2022
 - ☞ **Contact:** webinars@acmt.net

NOMINATING: Bill Wilkie, Chairman – **N/A**

SAR: Lt. Ty Istre, w/CPSO, Chairman – **N/A**

TRAINING: Jimmy Boyette, Assist. Chief, w/WFD & Brandon Walker, Training Officer w/CFD Chairman –

Discussed - Mutual Aid Swift Water Flood Rescue Technician – SWFR Technician for (5) Tuition Applicants:

- (5) Applicants were submitted
 - ☞ 1 Applicant from Carlyss FD
 - ☞ 3 Applicants from Westlake FD
 - ☞ 1 Applicant from CPSO
- The purpose of this trip to “train the trainer” in developing more swift/surface water rescue personnel for the area therefore an Instructor I Certification will be required with Instructor II being preferred
- All (5) vacancies have been filled and **approved**, at The SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive Board Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2022
- No more Tuition Application, for the Mutual Aid Swift Water Flood Rescue Technician – SWFR Technician will be excepted

Discussed - Helicopter Rescue Training:

- This training was presented by Chief Arnold, w/Chennault International Airport, to the SWLAMA Steering Members on Thursday, April 7, 2022
- Requesting consideration to have the National Guard come back to Chennault and conduct the Helicopter Rescue Training
- This training will be open to all members of the SWLAMA Organization
- The SWLAMA Steering Executive Board Members, advised that, Jared Maze, Chief of Operations w/OHSEP & Vence Beches, Planner w/OHSEP, will coordinate the logistics on this training

WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Roger Erickson, Meteorologist – **Absent**

Discussed - 0600CDT update - Here is the latest on the severe weather expected today (Wed April 13th)

⚠ Impacts - Damaging wind gusts, hail, & tornadoes

🕒 Timing - This afternoon to evening

📍 Location - Highest risk in CenLA

- Today will be warm with temps in the upper 70s to low 80s. Tonight's lows will be in the upper 40s to 50s behind the front and low 60s ahead of it
- A high pressure will move in behind the front ushering drier and somewhat cooler air



BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: Tammy Ryan, President –

Discussed – 2022 ERAD

- This event is scheduled for, Saturday, September 10, 2022
- ☛ Be on the look-out for emails requesting, committee volunteers

NEW BUSINESS: Tammy Ryan, President –

Discussed - 2022 Outstanding SWLAMA Membership Dues:

- ES&H
- Equistar Chemicals., LP Lyondell/Basell
- PPG
- SASOL
- Tellurian Inc./Driftwood LNG
- Texas Butylene Chemicals (TPC Group)
- Topsy VFD Ward 9 District No. 7
- Triangle Rescue Standbys Services, Inc.
- Vallen Distribution, Inc.
- Victaulic Bermad Technologies
- West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital
- Westlake Chemical (**NORTH**)
- Westlake Petrochemicals Corp.
- Westlake Polymers

☛ 2nd Notices will be submitted

Discussed - Industrial Rescue Fire Brigade Emergency Response Training Sponsorship for (2) Applicants:

- (3) Applicants were submitted
 - ☛ 1 Applicant from Carlyss FD
 - ☛ 2 Applicant from Westlake FD
 - ☛ 1 of the applicants from Westlake FD had to **resign**
- The SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive Board Members **approved** the (2) applicants, at the SWLAMA Steering Committee Meeting, on Thursday, April 7, 2022
- Both applicants have been submitted to Chief Browning and Sonny Coffey
- Industrial Rescue Fire Brigade Emergency Response Training Sponsorship is now closed

Discussed - SWLAMA Steering Committee filling and vacating offices for Industrial Facility:

- Industrial Facility has becoming **vacant** and is now open to all (**Private Sector**) General Members, who may be interested in filling this position (*ie: CITGO, SASOL, Lyondell/Basell, Entergy, etc.*)
- Resume' must be submit to Tonya Pousson at tpousson@calcasieuparish.gov for consideration, no later than COB, Monday, May 2, 2022
- The SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive Board Members, shall review resumes at their next Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 2PM
- Those resumes that are approved, by a majority vote of the committee members present, will be presented to the General Members at the next SWLAMA Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Discussed - SWLAMA Page/Call-Out List Clean-up:

- Robby Trahan, Vice-President, submitted the E-911 Report, for the SWLAMA Page/Call-Out Members List, to the SWLAMA Steering Committee, on Thursday, April 7, 2022
- Upon further review, the Steering Committee recommendations and/or as follows;
 - ☞ Remove those entities that are no longer members on the SWLAMA
 - ☞ Remove duplication
 - ☞ Add new members
 - ☞ Correction to all name changes
 - ☞ Robby Trahan will be the head coordinator on the project

VOTING ISSUES: Tammy Ryan, President – **N/A**

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Jennings Fire Department

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

TIME: 11:00AM

LOCATION: Managan Center - 1221 Sampson Street - Westlake, LA 70669

ADJOURNED:

- Motion to adjourn – Todd Parker, w/CERTC/Ward 6 Fire Protection District 1
- 2nd the motion – Dean Lappe, w/Ward 4 Fire Protection District 4 (Houston River)/LA Pig
- Meeting adjourned – 12:30PM

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 2PM

901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200

Lake Charles, LA 70601