



**Minutes**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 847<sup>th</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** October 11, 2023

**ORDERED BY:** Tammy Ryan, President –

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tammy Ryan, President –

**INVOCATION BY:** Mason Lindsay –

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** Tammy Ryan, President –

- Roy Williams
- Anna Jo Haynes

**HOST ENTITY:** Tammy Ryan, President –

*DeQuincy Police Department:*

- Major Jerry Bell, Chief of Detectives, Emergency Manager of Public Affairs
  - ☞ **NO** Power Point Presentation
  - ☞ Luncheon as Tradition

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

**MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS:** Tammy Ryan, President –

*Calcasieu Parish E-911:*

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of September 2023 - (**66**)

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET/FINANCE:** Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

*TREASURERS REPORT:*

- Account Balance Ending as of September 29, 2023 – **\$70,637.75**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Richard McGuire, Chairman –

*Discussed - Working w/Louisiana Radio (LRC), on the State LWIN System:*

- Creating new templates for CPSO, Sulphur PD & Medical Group
  - ☞ Gap skills
  - ☞ Working on bringing up two other sites, Starks & Bell City/Hayes
  - ☞ LEPC Communication Committee has scheduled a **TEAMS** Meeting at OHSEP, Conference RM
    - **“Discussion - Emergency Communications for Emergency Responders”**

- **Agenda** – How to better Communication for Emergency Responders
- **Location** – 901 Lakeshore Drive, STE 200, Lake Charles, LA, 70601
- **Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2023
- **Time:** 3:00PM – 4:00PM
- **NOTE:** This is **WILL** be in-person, and **TEAMS** for those who can't attend in-person

**DRILL:** Mike Estes, LOTTE Chemical, Chairman – *N/A*

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

*Discussed - Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, was on Monday, September 25, 2023, to discuss:*

- **SWLA Resiliency & the Path Forward – Dr. Cavanaugh:**

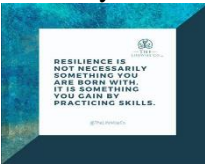
- ☞ **Trauma**

- Trauma is not what happens to you, it is what happens inside of you as a result of what happened to you
- It changes us
- **SAMHSA's definition:** Individual trauma results from an **event**, series of events, or set of circumstances that is **experienced** by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and has lasting adverse **effects** on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being



- ☞ **Resilience**

- Resilience is the capability of individuals to cope successfully in the face of significant change, adversity or risk
- The capacity changes over time and is enhanced by protective factors in the individual and environment
- (Stewart et al, 1997)
- Recovery from trauma CAN occur!



- Includes personal attributes AND organizational attributes
- **Personal:** Practicing optimism, mindfulness, thinking before we speak, having a positive attitude, accepting help, gratitude, trying new things, setting realistic goals, building relationships, being accepting of change, improving self-esteem, getting good sleep, being physically and mentally fit, practicing relaxation
- **Organizational:** Authentic culture, managing workloads and stress, building trust, ensuring voices are heard, being flexible, finding strengths, good policies and procedures, has focus, good communication, allows creativity and curiosity, consistency across time, responds appropriately



- ☞ **Increasing Resiliency**

- Increase resiliency of individual workers
  - **Example:** Providing workers with information about insurance coverages
- Increase the resiliency of institutions
  - Becoming trauma informed; offering institutions expertise
- Increase resiliency of the community
  - Social services sector planning
  - Policy changes that impede recovery

➤ Consider health at every recovery decision made

#### ☞ What is Recovery?

- It is more than the community's return to pre-disaster circumstances
- No single definition fits all situations, but in general, the community successfully overcomes the physical, emotional, and environmental impacts of the disaster; it re-establishes an economic and social base that instills confidence in the community: it rebuilds by integrating the functional needs of all residents and reducing its vulnerability to all hazards facing it; and the entire community demonstrates a capability to be prepared, responsive, and resilient in dealing with the consequences of disasters.

#### ☞ Post-Traumatic Growth

- “As we look to the future, I want to encourage us to think about what might come from the experiences we have faced recently. The decade after the pandemic of 1918 saw the invention of many things, including the grocery bag, hydraulic brake, toaster and blender, polygraph, masking tape and corn dogs. That period also saw the refinement of penicillin, and the invention of insulin and the electrocardiogram.” – Susana Rivera-Mills from Leadership in the Time of COVID-19

*What might our experiences mean for us?*

*Where will we find hope and opportunities for innovation and transformation?*

#### • State of the Insurance Market – Jennifer Mourain, Office of Consumer Advocacy & Diversity

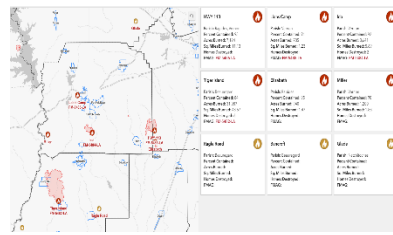
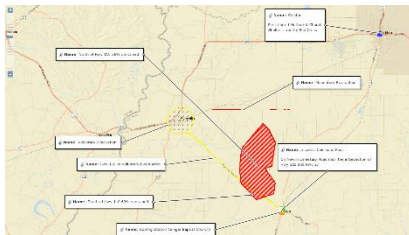
##### ☞ Homeowner's insurance is increasing statewide

- Ex: 2022 – **18.5%** increase in rates  
2021 – **6.7%** increase in rates  
2020 – **1.9%** increase in rates
- 64% of homes are underinsured according to a national study
- Make sure to shop based on the **cost value** of the house
- Increase in catastrophe losses
- Increase in supply costs for houses.
- **9** insurers failed in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura, Delta, and Ida causing less competition in the insurance market
- Louisiana Citizens
- **63%** rate increase on residential properties
  - Required rate to be at least 10% of the qualifying market
- Most Expensive Mistakes?
  - Not knowing your deductible
  - Not having insurance
  - Not having replacement cost coverage
  - Not having enough insurance to cover home
  - Not filing supplemental claims
  - This is done during home repairs
- Best Practices
  - Review your policies now
  - Mitigate your property
  - Plan!!
  - Interview your agents for multiple bids
  - Verify if your agent is captive or independent
- Responsibilities before a Loss
  - Become an educated consumer
  - Understand the cost and value of your home
  - Notify the insurer of any improvements – can increase home value
  - Review your policy for adequate coverage – paintings, and expensive hobby equipment
  - Create a home inventory.
  - Maintain your property.
    - I.e., cut an old dead tree down

- NAIC Home Inventory App
  - Easier claim process
  - Have a copy of the insurance policy in hand
- Your Responsibilities after a Loss
  - File a claim
  - Make reasonable repairs, but first receive prior approval of insurance copy
  - Keep invoices and receipts OF EVERYTHING – hotel, gas, food, etc
  - Take a home inventory.
  - Send proof of loss to the insurance company within 180 days of catastrophic loss and 60 days of perils
- Catastrophe Reform
  - Insure Louisiana Incentive Program
    - Successful after Hurricane Katrina and Rita
    - More insurers, more competition, so rates will be driven down
    - Currently, 9 insurance companies are coming to write policies to potentially solve the skyrocketing rates similar to 2005.
  - Fortify Homes
    - An incentive for homeowners to repair damaged roofs.
    - \$10,000 grant
- Set by Business Home and Safety Program
- Mobile homes and condos do not qualify
- Must have wind coverage, and flood insurance if living in hazard areas provided by FEMA
- Opens Oct. 2
- Citizen Policyholders are given priority.
- Brings premiums down.
- If you hire a contractor before approval of the grant, you become INELIGIBLE for the grant.
- Lasts for 5 years.
- The completed project must meet the fortified roof requirements.

- **Tiger Island Fire – Paul DeStout**

- ☞ Regional 5 Medical Response Timeline



- **Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:**

- ☞ Monday, October 23, 2023, at 2:30PM/OHSEP –

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

**EQUIPMENT LIST/WEBSITE DATABASE:** Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman – *N/A*

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

*Inspection Progress:*

**MARINE USCG:** Cade McLemore, Port Security Specialist/USCG MSU –

*Discussed – 2024 (PSGP) Port Security Grant Workshop:*

- Dates set for and/or as follows;
  - ☞ Wednesday, November 22, 2023 (9AM-12PM)
  - ☞ Monday, December 18, 2023 (9AM – 12PM)
  - ☞ Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (9AM – 12PM)

**NOMINATING:** Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

*Discussed - Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association Elections of Officers for 2024 thru 2025:*

- **October General Meeting:**

- ☞ Nominating Committee Reports for **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Public Sector:**

- **LAST CALL:**

- ☞ President asked, (3) times, “**are there any parties interested in being a nominee for any office**”
  - **NO** response from the members was given
  - President **announced**, to the members; “poles are now **CLOSE** and listed **ALL** potential candidates/nominees”
- ☞ Announced name(s) of potential nominees:
  - **President** - (Presently from **Public** sector)
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** - (Presently from **Public** sector)
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** - (Presently from **Private** sector)
    - ✚ **Nomination from Public Sector, discusses possible nominees**
      - **Jonathan Duff**, Chief of Westlake Fire
      - **Jason Lionberger**, Emergency Response Specialist, w/The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
  - **Secretary** - (Presently Serving)
  - **Treasurer** - (Presently Serving)
    - Both potential candidates/nominees introduced themselves, one at a time, and gave a brief description/introduction as to why they thought, they are the best candidate for **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**
- ☞ Lastly, President **announced** that **VOTING** for **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** will be held at the next SWLAMA Regular Scheduled General Board Meeting, **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**, and **voting procedures** and/or as follows;
  - ONLY** the member’s **PRIMARY** representative or, in the absence of the **PRIMARY**, (*i.e. secondary*) may vote
  - Eligible Voting Members** and/or as follows;
    - Exempt Members
    - General Members
    - Life Members

**SAR:** Lt. Joseph Fontenot/Lt. Jake Cauvin (**Temporary for Lt. Ty Istre**), w/CPSO, Chairman – *N/A*

**TRAINING:** Jimmy Boyette, Assist. Chief, w/WFD & Cpt. Chris Smith, Training Officer w/CFD Chairman –

*Discussed - Upcoming Training Opportunities: Tammy Ryan c/o Jimmy Boyette:*

**Course:** ICS 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents  
**Date & Times:** **October 12, 2023** thru **October 13, 2023** from **8AM – 4PM**  
**Registration Deadline:** **October 9, 2023 COB 5:00PM**

**Course:** G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface  
**Date & Times:** **November 15, 2023** from **8AM – 4PM**  
**Registration Deadline:** **November 10, 2023 COB 5:00PM**

**Course:** ICS 400 – Advance Incident Command System  
**Date & Times:** **December 7, 2023** thru **December 8, 2023** from **8AM – 4PM**  
**Registration Deadline:** **December 4, 2023 COB 5:00PM**

**Course:** 0305 - Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team  
**Date & Times:** *December 11, 2023* thru *December 15, 2023* from *8AM – 5PM*  
**Registration Deadline:** *November 1, 2023 COB 5:00PM*

- ☞ To access any of these training list above, please register at <https://stems.gohsep.la.gov/offerings?page=2>
- ☞ Print-outs are upfront by sign-n-sheets

• **Railroad Investigation & Safety Course -**

- ☞ Has been scheduled for *Monday, October 30, 2023*, at *Calcasieu Parish OEP/EOC; 8:00AM - 1:00PM*
- ☞ Lunch provided by the SWLAMA, **NOT** to exceed over (**50**) students - (*NOTE: Headcount is needed ASAP*)
- ☞ For those interested in attended this course, please email Megan Powell, [mpowell@calcasieu.gov](mailto:mpowell@calcasieu.gov) w/OHSEP the following information
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Agency
  - Email Address
  - Contact Information
- ☞ **Railroad Investigation & Safety Course** – Information Flyers up front by sign-n-sheets

**WEATHER UPDATE (NWS):** Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –  
***KPLC 7 Weather: by, Joseph Ink***

• **FIRST ALERT FORECAST – *Wednesday, October 11, 2023***

- ☞ First Alert Forecast: Some thin showers and gusty winds today, but not enough rain to help with drought
- ☞ LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) -We have another cloudy day ahead for Southwest Louisiana, with some drizzles and showers to keep temperatures down.
- ☞ An area of low pressure has been moving northeast from south Texas across the northern Gulf of Mexico since early this morning, helping to bring some limited rainfall to the area. The best chance of rain will likely remain offshore with chances sharply dropping from south to north across Southwest Louisiana. It is looking much drier for today’s estimates as the system is shoved further east; areas farther northwest may see little to no rain, while areas farther southeast could see as much as 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch.
- ☞ Skies will still be staying mostly overcast for the day, which combined with the drizzle and breezy conditions will keep temperatures in the 70’s for the day, possibly in the 60’s for a handful of areas. The biggest impact will be the wind, with gusts higher than 20 mph possible during the day. A wind advisory is in effect for the coastal parishes



- ☞ Some showers will be around throughout the day, but rain totals are looking low(KPLC)

• **FIRST ALERT FORECAST – *Tuesday, October 10, 2023***



- ☞ LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Our weather pattern has been shifting with southerly winds and humidity coming back to SWLA, but rain chances won’t be picking up until overnight.

- ☛ Tuesday will continue the trend of increasing humidity, with temperatures and southerly winds both seeing an increase. Generally, overcast skies will be present for the day, which will help keep afternoon temperatures similar to yesterday despite the more humid conditions by keeping us in the shade. Highs for the afternoon will top out somewhere in the low to mid 80's. While rain chances will be picking up soon, it will most likely be late in the evening to overnight.



- ☛ Overcast skies for the afternoon Tuesday will keep temps down, but expected to stay dry (KPLC)
- ☛ An area of low pressure will move northeast from south Texas across the northern Gulf of Mexico as it merges with a frontal feature; this will bring a chance of rain to our area for Wednesday, trailing into Thursday.



- ☛ Low pressure moving to the South will increase our chances for rain Wednesday into Thursday (KPLC)
- ☛ The best chance of rain will likely remain offshore with possibly a sharp difference in rain from south to north across Southwest Louisiana. Areas farther northwest may see little to no rain, while areas farther southeast could see upwards of 1 inch of rain with much higher totals possible toward the southeast corner of our state. Generally, models are showing the better rainfall amounts further to our east.



- ☛ Expected rainfall totals(KPLC)
- ☛ The National Hurricane Center has also outlined this area for a low chance of tropical development as it moves northeast. However regardless of whether or not it develops the impacts to our area remain the same and in the form of limited rain chances. Even if this manages to develop into a tropical system it would not change our weather with any potential track remaining southeast of our area due to southwesterly upper-level winds pushing this off to the northeast. Impacts could be higher well east of our area from New Orleans into the Florida panhandle, which will be something to keep in mind if you plan to travel that way.



- ☛ Tropical Outlook(KPLC)
- ☛ Past the rain, another cold front is expected to arrive sometime Friday. It doesn't look like this front will have much moisture, which will keep rain chances limited. However, it will bring another round of cool and dry air to Southwest Louisiana just in time for the weekend! Lows will be returning to the **50s** and highs in the **70s** by Saturday, remaining nice well into next week. At this time, it looks like the weather may cooperate for the annual solar eclipse which occurs Saturday around 12 pm, more details on that later this week.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tammy Ryan, President – *N/A*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tammy Ryan, President – *N/A*

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

## ***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING EVENTS:***

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** Westlake Chemicals & Vinyl's LLC/Westlake North (*NORTH SITE*)

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

### **ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn – *Jimmy Boyette*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – *Todd Parker*
- Meeting adjourned – *11:25AM*

## ***THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD***

**Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 2PM**

**901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200**

**Lake Charles, LA 70601**