



Minutes
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 840th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: March 8, 2023

ORDERED BY: Robby Trahan, Vice-President –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Robby Trahan, Vice-President –

INVOCATION BY: Mason Lindsay –

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Robby Trahan, Vice-President –

- Tony Bourgeois w/Bulldog

HOST ENTITY: Tammy Ryan, President –

Lake Charles LNG Company & Energy Transfer Company:

- **NO** - Power Point Presentation will be presented
- Luncheon provided as tradition

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Robby Trahan, Vice-President –

Chief Eric Maricle, w/Oakdale Fire Department – New Applicant for General Membership:

- Chief Maricle, submitted his application, w/brief description of the organization, and membership dues, **Thursday, February 23, 2023**
- Rob Daughdril, Inspector, submitted his completed “*Inspection Report*”, **Monday, February 27, 2023**
- The SWLAMA Steering Committee/Executive Board Members, met on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, to discuss and review Oakdale Fire Department, Application for General Membership, and Inspection Report
- Steering Committee/Executive Board Members, recommended to **ACCEPT** Oakdale Fire Department, Application for General Membership
- Chief Eric Maricle, will give a brief description of their organization
☞ *(brief description below)*

“Oakdale Fire Department are a combination department. Oakdale Fire Department have 17 firefighters on the roster with 5 of them being full-time employees. Oakdale Fire Department are open 24/7 to protect the City of Oakdale and its citizens. Oakdale Fire Department provide fire protection, Oakdale Fire Department provide EMS services without transport, and practice the teachings of fire prevention”

Robby Trahan, Vice-President – Addressed the SWLAMA Board Members:

- ☞ ***Oakdale Fire Department***, new applicant for ***General Membership***, will be held over (*I*) one month, & shall be presented to the General Board Members as a “***Voting Issue***”, at the next regular scheduled, SWLAMA General Board Meeting, ***Wednesday, April 12, 2023***

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Robby Trahan, Vice-President –

Calcasieu Parish E-911:

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of February 2023 - **(29)**

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of February 28, 2023 – **\$88,857.50**

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Richard McGuire, Chairman –

Discussed – The Lake Charles Tower

- CALWIN/LWIN

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

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

Discussed - The upcoming EMT (6 week) Course in April

- To attend this course, attendees will need the following
 - ☞ Physical
 - ☞ Proper Uniform
 - ☞ Proper Boots
 - ☞ Dates & Times, TBD

Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, met on Monday, February 27, 2023, to discuss -

• Discussed - Andrew McLemore-Laboratory Response Network for Chemical Treats (LRN-C):

- ☞ LRN-C is a National network of Centers of Disease control and prevention and local and state public health labs that responds to chemical terrorism and other public health emergencies
- ☞ During large scale national events, state and local LRN-c labs assist CDC in testing samples for chemical exposures and serve as front line conduit for communication among CDC and local health officials, hospitals, and poison control centers. They also provide crucial local and state infrastructure that supports other important state and local public health programs
- ☞ 55 LRN-c member labs located in the US
- ☞ 45 LRN-c can identify exposure to toxic chemical agents
- ☞ 10 LRN-c have high throughput testing capabilities for mustard agents, nerve agents and toxic industrial chemical exposure
- ☞ The LRN-c structure is a 3 tiered system that provide testing of clinical specimens from individuals who may have been exposed to chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial compounds that are not routinely tested for by healthcare based labs
- ☞ LRN-c labs can test 8500 clinical samples within 24 hours
- ☞ If an incident happens state senior officials are notified or FBI request CDC assist
- ☞ CDC Deploys a chemical response team.
- ☞ CDC conducts Rapid toxic Screens (a testing panel that can measure 40 samples for 150 high-threat chemicals within 36 hours) (Priority screen). CDC returns findings to the state to assist in detecting, diagnosing, treating, and preventing further exposure.
- ☞ CDC engages LRN-c labs for additional high levels of patient testing (*Surge capacity.*)
- ☞ LRN-c return results to CDC
- ☞ CDC provides a summary report of aggregate data.
- ☞ CDC returns findings to the state

- *LRN-c has a 24-hour email and phone number that is always monitored*
- ophlaber@la.gov
- 504-458-9537
- *LeAnn Covington – Bioterrorism Coordinator*
- *Andrew McLemore – Chemical Threat Response*
- *Peter Travis – Grants and Risk Management*
- **Discussed - Decon/Donning & Doffing Refresher:**
 - ☞ Scott- do we need a full course or just a refresher?
 - ☞ Nate with ST Pats feels a full course is needed, and everyone agreed.
- **Discussed – HERT Training:**
 - ☞ It is free of charge.
 - ☞ Scott will set it up and get the information out to everyone.
- **Discussed – Acadian Divert Protocol:**
 - ☞ Scott – there was a call last week about diverting patients and what is the protocol
 - ☞ Acadian only honors certain criteria, unless there is an operational issue, or the ER is closed
 - ☞ Jeremy Brown with Acadian will explain,
 - It is based on whether the patient is decompensating or compensating
 - Status 1 is decompensating patients
 - Status 2 is more time sensitive as STEMI, stroke within 6 hours, and Trauma
 - ☞ On the call, it was said that both hospitals only wanted STEMI, Strokes, and Traumas (which is great) But that leaves the septic patients that are unresponsive and stroke pt out of their 6-hour window
 - ☞ Once the hospital is on saturation the ambulance cannot bring any status 1 or 2 patients
 - ☞ Ambulance request that hospitals say that you are on diversion before the report is given because it makes it seem like patient picking is happening
 - 6 acceptable reasons for diversion: ER saturation, no CT for strokes, no Cath lab, and type of injury that needs to be corrected somewhere else. If the ED is closed for a hurricane or flooding event or possible pipe burst inside a hospital, MCI can overload a hospital quickly so they can divert.
 - ☞ Unacceptable reasons – No ICU (patients need immediate treatment and that happens in ER not ICU).
 - ☞ Asked why is 1 or 2 diverted but not 3 or 4 – reason is because 3 or 4 can wait with the ambulance for a while but require a bed when available
 - ☞ Acadian **cannot divert more than one time** meaning example<
 - A patient says I want to go to LCMH and find out they are on divert
 - ☞ The patient’s next choice is ST Pats – that is where the patient will go ultimately the patient’s decision – not EMS
 - ☞ When 2 hospitals are diverting then the patient will usually sign an AMA and go to the hospital of their choice anyways. They have received an explanation of the risk they are taking.
 - ☞ Acadian uses all resources possible as in LERN to ensure they are not stuck in limbo
 - ☞ Confusion on ESI level patient’s example:
 - EMS says ESI level 3
 - Psych patient that was given something to sedate by Acadian- Which produces the effects that you want but ER says that makes them an ESI Level 2
 - Nate from St Pats – At what point is it decided that a hospital is put on diversion- Does the hospital or EMS decide?
 - Jeremy- It ultimately depends on the patient’s wishes in the end
- **Discussed – HVA:**
 - ☞ Facilities need to have a team that works on the HVA, not just one person
 - ☞ Your facility needs to be able to speak on your responses, best practice is a multiple-disciplinary team
 - ☞ Scott - This is a subjective assessment
 - ☞ Paul Destout – Explains that it’s Vulnerability vs Risk
 - ☞ Ask yourself, has this happened before, do I feel it’s ever going to happen?
 - ☞ Don’t look at it as did it ever happened – Ask yourself if it did happen how vulnerable I am to it
 - ☞ For example, my risk for an active shooter is very low but my vulnerability to it is very high

• **Discussed – AAR who manages brief review of application:**

- ☞ Liz has asked that you identify 2 people within your organization to be responsible for entering information and email her this information before hurricane season this year
- ☞ If you feel your staff needs training or a refresher please notify Liz and she will be glad to teach anyone and answer any questions
- ☞ It is a crucial tool when it's needed

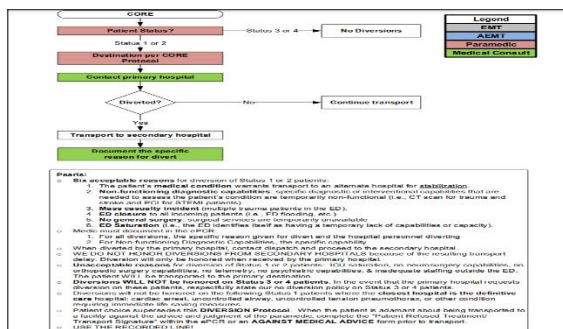
• **Discussed – Radiologic Survey-Review PDF:**

- ☞ Complete and submit the survey ASAP
- ☞ Scott – LCMH didn't have a contractor to handle radiologically contaminated items outside of what they would normally generate in the hospital – please review your contracts so you are prepared

• **Discussed – Public Health Update:**

- ☞ Dr. Cavanaugh – Youth risk behavior Survey CDC conducts this survey
- ☞ Measures and graphs from 17,000 High School Students every other year their risky behavior 2011-2021
- ☞ Sexual behavior, drug and alcohol use, student violence, mental health, STD testing has gone down along with sexual behavior
- ☞ Mental health has almost doubled in females
- ☞ Violence has stayed the same for over 10 years
- ☞ This spring the graph will break it down by sex and gender
- ☞ 18% of 17,000 students have made a suicide plan
- ☞ 30% of females were persistently sad to now 57%
- ☞ 60% females of every high school surveyed out of the 17,000 females - account for the increase in mental health issues
- ☞ ED reports 1.7% of all visits were for suicidal ideations
- ☞ Suicide attempts – we are one of the highest in the state
- ☞ This usually peaks in the Spring according to the data collected so far
- ☞ At the national level tracker for non-fatal overdose mapping – Our region has been working with Acadian.
- ☞ In region 5 – Jeff Davis is in the top 10 counties in the United States with non-fatal overdoses
- ☞ CDC tracking- Listeria outbreak

➤ Artificial tears – Drug-resistant pseudomonas



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

- ☞ Monday, March 27, 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 - FY' 2023 Port Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):

- Released on, Monday, February 27, 2023, with application deadline, Thursday, May 18, 2023, the NOFO can be found at this link: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_gpd-fy-23-psgp-nofo.pdf
- ☞ If you require any assistance with your application, and/or have any questions, that the NOFO cannot answer, you can reach your FEMA Preparedness Officer Monday thru Friday – 8:00AM-4:00PM CST.
 - Phone: (800) 368-6498
 - Email: ASKCSID@FEMA.DHS.GOV

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 - Upcoming Training Opportunities:

☞ **1st Quarter:**

Course: ICS 400 – Advance Incident Command System
Date & Times: *March 28, 2023* thru *March 29, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

☞ **2nd Quarter:**

Course: ICS 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
Date & Times: *April 13, 2023* thru *April 14, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

Course: G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface
Date & Times: *May 17, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

Course: ICS 400 – Advance Incident Command System
Date & Times: *June 7, 2023* thru *June 8, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

☞ **3rd Quarter:**

Course: ICS 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
Date & Times: *July 13, 2023* thru *July 14, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

Course: G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface
Date & Times: *August 16, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

Course: ICS 400 – Advance Incident Command System
Date & Times: *September 14, 2023* thru *September 15, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

☞ **4th Quarter:**

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

Course: G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface
Date & Times: *November 15, 2023* from *8AM – 4PM*

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

- ☞ 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

WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist – **US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LAKE CHARLES:**

• **Issued at 10:30AM CST Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

- ☞ Another warm and humid day underway across the region this morning. The warm pattern will continue through the end of the week.



KPLC 7 Weather:

• **FIRST ALERT FORECAST**

- ☞ Warm and muggy weather continues. A very weak front approaches Friday, increasing our rain chances. Cooler temperatures arrive next week with a slightly stronger front late Sunday.



US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LAKE CHARLES:

• **Issued at 8AM CST Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

- ☞ Expect another warm and muggy day with highs in the lower to middle 80s. There could also be a few isolated showers across the area, but nothing significant.



OLD BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, Vice-President – *N/A*

NEW BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, Vice-President – *Discussed - BUXUS App - Mason Lindsay:*

Discussed - FY'2023 SWLAMA Budget Report:

• The SWLAMA Steering Committee/Executive Board Members, met on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, to review recommendations for the **SWLAMA Budget Reporting Period for FY' 2023**, that was submitted/presented by the **SWLAMA Budget Committee**

- ☞ SWLAMA Operational Supplies \$1,200.00
- ☞ SWLAMA Inspections \$5,000.00
- ☞ SWLAMA Training \$15,000.00
- ☞ SWLAMA BUXUS App \$15,000.00
- ☞ SWLAMA Donation/Radio Tower/MSU \$25,000.00
- ☞ SWLAMA MISC \$5,000.00

- ☞ **Total Estimated Budget \$66,200.00**

Category	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Var
Office Supplies	1,200.00													1,200.00	
Inspections	5,000.00													5,000.00	
Training	15,000.00													15,000.00	
BUXUS App	15,000.00													15,000.00	
Donation/Radio Tower/MSU	25,000.00													25,000.00	
MISC	5,000.00													5,000.00	
Total	66,200.00													66,200.00	

Jared H. Maze
 Bill Wilkie
 Richard McLoone

VOTING ISSUES: Robby Trahan, Vice-President – *N/A*

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office (*SO*)

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

TIME: 11:00AM

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

ADJOURN:

- Motion to adjourn – Todd Parker w/CERTC
- 2nd the motion – Jerry Bell w/DeQuincy PD
- Meeting adjourned – 11:14AM

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 2PM
901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200
Lake Charles, LA 70601