



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 845<sup>th</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** August 9, 2023

**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 –

*TDC Westlake (Jupiter)*

- **NO** - Power Point Presentation will be presented
  - ☞ Mr. Brian Moore, Director, will speak on behalf of TDC Westlake (*Jupiter*) Facility
- Luncheon provided as tradition by; *The Hut*

**NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS:** Tammy Ryan, President –

*Discussed - Alpha-Omega Services, Inc.*

- Mr. Chris Duhon, CEO/Owner, brief description of the organization to the General Board Members
  - ☞ Alpha-Omega Services, Inc. ("AOS") is a multifaceted medical device manufacturer which supplies radioactive sources and devices directly to hospitals on behalf of our OEM customers. In conjunction to our main business AOS also provides services for critical infrastructure and hazardous materials applications with its 50 years of experience in radioactive materials handling and transportation.
  - ☞ New applicant, *Alpha-Omega Services, Inc.*, will be brought to the General Board Members, as a “**VOTING ISSUE**” at the next SWLAMA regular scheduled General Board Meeting, *Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

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

*Discussed - Calcasieu Parish E-911*

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **July 2023** - (41)
- Discussed a Fire Incident that occurred on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - Chief Dean Lappe, Houston River Fire Department
  - ☞ **HOUSTON RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT** was dispatched to a home on fire on N. Claiborne St. at approximately 6:15AM this morning
  - ☞ Upon arrival the home was about **50%** involved
  - ☞ HRFD received Automatic Aid from Ward Six Fire Protection District No. One
  - ☞ Also requested Mutual Aid from Sulphur Fire Department, Westlake Fire Department, Ward One Fire Department, Ward Seven Fire Department, and Carlyss Fire Department
  - ☞ Acadian Ambulance and Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office also assisted
  - ☞ One Firefighter was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries
  - ☞ It took about 1 hour to bring the fire under control, and unfortunately the home was a total loss, and no one was home at the time of the fire
  - ☞ The fire is under investigation by Houston River Fire Department and Sulphur Fire Department investigator
  - ☞ The fire is believed not to be suspicious.

- ☞ It is extremely dry please refrain from any outdoor burning



- Discussed Statewide **BURN BAN** – Chief Dean Lappe, Houston River Fire Department
  - ☞ STATEWIDE BURN BAN ISSUED DUE TO CONCERNING DRY CONDITIONS



- ☞ BATON ROUGE- Due to the extremely dry conditions statewide and the concern over first responder safety in these dangerously high temperatures, State Fire Marshal Dan Wallis, along with Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, has issued a statewide cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to authority under R.S. 40:1602.
- ☞ Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government.
- ☞ This order is effective as of 5:00 p.m., August 7, 2023, and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
- ☞ This ban shall not apply to prescribed burns by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, by those trained and certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or by those who conduct prescribed burning as a “generally accepted agriculture practice” as defined by the Louisiana Right to Farm Law (R.S. 3:3601 et seq.).
- ☞ The use of barbecue grills, fire pits and small campfires for brief, recreational purposes are allowed and not affected by the burn ban.
- ☞ Violation of this Fire Marshal order could result in criminal and/or civil penalties.



## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET/FINANCE:** Tammy Ryan, President *c/o* Bill Wilkie, Chairman – **TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Account Balance Ending as of July 31, 2023 – **\$95,337.75**

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

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

**DRILL:** Mike Estes, LOTTE Chemical, Chairman –  
*Discussed - Upcoming Drills in October*

- See - *Railroad Investigation & Safety Course* under “*Upcoming Training*”

**EMS 8 HEALTHCARE:** Mark Conner, Acadian Ambulance, Chairman –  
*Discussed - “STOP THE BLEED”*

- Interested, please contact **Mr. Billy Vincent**, w/Acadian Ambulance  
 ☎ (337) 302-9275  
 ☎ [wvincent@acadian.com](mailto:wvincent@acadian.com)

*Discussed - National Child Passenger Safety Certification (CPS) Technician Class – Jason Fuselier w/Acadian Ambulance*

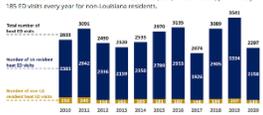
- The [CPS Certification Course](#) is four days long and combines classroom instruction, indoor and outdoor hands-on activities, skills assessments with car seats and vehicles, and a community safety seat checkup event. You will receive a copy of the technician guide and will be expected to read it as part of the course instruction. All course materials, including the workbook, are included in your registration fee. The course is **PAID N FULL** by Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.
  - ☎ For more information, you can visit the website at <https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech/certification-course> or you can contact, **Alyssa Fontenot**, RN, Extern/New Associate Coordinator, Surgical Services Education Coordinator, CHRISTUS Ochsner SWLA, 337-491-7781 (O), 337-348-2604 (cell), and/or **Jason Fuselier** -NREMT, Field Supervisor, Acadian Ambulance, 721 Enterprise Blvd, Lake Charles, LA 70601, C: 337.660.5990, O: 337-475-2890, [www.AcadianAmbulance.com](http://www.AcadianAmbulance.com)
  - If interested, please fill out the google form. <https://forms.gle/sTPs37p1FhtXRnHx5>
  - ☎ **NOTE:** Per State Regulations, in order to host a class, minimum of **20** students, otherwise the next *National Child Passenger Safety Certification (CPS) Technician Class* will be in **March 2024**

*Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, met on Monday, July 24, 2023, to discuss:*

- **Scott Kyle – Alternative to Joint Commission:**
- **LA Heat – Related Illness:**

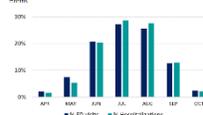
**ANNUAL COUNTS AND RATES: ALL CASES**

There was an annual average of 2,700 ED visits for heat-related illness. Most of these ED visits were for Louisiana residents (91%). There were approximately 155 ED visits every year for non-Louisiana residents.



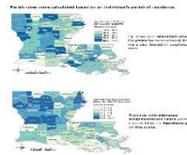
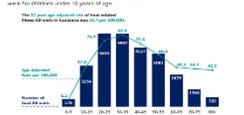
**MONTH**

Heat illness is seasonal, occurring most often during the summer months, leading to a high number of ED visits and hospitalizations. In the chart below, the number of ED visits and hospitalizations is shown by month.



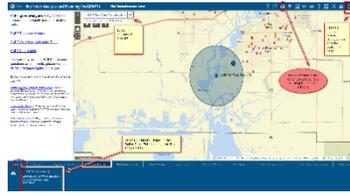
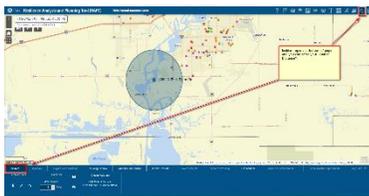
**AGE: ALL CASES**

Individuals 20 to 29 years old accounted for 40% of all heat-related ED visits and had the highest rates, followed by the 40 to 49 age group. The smallest number and rate were for children under 10 years of age.



- **Public Health Update:**
- **RAPT Tool:**

☎ <https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/resilience-analysis-planning-tool>



- **EmPOWER:**

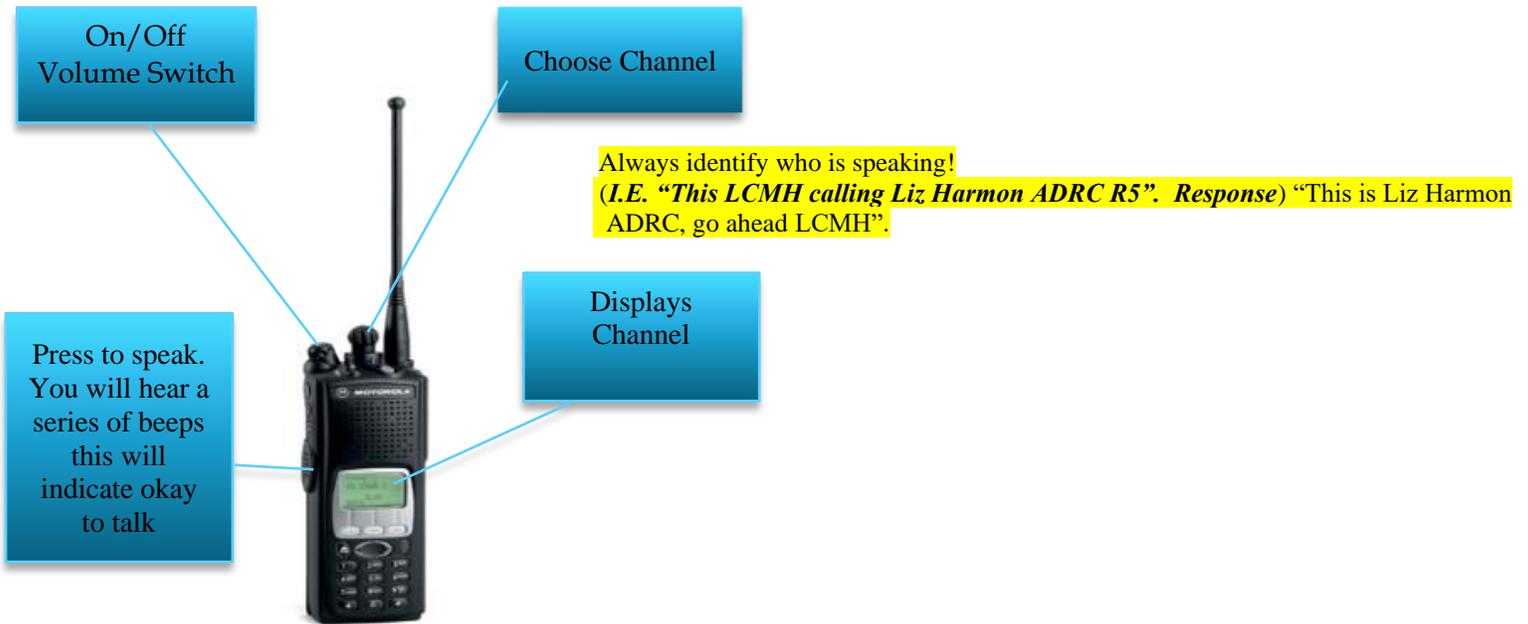
☎ Data 06-2023

Parish	Population	ED Visits	Hospitalizations	Rate per 100,000
Acadia	12,000	100	50	0.8
Allen	15,000	150	75	1.0
Assumption	18,000	180	90	1.0
Azouff	20,000	200	100	1.0
Bossier	25,000	250	125	1.0
Brebeuf	28,000	280	140	1.0
Bucare	30,000	300	150	1.0
Cadeau	35,000	350	175	1.0
Cadeaux	40,000	400	200	1.0
Calderon	45,000	450	225	1.0
Calderons	50,000	500	250	1.0
Calderons	55,000	550	275	1.0
Calderons	60,000	600	300	1.0
Calderons	65,000	650	325	1.0
Calderons	70,000	700	350	1.0
Calderons	75,000	750	375	1.0
Calderons	80,000	800	400	1.0
Calderons	85,000	850	425	1.0
Calderons	90,000	900	450	1.0
Calderons	95,000	950	475	1.0
Calderons	100,000	1,000	500	1.0

- **HERT – Course Goals & Objectives Class:**

- ☞ Apply the fundamental concepts required to establish a Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) that can respond operationally to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).
- ☞ Explain the necessity for the use of a Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT).
- ☞ Describe the organization and operation of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) in response to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).
- ☞ Differentiate among the medical responses to the effects of a CBRNE incident.

- **Radio Reminder – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 8:45**



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

- ☞ Monday, August 28, 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 –

*Discussed - The website provider requires an update of v.3 to v.4.*

- Major overhaul expected.
  - ☞ Downtime is expected, but duration is unknown.
  - ☞ Inspection reports completed will be updated on database immediately, but they will not be updated on website until after upgrade is completed

**INSPECTION:** Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman –

*Discussed - Inspection Progress*

- Jerry Pierrotte, Inspector – SWLAMA Inspection Form, Equipment Survey, & SWLAMA Dedicated Equipment Report for *Texas Butylene (TPC Group)*, VIA-Email, on Wednesday, August 2, 2023
  - ☞ *Texas Butylene (TPC Group)* is **COMPLIANT** as a SWLA Mutual Aid Association Member
- Upcoming Inspections are as follows;
  - ☞ *TDC Jupiter*
  - ☞ *Lake Charles LNG Company/Energy Transfer Company*

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

*Discussed - Port Security Grant - Sgt. Andrew Malveaux, LCPD*

- LCPD is interested in utilizing this grant to procure “**SPOT**” (*robotic equipment*)
- “**SPOT**” is not only used by law enforcement for high-risk situations such as active shooters, barricaded persons, hostage encounters, but also in the industrial sector. “**SPOT**” is being utilized for many industrial functions including facility safety and Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear- Explosive [CBRNE] detection capabilities
- This webinar will be very informative and could potentially be a valuable tool for SWLA Mutual Aid as our agency hopes to be able to procure funds to purchase this robot through the *FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program*. This would be a great opportunity for all Mutual Aid stakeholders to see what this robot is capable of and ask questions for the Boston Dynamics webinar hosts
  - ☞ Grant deadline is in February 2024
  - ☞ Boston Dynamics is hosting a live webinar on their promising, public safety robot named, “**SPOT**”
  - ☞ High tech robot
    - CBERNE capabilities
    - Use for maritime security
    - May travel up to 30mph
    - Agile
    - Detect hazardous materials by “*smell*”
  - ☞ If procured, it will be available as an asset/resource to the SWLAMA
  - ☞ Webinar
    - Limited seating
    - **DATE:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023
    - **TIME:** 11:00AM
  - ☞ **REGISTER/SAVE YOUR SEAT:** [How Spot is Changing the Game for Public Safety | Boston Dynamics](#)

**NOMINATING:** Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

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

- **August General Meeting:**
  - ☞ The committee shall be instructed to present a name for each of the following positions.
    - President, **Tammy Ryan** (Presently from **Public Sector**)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, **Robby Trahan** (Presently from **Public Sector**)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Mike Estes** (Presently from **Private Sector**)
      - Nomination from “**Public Sector**”, discusses possible nominees
    - Secretary, **Tonya Pousson** (Presently Serving)
    - Treasurer, **Bill Wilkie** (Presently Serving)
  - ☞ Ask if there are any interested parties from the public sector and have them contact a member of the committee and supply appropriate resume
  - ☞ Nomination forms are upfront by Sign-N-Sheets

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

*Discussed - SARCOP Training*

- **DATE:** Monday, August 21, 2023 thru Tuesday, August 22, 2023
- **TIME:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM
- **LOCATION:** OHSEP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - 901 Lakeshore Drive, STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601
- **CLASSROOM:** A

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

**Course:** G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface  
**Date & Times:** *August 16, 2023 from 8AM – 4PM*  
**Registration Deadline:** *August 11, 2023 COB 5:00PM*

**Course:** ICS 400 – Advance Incident Command System  
**Date & Times:** *September 14, 2023 thru September 15, 2023 from 8AM – 4PM*  
**Registration Deadline:** *September 11, 2023 COB 5:00PM*

**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*

☞ 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

● **Discussed - Railroad Investigation & Safety Course -**

- ☞ Module 1 – Rail Safety 101
- ☞ Module 2 – On-Scene Safety & Situational Awareness
- ☞ Module 3 – Rail Resources & Initial Report Information
- ☞ Module 4 – Rail Incident Conclusion
- ☞ If interested in taking this course, please contact AJ Powell at [aj@sotrafficrecon.com](mailto:aj@sotrafficrecon.com)
- ☞ Flyers up front by sign-n-sheets

● **Discussed - Fire Marshal FETA Training “Smoke Reading”**

- ☞ Westlake Fire Department will be hosting the Louisiana Fire Marshal’s Office at Freedom Hall (*1000 National Drive*) in Westlake for a class on “*Smoke Reading*” on the firegrounds from both a strategic and tactical level
- ☞ All personnel from all area departments are invited and encouraged to attend regardless of rank and/or position within their department (*Side NOTE: Space is a little limited*)
  - **DATE:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023
  - **TIME:** 4:00PM – 7:00PM
  - **LOCATION:** WLFD’s HQ Station, 2401 Guillory Street, Westlake, LA 70669
  - **CONTACT:** Assistant Chief, Jimmy Boyette  
 (337) 436-7417  
[asstfirechief2@cityofwestlake.com](mailto:asstfirechief2@cityofwestlake.com)
- ☞ Flyers up front by Sign-N-Sheets

# WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist – Discussed - US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

- Hot and humid weather will continue to Wednesday
  - ☞ Our high temperatures will be in the triple digits for most of SE TX and SW LA
  - ☞ Overnight lows will not bring much relief with temperatures in the low 80s to upper 70s
- Heat Advisories and Excessive Heat Warnings will be in place across the region so staying cool should be a top priority!

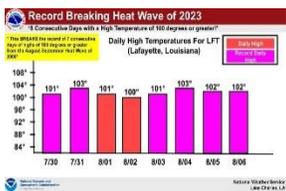
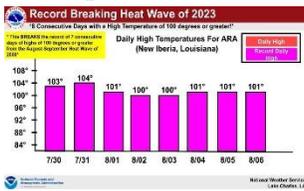
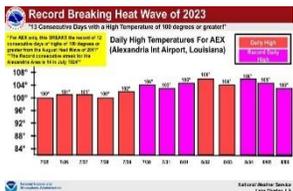
## Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather: Monday, August 7, 2023

- **FIRST ALERT FORECAST – Meteorologist, Max Lagano**
  - ☞ As if we haven't had enough, another day of high heat is already ongoing in our area. Temps will still rise through the 90's and top out in triple digits for some locations north of I-10. While a stray shower can't be ruled out, any real heat relief will wait until after sunset.



## Discussed - US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana: Monday, August 7, 2023

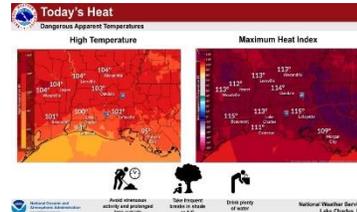
- Looks like a record-breaking day for central and south-central Louisiana as the relentless heat wave continues.
- The daily high today at Lafayette Louisiana was 102 degrees and the daily high today at New Iberia Louisiana was 101 degrees. This makes 8 days in a row that Lafayette and New Iberia have had a high temperature at or above 100 degrees. This breaks the streak for both areas of 7 days that was set during the August-September heat wave of 2000. We have climate records that go back to 1893 for Lafayette and 1948 for New Iberia.
- Meanwhile, the daily high today at Alexandria International Airport (AEX) was 103 degrees. This now makes 13 days in a row that the high temperature at AEX has reached or exceeded 100 degrees which is the longest streak at that site breaking 12 days in a row back during the August 2011 heat wave. Records for AEX go back to 1948. As for the entire Alexandria area, we have records that go back to 1892. The record consecutive streak of high temperatures at or above 100 degrees is 14 that occurred during July 1924.
- As a side note, the low so far today for AEX is 82 degrees. If AEX does not fall below 82 degrees by midnight tonight, it will tie the all-time warmest low temperature that was set on July 10, 2022.



**Historic Heat Wave Continues through Next Week**  
Forecast temps and heat index values through Friday August 11.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alexandria	104°	102°	101°	102°	103°
Lake Charles	98°	98°	99°	97°	98°
Lafayette	102°	101°	99°	101°	102°
New Iberia	101°	101°	99°	100°	101°
Jasper	100°	104°	102°	103°	104°
Beaumont	102°	101°	99°	100°	101°

Heat Index: 100° - 101° (108° - 112°) > 113°



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

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

**VOTING ISSUES:** Tammy Ryan, President –

**Discussed - New Applicant *Cotton Logistics* for Associate Member**

- Tammy Ryan, President – Made a motion to except *new* Applicant “*Cotton Logistics*” as an *Associate Member* by show of hands
- None opposed
- Motion carries

## ***NEXT MONTH’S MEETING EVENTS:***

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** Texas Butylene Chemical (*TPC Group*)

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

**ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn – *Chief Dean Lappe, Houston River Fire Department*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – *Todd Park, CERTC & Ward 6 Fire Protection District 1*
- Meeting adjourned – *11:28AM*

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

***Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 2PM***

***901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200***

***Lake Charles, LA 70601***