



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 846<sup>th</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** September 13, 2023

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

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Mason Linday –

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

John Veronie, Fire Board President – *Moss Bluff Fire Chief, Robby Trahan*, SWLAMA Sponsor/Guest

Chris Duhon, w/Alpha-Omega Services - *New Applicant for General Membership*

Amy Michiels, w/GOHSEP

Tony Bourgeois, w/Bull Dog – *Westlake Chief, Jonathan Duff*, SWLAMA Sponsor/Guest

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

*Texas Butylene Chemicals (TPC Group)*

- Power Point Presentation presented by *Ms. Christina Clifton*

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

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

*Calcasieu Parish E-911:*

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of August 2023 - (*171*)

*Discussed - Louisiana Wildfires, Smoke, Red Flag Warnings:*

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY:</b>	<b>% CONTAINED:</b>	<b>FIRE CAUSE:</b>
Bancroft Community (Singer, Merryville, LA)	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Bell City (A. Derouen, Joe Breaux Roads & Hwy, 14 LA)	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Westlake (J Clophus Road, Hwy 379)	Woods/Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Natchitoches (LA-119, Lake Gorum Rd, & Janie-Gorum Rd)	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Niblett's Bluff (Vinton, LA)	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Sulphur/North (Coach Williams Drive)	Brush Fire	100%	Undetermined
Elizabeth (NW of Elizabeth LA)	Wildfire	73%	Undetermined
Hwy 113 (Northeast of Pitkin, LA)	Wildfire	72%	Undetermined
Mississippi River Edge	Wildfire	N/A	N/A
Ida, Vernon (Twelve miles Southeast of Leesville, LA)	Wildfire	92%	Undetermined
Miller, Vernon (Southwest of Leesville, LA)	Wildfire	90%	Undetermined
Tiger Island (E of Merryville LA, S of Hwy 190, SW of Deridder, LA N of Siger)	Wildfire	75%	Undetermined
Rabbit Pen (The fire was West of Amite, LA &	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined
Glade	Wildfire	N/A	Undetermined
Burnt Bridge Road (The fire was S. of Florenville Community, & was S. of Hwy 36)	Wildfire	100%	Undetermined

***Discussed – E-911 Dispatchers:***

- Chief Dean Lappe w/Ward 4 Fire Protections District No. 4, asked the SWLAMA Members, to applaud the E-911 Dispatchers, for all their hard work and dedication during the Louisiana Wildfires Event

**APPOINTED COMMITTEES:****BUDGET/FINANCE:** Bill Wilkie, Chairman –**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Account Balance Ending as of August 31, 2023 – **\$95,637.75**

**BY LAWS:** Richard McGuire, Chairman – *N/A***COMMUNICATIONS:** Richard McGuire, Chairman – *N/A***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 **VIRTUAL** Meeting, was on Monday, August 28, 2023, to discuss:***

- **Extreme heat conditions, reviewing scenarios, wildfires, and the impact on local hospitals:**
- **Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:**
  - ☞ Monday, September 25, 2023, at 2:30PM/OHSEP –

***Billy Vincent - Mentioned the 28 Ambulances that worked all together during the Wildfire Event*****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 –***Inspection Progress by Jerry Pierrotte:***

- Discussed that during **Lake Charles LNG Company/Energy Transfer Company**, inspection, they lacked the capability to render assistance with equipment or personnel if called upon by other members at this time. LCFD is currently their contact for Mutual Aid Assistance.
- Therefore, they will stay as a “**General Member**”, for the remainder of **2023** and then switch to an “**Associate Member**”, for **2024**

**MARINE USCG:** Cade McLemore, Port Security Specialist/USCG MSU – *N/A***NOMINATING:** Bill Wilkie, Chairman –***Discussed - Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association Elections of Officers for 2024 thru 2025***• **September 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)

- ☞ President will ask again, are there any parties interested in being a nominee for any office, if so, to please contact a member of the committee and supply appropriate resume
- ☞ Nomination forms are upfront by Sign-N-Sheets

**SAR:** 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:*

**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

● **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, (*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

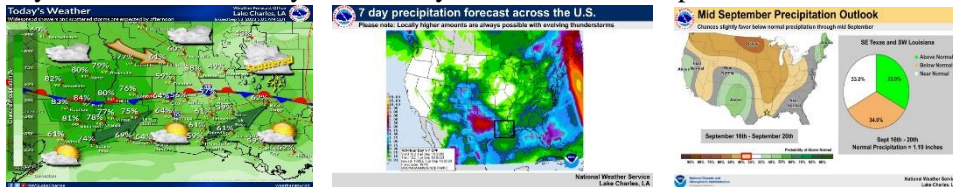
● **Fire Marshal FETA Training “Smoke Reading”**

- ☞ 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:*

• **Good morning, SW Louisiana & SE Texas**

☞ Showers and thunderstorms will increase in coverage by the afternoon as a frontal boundary slowly sags southward across the area. Otherwise, it looks to be a partly to mostly cloudy day with highs ranging from the upper 80s well inland to lower or mid 90s from the Highway 190 corridor to the coast. Winds will be southwesterly or westerly south of the front, while they will be northwesterly to northerly behind the front...speeds will run at 5 to 10 mph. Have a great day!



*Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather:*

• **FIRST ALERT FORECAST – Tuesday, September 12, 2023**



☞ LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Hurricane Lee is a major hurricane again north of the Leeward Islands.



☞ Right now, indications are that it will continue to slowly move on a west-northwest to northwest track through Wednesday. Later this week Lee will accelerate northward and likely lose strength as it passes near Bermuda and then eventually New England by this weekend. Obviously, Hurricane Lee poses NO threat to Southwest Louisiana.



☞ Behind it, Hurricane Margot is moving north into the open Atlantic and poses no threat to anyone.



- Elsewhere, we are still watching a tropical wave near the coast of Africa. It should generally move on a northwesterly path into the tropical Atlantic, where a system may form later this week. Still, those disturbances are a few thousand miles away and nothing to be concerned about at this time. As always, we'll watch it and keep you updated if anything changes.



- FIRST ALERT FORECAST – Monday, September 11, 2023**

- The mini-fall preview continues tonight with lows in the 60's and very dry air in place again tomorrow. We'll have at least another day or two of the warm, dry afternoons before a few showers and storms may return by the middle of the week.



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

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

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

**Discussed - New Applicant, “Alpha-Omega Services, Inc.” for General Member**

- President asked for a motion - To except New Applicant, “Alpha-Omega Services Inc.”, for General Membership
- All in favor for, New Applicant, “Alpha-Omega Services Inc.”, for General Members, by show of hands
- NONE opposed
- Motion carries
- Acceptance Letter, along w/By-Laws, and Certificate of General Membership will be submitted

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

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** DeQuincy Police Department

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

**ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn – Chief Dean Lappe, Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4 (Houston River)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Richard McGuire, E-911
- Meeting adjourned – 11:36AM

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

**Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 2PM**

**901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200**

**Lake Charles, LA 70601**