



MINUTES
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 849th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: December 13, 2023

ORDERED BY: Tammy Ryan, President –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tammy Ryan, President –

INVOCATION BY: Mason Lindsay –

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Tammy Ryan, President –
Cody Prosser, Safety Officer w/Calcasieu Refining

HOST ENTITY: Tammy Ryan, President –
Hackberry Fire Department (Protection District No. 1)

- **NO** Power Point Presentation
- Luncheon provided by “*Jeanne’s Bourbon Street BBQ*”

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

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Tammy Ryan, President –
Calcasieu Parish E-911

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of November 2023 - (30)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of November 30, 2023 – ***\$74,589.27***

Discussed – 2024 BUDGET REPORTS:

- 2024 Proposed Budget Requests needs to meet the SWLA Mutual Aid Association requirements, and/or as follows;
 - ☞ Must benefit the ***whole*** SWLAMA, (***NOT*** just one entity)
 - ☞ Specific (*i.e. clearly defined or identified*)
 - ☞ Breakdown the cost into various components (*i.e. labor materials, overhead, and other expenses*)
 - ☞ Estimated Total Cost
- **ALL** proposed budget, from each committee, needs to be submitted ***NO*** later than December 31st
- Any proposed budget items, that are submitted after deadline date, will **NOT** be considered
- Per Bylaws,
 - ☞ ***Article V. - Specialist Group or Committees***
 - ☞ ***Section 5.02 - Names, Composition, Roles, and Responsibilities***
 - ☞ ***(k) BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE***
 - ☞ ***(i) & (iii)***

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Richard McGuire, Chairman –

(4) Recommendation for Communications

1. Recommend ***ALL*** Industrial & Public Safety Entities to join the ***SWLA Mutual Aid Association***
2. Follow the ***SWLAMA*** By-Laws & Equipment each responding asset w/a communication device capable of receiving and transmitting on the ***SWLAMA*** Radio System
3. Have sufficient communication equipment to coordinate both on site and off site emergency response
4. **TRAINING:** Train responders (Both Private Industrial & Governmental) on how to properly use equipment

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

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

Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, was on Monday, November 27, 2023, to discuss:

• **Winter Weather Update (NWS - Meteorologist, Doug Cramer):**

- ☞ Service provided an update on potential severe weather due to El Nino conditions
- ☞ He also shared information about the SLACK communication platform. The application gives you real-time radar information. He explained it is like having your own meteorologist! Registration is required. Coalition members are encouraged to have at least one person from your facility sign up for this application.
- ☞ The link is listed below:
 - <https://partnerservices.nws.noaa.gov/registration/>

• **Trauma Symposium Recap:**

- ☞ Scott Kyle, Emergency Manager, Hospital DRC highlighted the very successful Trauma Symposium that took place on November 9th. Scott shared the “MethylEthylDeath...and Some Other Bad Stuff” presentation with the group. He also shared the list of presenters, see below:
- ☞ Dr. Tabitha Quebedeaux, Assistant Professor, LSUHSC School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine - Amniotic Fluid Embolisms
- ☞ Scott Kyle, Director of Emergency Management and Injury Prevention, Lake Charles Memorial Health System - Chemical Agents and local Risk Assessments
- ☞ Jeremy Brown, National Registered Paramedic, Critical Care Paramedic, AAS, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Acadian Ambulance Services Inc. - Low Volume, High Acuity Injuries Taken for Granted - Prehospital
- ☞ Debb Spann, Louisiana Emergency Response Network - Where You Live May Affect IF You Live
- ☞ Dr. Patrick Greiffenstein, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, LSU Health Science Center - Rib Plating
- ☞ Dr. Juan Duchesne, Trauma Medical Director at University Medical Center

• **Train Derailment TTX:**

- ☞ Jason Lionberger, Cal OHSEP discussed the Train Derailment TTX on October 31st. He noted that the TTX provided a setting where many emergency providers and public and private schools had the opportunity to network. The discussion revealed areas of concern for all who participated and will enhance planning in the future. Jason noted that communication is always a concern and areas for improvement were noted due to the TTX. Another exercise is planned for 2024.

• **CHEMPACK Review:**

- ☞ Liz Harmon, ADRC urged attendees to remind their ERs to review “DUMBELS” with the staff, and if a suspected organophosphate exposure occurs the course of action begins with contacting Louisiana Poison Control by telephoning 800-222-1222.



- ☞ How will **CHEMPACK** be used?

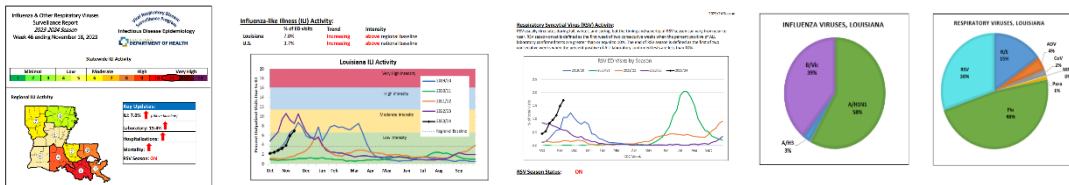
- It is expected that a nerve agent incident will be identified locally. CHEMPACK will be used by first responders in the field and by health care professionals in hospitals. The Louisiana Poison Center will provide consultation on symptoms of nerve agent or organophosphate poisoning with first responders and health care professionals.

The Louisiana Poison Center can be contacted 24/7 by telephoning 800-222-1222.

- Allocation of assets will be coordinated by the Louisiana Poison Center in the first hours of an incident. Pre-event planning has begun with local and state response partners. These include the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Sheriff's Association, local law enforcement, the Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Service, EMS providers, Louisiana Hospital Association, hospitals, and the Louisiana Poison Center. CHEMPACK will be an addition to existing state, regional, local, and facility plan

- **Public Health Update (Dr. Cavanaugh):**

- ☞ Dr. Cavanaugh shared the flu and RSV statistics



- **Hospital Presentations (New York Proposal):**

- ☞ We want to highlight one hospital at each meeting throughout the year. This will be a great opportunity to share new programs or building projects.
- ☞ Hospitals will be given plenty of notice of when they are scheduled. Allen Parish Hospital has agreed to be the first presenter!

- **Redundant Communication Exercise:**

- ☞ A redundant communication exercise was conducted on November 6th the draft AAR was distributed and with no additions or corrections is considered final and will be distributed with the minutes.

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

- ☞ Monday, January 22, 2024, 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 – *N/A*

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

VOTING: Tammy Ryan, President – *N/A*

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 – *N/A*

Upcoming Training Opportunities:



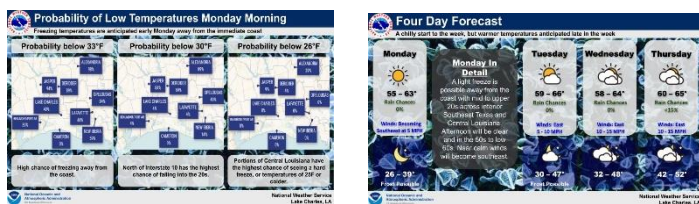
- Cloud cover moving back in as the week goes on, but staying generally quiet (KPLC)
- A large upper level trough of low pressure will move from the Rocky Mountains toward the Gulf of Mexico later this week and this will cause an area of low pressure to form over southern Texas by Friday. This low will track east across the Gulf of Mexico over the weekend; and this will bring rain across our area beginning Friday and lingering through Sunday. Rain is not likely to occur the entire time, so if you have outdoor activities planned you may still be able to do them, though it would be best to have an indoor alternative. Of course this will become clearer as we get closer to the weekend.



- Low pressure developing in the region will increase our rain chances this weekend (KPLC)
- That system should move away late Sunday and early next week's forecast looks good with sunshine and cool temperatures. For a look at current conditions, our hour-by-hour forecast, radar, and other forecasting tools, visit the KPLC weather page: <https://www.kplctv.com/weather/>

US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana, Sunday, December 10, 2023

- Chilly temperatures are expected Monday morning with a freeze anticipated away from the immediate coast. While a hard freeze is not forecast, it isn't completely out of the question across isolated sections of Central Louisiana. There is currently a 29% chance that AEX (Alexandria's Airport) falls to 25F or lower.
- Temperatures will gradually warm as the week progresses and rain chances are expected to return by Friday.



OLD BUSINESS: Tammy Ryan, President –

Discussed – The LYB Full scale exercise that was conducted on Thursday, November 16, 2023

NEW BUSINESS: Tammy Ryan, President –

Discussed - SWLAMA Presenting the “Meritorious Achievement Award”

- **“In Appreciation for Outstanding Dedication and Service Above & Beyond the Call of Duty, for their bravery, sacrifice & assistance”.** This award is being presented to the SWLAMA Members/Entities/Agencies, that responded to the “Calcasieu Refining Incident”, which occurred on Saturday, June 3, 2023, and/or as follows;
 - Acadian Ambulance
 - CalOHSEP
 - CITGO

- ☞ CPSO
- ☞ DeQuincy Fire Department
- ☞ LCFD
- ☞ LCPD
- ☞ LSP Haz-Mat
- ☞ Phillips66
- ☞ Sasol
- ☞ Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 2 (*Carlyss FD*)
- ☞ Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4 (*Houston River*)
- ☞ Westlake Chemical North
- ☞ Westlake Chemical South
- ☞ Westlake Fire Department



- For those entities unable to attend the regular scheduled, SWLAMA General Board Meeting, there are a couple of ways you may pick up your certificate.
 1. Tonya Pousson, Secretary, at CalOHSEP, 901 Lakeshore Dr. STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601
 2. At the next regular scheduled, SWLAMA General Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- If anyone has any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please contact, Tonya Pousson, Secretary, (337) 721-3804 or VIA-Email, tpousson@calcasieu.gov

Absentee SWLAMA Entities/Members that were unable to attend the regular scheduled, SWLAMA General Board Meeting, was presented the “Meritorious Achievement Award”

- Ward 1 Fire Protection District No. 1 – Presented to, ***Chief Robby Trahan***, on Thursday, December 7, 2023



- Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1 – Presented to, ***Chief Todd Parker***, on Tuesday, December 12, 2023



- The ***“RESPONDING”*** SWLAMA Members/Entities/Agencies listed above, was taken directly from the Communications Event Report, so please let us know if anyone was missed

“SWLAMA President’s Jacket”

- Mr. Wilkie, Treasurer, the SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive and Board members, presented, Mr. Robby Trahan, Vice-President w/President’s Jacket, during the SWLAMA Steering Committee Meeting, **Thursday, December 7, 2023**
 - ☞ Mr. Trahan currently serves as Vice-President, and will be transitioning over to his new role as **President**, starting, **January 1, 2024**, and will serve a two-year term, **2024-2025**



- ☞ Mr. Trahan was unable to attend the regular scheduled, SWLAMA General Board Meeting

SWLAMA – Presenting the “President’s Plaque”

- Mr. Wilkie, Treasurer, presented, **Ms. Tammy L. Ryan** w/the SWLA Mutual Aid Association President’s Plaque
 - ☞ In recognition of Ms. Ryan outstanding guidance & leadership
 - ☞ Ms. Ryan term served, January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2023



- ☞ **THANK YOU**, for your service, Madam President, it’s been an honor

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Beauregard Fire District No. 2

DATE: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

TIME: 11:00AM

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

ADJOURNED:

- Motion to adjourn – **DeQuincy Emergency Manager/Major, Jerry Bell, DeQuincy PD**
- 2nd the motion – **Chief Dean Lappe, Ward 4 Fire Protections District No. 4**
- Meeting adjourned – **11:25AM**

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, January 4, 2024 @ 2PM
901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200
Lake Charles, LA 70601