



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 844<sup>th</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** July 12, 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 –

*Cameron Volunteer Fire Department District No. 1*

- **NO** - Power Point Presentation will be presented
- Luncheon provided as tradition by; Canik's Grocery

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

*Discussed - Cotton Logistics for Associate Member*

- Mr. Chad Eden, Technical Sales/Business Development, brief description of the organization to the General Board Members
  - ☞ Complete Business Continuity
  - ☞ Our around-the-clock response provides the expert management, skilled manpower, cutting-edge technology, and innovative capabilities required to handle all aspects of a catastrophic event, man-made or natural.
  - ☞ Emergency Response & Industry Contractor providing Food Services, Temporary Facilities/Deployable, Assets, and Environmental Services to the local plants on Capital Projects, Turnarounds, and during large Emergency Response events from a large weather or mechanical/process failure event.
  - ☞ Logistical Support – Workforce Housing, Temporary Facilities, Construction, Camp Management
  - ☞ Culinary – Remote Site Catering, Emergency Food Services, Corporate Catering, Business Dining
  - ☞ Consulting – Disaster Plan Management, Training, Drill, and Tabletop Exercises, Loss Evaluation, Site Improvement Assessments
  - ☞ Environmental Support – Asbestos Abatement, Lead Remediation, Mold Remediation, Oil Spill Response Cleanup, Forensic Cleanup
  - ☞ Commercial Restoration – Fire/Water/Freeze losses, Dehumidification, Deodorizing, Emergency Power, Catastrophe Management
  - ☞ General Contractor – Construction, Emergency Board-Up, Structural Repairs, Capitol Improvement, Interior Build Out, Interior Finish Out, Temporary Shoring
- New applicant, ***Cotton Logistics***, will be brought to the General Board Members, as a “***VOTING ISSUE***” at the next SWLAMA regular scheduled General Board Meeting, ***Wednesday, August 9, 2023***

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

*Calcasieu Parish E-911*

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of June 2023 - (9)
  - ☞ Jared Maze, Assistant Director w/OHSEP – Discussed the Calcasieu Refining Incident that occurred on Saturday, June 3, 2023

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Account Balance Ending as of June 30, 2023 – **\$95,337.75**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Richard McGuire, Chairman –

- *Discussed – CPSO purchase of 6 repeater sites in Bell City/Hayes area*

**DRILL:** Mike Estes, LOTTE Chemical, Chairman –

- *Discussed – The continues upcoming Drills/Exercises regarding incidents like the “Calcasieu Refining”*

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

*Discussed - Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, met on Monday, June 26, 2023, to discuss:*

- **Tank Explosion Debrief/AAR:**

- ☞ Scott Kyle and Liz Harmon discussed the Medical EOC response.
  - One area for improvement is the ability to gain access to maps of shelter-in-place/evacuation areas.
  - Lee John, GOSHEP shared that FEMA’s “RAPT” tool has mapping capabilities.
  - He shared the training slides, and they will be distributed with the minutes.
  - Liz Requested members review the AAR draft and submit additions or corrections no later than July 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - If no changes are submitted the AAR will be considered final.

### **Event History and Summary:**

A tank that caught fire when lightning struck it at Calcasieu Refining today contained naphtha, an extremely flammable hydrocarbon product, Louisiana State Police said. Trooper First Class Derek Senegal, spokesperson for Louisiana State Police Troop D, said the fire started a little before 2 p.m. as a line of storms moved through the area. (KPLC was sent a video of lightning striking the ground near Calcasieu Refining as the storms pushed through). No injuries were reported, both Senegal and Langley said. When the fire started, the tank contained around 46,000 barrels, according to Greg Langley, spokesman for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. There are 42 gallons in a barrel.



A mandatory evacuation had been issued for a 1.5-mile radius of the refinery, including all the Graywood subdivision, Calcasieu OEP said. A shelter-in-place extended 3 miles from the plant was also ordered. LDEQ - along with help from Phillips 66, who agreed to help - has been monitoring air quality, so far finding “non-detect” readings, Langley said.

### **Timeline KPLC and Medical EOC:**

- 2:00 pm: Fire began.
- Shelter in place ordered. Initial shelter in place was 5 miles.
- Evacuation Order initially one mile and then increased to 1.5 miles.
- 3:20pm: Region 5 OPH sent an initial situation report to LDH EOC and State Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology Team
- 3:30pm: Medical EOC activated via Erika Fontenot, Cal OHSEP. Liz Harmon began Everbridge communications. Scott Kyle, HDRC and Mark Conner, EMS-DRC reported to Cal OHSEP

- 3:30pm: Billy Vincent, EMS DRC, Acadian provided SIT REP that included coordination of Veranda evacuation to Burton Col.
- Everbridge communications initiated.
- 3:30pm - 6 am: Activities and communications continued.
  - 5:11pm: Keith Irons reported 1 patient presented to Lake Area Hospital.
  - Geoff Landry reported 2 patients presented to WCCH with respiratory symptoms.



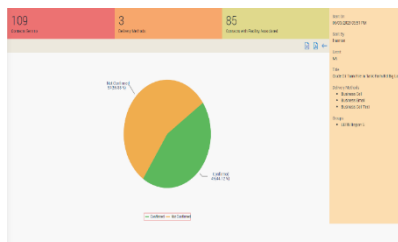
#### Hotwash/After Action Review

- 8:03: Scott Kyle and Mark Conner visited Burton and report 30 individuals were at Burton still. Approximately ½ of the individuals who had been initially transported to Burton had been picked up by family members
- 5:37 a.m. evacuation order lifted.



#### What was Learned/What Went Well

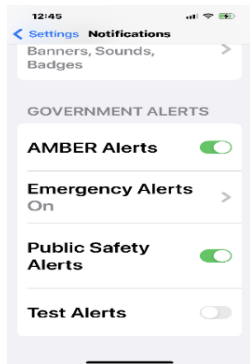
- Activation of Incident Command and Medical EOC.
- Coordination of Evacuation of Bed Bound patients by Billy Vincent
- One hospice patient who would not have been appropriate for Burton. Good communication with hospice agency for coordination of patient. (Patient and family changed minds about evacuation, so multiple communications were required)
  - Request for assistance from Hospice occurred as we have trained for in exercises and meetings:
    - ❖ Agency contacts local OHSEP-Parish IC sends call/info to Medical EOC-Medical EOC develops an action plan for the individual.
- Medical Reserve Corps activated and staffed Burton.
- The OPH Hospital Nurse Coordinator, Jennifer Eagleson provided assistance and served as a “Subject Matter Expert” and was able to gather bed availability information for local hospice providers.
- Hospital impacts noted:
- Communications were sent via Everbridge.
- No hospitals indicated impacts



- Other impacts:
  - Once citizens left the evacuation area, they were unable to return for medications or durable medical equipment/O2 devices
  - Evacuation to Burton Coliseum – 68 residents went to Burton in POV’s.
  - Acadian Ambulance moved 24 residents.
  - Alerts went out to local area only.
- Feedback from non-hospital Coalition members:

### Opportunities for Improvement

- Accessing Maps of affected areas to distribute were not easily obtained.
- Some hospice agencies may have contracts to move patients to facilities. Med EOC may not have needed to explore bed availability.
- Action- get more information on hospice rules for moving patients.
- Notification following the event from OHSEP immediately following the event for visibility would have been helpful.
- Lack of Operational Period updates to ESFs or Parish Sit-Reps submitted to state, resulting in an unclear operational picture.
- Hospitals/ DRCS did look at the shelter-in-place range based on estimates not distributed maps.
- Response to Everbridge is improving, however, more acknowledgment of receipt would be helpful.
- As notification of evacuation is published/broadcast, include a reminder to bring medications and DME.
- To receive the alerts, citizens need to have their alarms turned on. I.E. people may turn off notifications as they do not want “Amber Alerts”. This is the same system that the evacuation would be received.



### • Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator Update:

☞ Paul DeStout, PHERC presented “Access and Functional Needs Population”.

☞ Define

- The AFN population is commonly referred to as a “vulnerable population,” “at-risk population”, or “special needs” population; terms used interchangeably to characterize groups whose needs are not fully addressed by traditional health and social service providers.
- Factors that influence a person’s vulnerability to a disaster.
  - Socioeconomic status
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race and Ethnicity
  - English language proficiency
  - Medical issues and disability

☞ Emergency Planning

- In 2011, the United States adopted a “whole community” approach to emergency management policies and practices.
- Emergency response plans should incorporate inclusive strategies that account for the diverse needs of the AFN population.
- The CMIST framework serves as the tool Region V OPH uses to plan and operationalize five basic functional needs categories in an emergency.
  - Communication
  - Maintain health
  - Independence
  - Safety, support, self-determination
  - Transportation

## 👉 Emergency Plans

- Introduction - Background
- Purpose – Why (All-Hazard)
- Scope – Who (Whole Community)
- Concept of Operations - (CMIST)

## 👉 Critical Transportation Needs Population

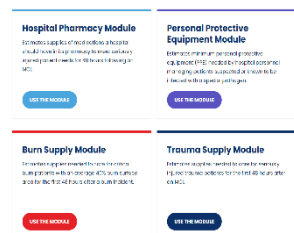
- The Critical Transportation Needs (CTN) population is individuals without personal transportation resources.
- This classification consists of non-medical and medical-dependent CTNs.
- CTNs are a small segment of the local population that will require government-provided transportation assistance to evacuate the at-risk area.
- While the AFN population will be included in the CTN population, not all AFN individuals will need help evacuating and should not be considered CTN.

## ● DASH Tool – ASPR Tracie:

### 👉 Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals

### 👉 ASPR TRACIE. (2022). [Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals \(DASH\) Tool.](#)

- Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH) is an interactive tool that can help hospital emergency planners and supply chain staff estimate supplies that may need to be immediately available during various mass casualty incidents and infectious disease emergencies based on hospital characteristics. Comprised of four modules (pharmacy, burn, trauma, and personal protective equipment), DASH recommends average par levels for specific supplies that acute care hospitals may need to have on hand to respond to a disaster in their community until resupplied. Recommendations are based on user inputs about the size of the hospital, risks in the community, regional role/designation of the hospital, and other factors.



## ● Training Statue:

### 👉 Louisiana legislation addresses using PHI for training.

## ● NIMS Refresher:



<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?all=true>

IS-63.b	Geospatial Information Infrastructure (GII) - (8/20/2016)	0.1	IS-63.b Details
IS-64.a	DHS Common Operating Picture Application - (8/20/2016)	0.1	IS-64.a Details
IS-75	Military Resources in Emergency Management - (2/28/2011)	0.2	NA
IS-100.c	Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) - (8/29/2018)	0.2	IS-100.c Details
IS-101.c	Preparing for Federal Disaster Operations: FEMA - (10/01/2013)	0.1	IS-101.c Details

- **MSTAT Review:**

- ☞ **Basic Status Reporting and Compliance in MSTAT**

- ☞ **An Overview of the Dashboard**

- This lesson will describe the overall organization of the facility dashboard in the new MSTAT. It will also highlight a simple update to go from non-compliant to compliant.

- ☞ **The Major Components**



- **Recovery Plans:**

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

- ☞ Monday, July 24, 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 –

***Inspection Progress:***

- ***Jerry Pierrotte – Discussed (3) upcoming Industrial Companies that will be Inspections this year 2023***

- ☞ Lake Charles LNG Company & Energy Transfer Company

- ☞ TDC Westlake (***Jupiter***)

- ☞ Texas Butylene Chemicals (***TPC Group***)

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

***Discussed Marine Safety Information Bulletin 31-23, July 06, 2023***

- ***Calcasieu River - Wire Pulling Operations***

- ☞ All mariners are advised of wire pulling operations near Mile Marker 24 on the Calcasieu River between the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM from July 13, 2023, to July 28, 2023.

- ☞ The Coast Guard will be establishing a temporary safety zone to protect all personnel and vessels transiting the area within a 1500-foot radius of the wire pulling operations located at 30°06'35.4"N, 93°19'59.4"W, as pictured below.

- ☞ Transiting through the zone is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on July 13 through July 15. The four-hour closure dates are subject to change and will be updated via Broadcast Notice to Mariners on VHF-FM marine channel 16.

- ☞ Mariners are to transit the area at the slowest safe speed all other times.

- ☞ Two safety boats and two Calcasieu Sheriff boats will be on-scene to direct traffic and all vessels transiting through the area should follow instructions from the Sherriff boats on-scene. The contractors on-scene will be monitoring VHF channel 13. For more information, contact the onsite project manager at

- (601)-594-6816

- (601)-209-7954

- (601)-594-7294

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

**SAR:** 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:** 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

● **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

**WEATHER UPDATE (NWS):** Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –  
*Discussed – Fire/Hazmat & EM TICM (Targeted Interagency Collaboration Meeting)*

● **Goals**

1. Develop stronger relationships with partners that plan, mitigate, or respond to incidents involving hazardous materials and wildland fires.
2. Show our HAZMAT, fire, and emergency management partners what we can offer to help them respond to incidents involving hazardous materials or wildland fires.
3. Learn how our HAZMAT, fire, and emergency management partners operate during emergencies involving hazardous materials or wildland fires.
4. Identify actions NWS LCH can take to better serve these partners.
5. Onboard partners with INWS and NWS Chat
  - Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 10AM – Sabine Neches Chiefs Association at the Rockin A Café in Beaumont, TX
  - Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 9:30AM – Calcasieu Parish OHSEP/EOC in Lake Charles

## KPLC 7 Weather: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

### • FIRST ALERT FORECAST – *Meteorologist, Joseph Enk*

- ☞ LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Hot and dry weather is steadily taking hold back over Southwest Louisiana. Rain chances have been dwindling the last few days and are only going to get drier as we approach the weekend.

- Wednesday will have a very limited chance of rain with a chance for some scattered showers pushing in from the northwest earlier in the day, and a few showers or a slim chance of an isolated thunderstorm during the afternoon. Generally, most of the area will see some partly cloudy skies but mostly dry conditions with upper-level high pressure keeping the majority of rain well off to the east. Temperatures will continue to climb into the lower and mid 90's, with high humidity bringing the heat index into the 100-115° range.



- Temperatures will struggle to cool down after dark against the elevated humidity, with morning lows expected to mostly stay in the 80's.
- The high heat indices have caused a heat advisory to be issued for all parishes, from 11 AM until 7 PM.



- Later this week into weekend rain chances will become slim to none. The upper level high is likely to move closer to our area and this will push any chance of rain well to our east and make it nearly impossible for rain to develop over our area. This means we will see no relief from the heat and highs will climb into the mid to upper 90s along with heat indices well above 100 degrees. If you have outdoor plans this weekend rain is not likely to be an issue, the heat will be the primary concern. We may see a slight chance of rain returning Sunday and continuing into next week, but that may not occur if the high remains in our area.



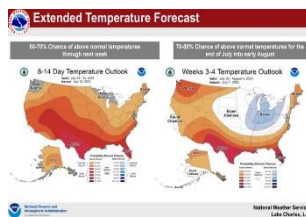
- The tropics remain generally quiet with no threats likely for SWLA into next week. However, the National Hurricane Center is monitoring an area east of Bermuda for possible development. If this forms, it would move east away from land and pose no threat to anyone.



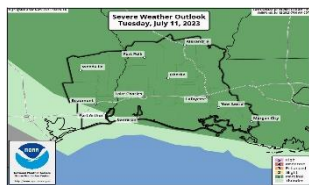


**US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana, Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

- More heat tomorrow and for the rest of July...
  - ☞ A Heat Advisory will be in effect tomorrow starting at 11 am and lasting until 7 pm.
  - ☞ Unfortunately, we can expect more hot weather in the coming days as high pressure will build over our region.
  - ☞ We will have a 60 to 80% chance of being hotter than normal for the rest of July make sure to stay hydrated and cool!

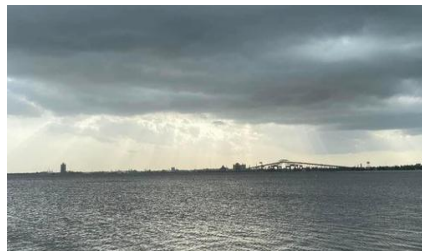


- Combination of heat and humidity has nudged south central Louisiana into Heat Advisory criteria- joining eastern Texas.
  - ☞ Regardless, it is hot out there, so do exercise precautions to keep yourself and those depending on you safe and cool in these conditions.



**KPLC 7 Weather, Monday, July 10, 2023**

- **FIRST ALERT FORECAST –**  
Lake Charles 210



Possible Tornado near Iowa



LeBlue Settlement



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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tammy Ryan, President –  
*Lee John, w/GOHSEP – Introduced, the NEW Region 5 Coordinator*

- Mrs. Amy Michiels

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

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

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** TDC Westlake (*Jupiter*)

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

**ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn – Jerry Bell, DeQuincy PD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Richard McGuire, E-911
- Meeting adjourned – 11:28AM

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

**Thursday, August 3, 2023 @ 2PM**  
**901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200**  
**Lake Charles, LA 70601**