



MINUTES
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 850th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: January 10, 2024

ORDERED BY: Robby Trahan, President –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Robby Trahan, President –

INVOCATION BY: Mason Lindsay –

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Robby Trahan, President –

HOST ENTITY: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed - Beauregard Fire District No. 2:

- Power Point Presentation by, Chief Wayne Baggett
- Luncheon provided by “Gillis Meat Market”

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed - 3M Scott Fire & Safety for Associate Member:

- **Mr. Tyler Cook**, Product Specialist - Presenting a brief description of their organization
 - ☞ *3M Scott Fire & Safety* is a premier manufacturer of innovative respiratory and personal protective equipment and safety devices for Firefighters, Industrial Workers, Police, Military, Homeland Security, and Rescue Teams around the world
 - ☞ New Applicant, *3M Scott Fire & Safety*, will be held over one month, and presented to the Board Members at the next regular scheduled, General Board Meeting, **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, for Voting.

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed - Calcasieu Parish E-911:

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of December 2023 - (29)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of December 29, 2023 – **\$73,017.04**

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

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

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

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

Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:

- Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting: *(No meeting was scheduled in December due to Holidays)*
 ☞ Monday, January 22, 2024, at 2:30PM/OHSEP –

Discussed – Acadian Ambulance will be hosting breakfast for the Australian Paramedics on, Wednesday, January 17, 2024

HAZMAT: Chief, Mark Ware, Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 2/Carlyss, Chairman – *N/R*

EQUIPMENT LIST/WEBSITE DATABASE: Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman – *N/R*

INSPECTION: Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman – *N/R*

Inspection Progress:

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

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

VOTING: Robby Trahan, President – *N/R*

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

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

Discussed - Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Dates and Time (*TBD*)

WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –

Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Wednesday, January 10, 2024: Joseph Ink:

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Cold mornings will get a little milder for the rest of the week, although the next system is approaching closer to the weekend.
- A chilly start in Southwest Louisiana is warming up quickly as we get further into Wednesday. A much more comfortable day is on tap with winds shifting more to the south during the afternoon and only gusting up to 20 mph in a few places. Temperatures should have a much easier time getting into the low 60's across the area.
- Aside from a few passing clouds, rain chances will stay minimal for the day.



- The nice break of quiet weather will start to change Thursday. A few scattered showers may take place by the afternoon as slightly higher humidity levels return. By early Friday morning, we will start to track the next cold front. This will provide the next chance to see showers and a few storms, likely overnight Thursday into the early morning Friday if the timing holds.



- This front may also provide a chance to see a couple strong-to-severe storms, though development is more likely further north of I-10. Strong winds at least would be possible again if any storms can form and details on severe potential will become clearer Thursday, so keep a close eye on the forecast. After that chilly weather will return by Friday night, with another light freeze possible.



- Now we'll turn our attention to next week. The good news is at least through Sunday afternoon, truly frigid air should remain confined to Canada and the northern half of the US. After that there are signs that colder air will try to make its way closer to us.



- The probability of seeing below normal temperatures next week (shaded in blue) includes SWLA. Just how cold we may get and for how long are still uncertain (KPLC)
- If this does in fact happen as some models are advertising, this may mean some of the coldest air of the season so far could arrive by next Monday and temperatures on the 10-day have been adjusted slightly down while a few models continue to maintain this.
- However, that is still almost a week away and specific forecasts that far out are showing a wide range of temperatures. This means both how cold and the duration of cold air can change considerably as we get closer. Bottom line, this is something we'll continue to watch, and it's always a good idea in winter to brush up on plans in the event of cold conditions as we might start to see a few hard freezes.
- 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/>

Discussed - National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Wednesday, January 10, 2024: LA Forecast Team:

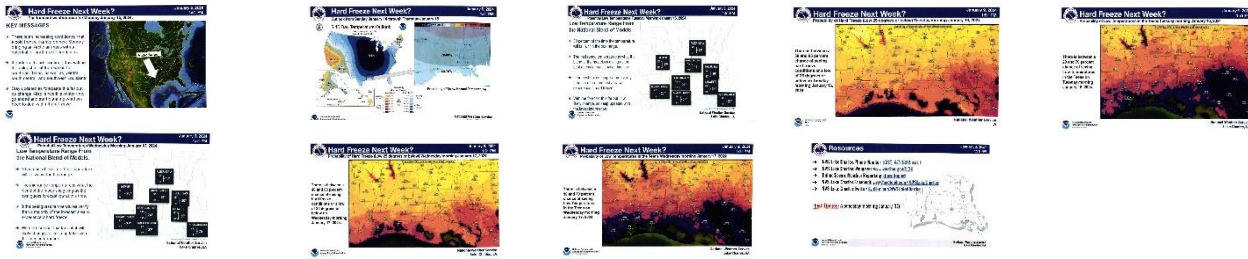
- Cooler and active weather can be expected this week and next week. Tomorrow night we will have a cold front move through the area, bringing a Slight Risk of severe weather with it. Another front will move through Sunday into Monday, bringing a surge of cooler air behind it.



Discussed - National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Tuesday, January 9, 2024: LA Forecast Team:

- There is an increase in confidence that a cold front with some type of arctic air mass will enter the forecast area on Monday. If this occurs, then some very cold days will occur on during the period from **January 15-17** or basically from Monday night into Wednesday morning.
- Trying to forecast an arctic outbreak a week or so out is very tricky and has little skill. The best way to message this is through risk probability and guidance ensemble temperature ranges, not just one model run or one model graphic. The following slides have that information. Basically, there is a probability of hard freeze conditions down to the coasts on Tuesday morning **January 16** and **Wednesday morning January 17**.

- The forecast between now and then is likely to change so stay updated on the latest forecast trends. Also, since it is wintertime, it is always good to have a plan in place on how to deal with hard freeze conditions.



Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Tuesday, January 9, 2024: Joseph Ink:

- LAKE CHARLES, LA. (KPLC) - More sunshine is steadily returning to SWLA, but temperatures will be rapidly changing over the next several days.
- A wind-driven temperature rollercoaster is ahead of us as we continue through the week. Tuesday is starting off with a few stray showers thinning out from yesterday's activity, but the low-level jet is still bringing wind gusts as high as 40 mph to the area. A wind advisory remains in effect for all parishes until 6 pm Tuesday evening.



- A wind advisory remains in effect for the day for all parishes with gusts up to 40 mph possible (KPLC)
- The high westerly winds will be clearing our skies quickly through the morning, with colder air and more sunshine returning to our area. This will hold back temperatures quite a bit, and highs for the day will likely stay in the low to mid 50's across most of our area. Aside from the wind, it will be a much quieter day with rain chances are gone for the time being but will return later in the week.
- Even with the winds calming down slightly after sunset, overnight temperatures are looking quite chilly with lows expected to drop into the low to mid 30's away from the coastline. Some areas along and north of I-10 could possibly see temperatures below freezing as well, so morning frost is looking likely again, and vulnerable plants may need to be protected.



- Temperatures will stay cool this afternoon under clear skies and gusty winds(KPLC)
- As winds calm slightly, they will also be shifting back to out of the south a little, which will move our temperature rollercoaster from a dip back into a warming trend for the next several days.
- By early Friday morning, we will start to track the next cold front. This will provide the next chance to see showers and a few storms, likely before sunrise Friday if the timing holds. This front may also provide a chance to see a couple strong-to-severe storms, though the best odds may remain just north this time. Details on storm potential will get clearer as we get closer to Friday. After that chilly weather will return by Friday night, with another light freeze possible.



- Aside from the wind, quieter weather remains on tap for the next several days (KPLC)
- The good news is at least through the remainder of the upcoming week, truly frigid air should remain confined to Canada and the northern US. After that there are some signs that perhaps some colder air tries to make its' way closer to us. Still, that would be at least a week away and specific forecasts that far out become far less skillful. So for now, do not take specific maps you may see floating around too seriously. We'll keep watching this time period and update you when we know more specifics.
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OLD BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed - SWLAMA – Presenting the “Meritorious Achievement Award”:

- *Distributed to those entity’s that were absent for last month, Regular Scheduled SWLAMA General Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 13, 2023*
- *“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;

- 👉 CITGO
- 👉 CPSO
- 👉 LCFD
- 👉 LSP Haz-Mat
- 👉 Phillips66
- 👉 Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4 (*Houston River*)

NEW BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, President – *N/R*

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Calcasieu Parish Communications District (*E-911*)

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 11:00AM

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

ADJOURNED:

- Motion to adjourn – *Chief Todd Parker, w/Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1*
- 2nd the motion – *Major, Jerry Bell, w/DeQuincy Emergency Manager*
- Meeting adjourned – *11:21AM*

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 2PM

901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200

Lake Charles, LA 70601