



SWLA Mutual Aid Association/Presents **ERAD**



Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association presents ERAD- Emergency Responder Appreciation Day September 7, 2019. We appreciate support from your organization for this notable event and look forward to your participation this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Ryan or Tonya Pousson of Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association.

What is ERAD?

Men and women of law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency medical services, industrial fire rescue brigades, and military personnel, our "First Responders" worthy of recognition for their courage, heroism and concern for the welfare of the communities they serve, regardless of peril or injury to themselves. Hundreds of thousands of "First Responders" both career and volunteer, risk their lives every day to protect our lives, our freedom, and make our communities safer. First Responders make the ultimate sacrifice when duty calls, no matter their life situation, they leave their families to respond not knowing when they will return. We witness this sacrifice yearly during law enforcement assaults and shootings, on-duty traffic accidents, fire suppression and rescue deaths, industrial responses, and our military service members being killed abroad.

On this day we take the **opportunity to honor our fallen, recognize an outstanding responder of the year, and celebrate with our community!** An opportunity to network, to interact with each other and the community showing our resources and skill sets.

ERAD

Will be celebrated 09/07/19 at the Lake Charles Civic Center exhibition hall and grounds. We will be hosting a 5K run / 1K walk, a Memorial Stair climb event in remembrance of all 9/11 responders that were lost. Further information of events to follow; fees, instructions and rules.

We are planning for static displays of member's equipment/ services, displays from vendors, demonstrations by our members, activities for children and adults, games, snow cone truck, t-shirt for confirmed member with display and/or demonstration.

Run and climb tentatively starting at 08:00 am. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 09:00 posting of colors, bag pipes, and memorial prayers with demonstrations throughout the day.

If you would like to be on the event committee please email tbellard07@aol.com with your interest, or cell 337-263-0226.

Thanks in advance!!!

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