



Minutes

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

MEETING NUMBER 859th

TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: October 9, 2024

ORDERED BY: Robby Trahan, President –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Robby Trahan, President –

INVOCATION BY: Mason Lindsay –

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Robby Trahan, President –

- Jay Adams, Sale Specialist w/US Fire Pump
- Tara Duff w/Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP
- Michael Fewell w/Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP
- Joe Cortesio w/Deployed Resources
- Ryan Latimer w/Deployed Resources

HOST ENTITY: Robby Trahan, President –

Sulphur Fire Department:

- Power Point Presentation – Presented by; *“Chris Vice, Assistant Chief”*
- Luncheon provided by *“Joe’s Pizza & Pasta Italian Restaurant”*
 - ☞ Dessert provided by *“The Hut”*
 - Banana Pudding

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Robby Trahan, President – *N/A*

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Robby Trahan, President –

Calcasieu Parish E-911:

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **September** 2024 - (27)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of *September 30, 2024* – ***\$65,506.25***

BY LAWS: Richard McGuire, Chairman –

Discussed – By-Laws Review/Revision:

- McGuire explained that the ***By-Law Committee Members*** have met to conduct a By-Laws review/revision, and upon completion, the revised By-Laws will be submitted to the Board Members for approval

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 Meeting, met on Monday, September 23, 2024, to discuss:

- **Compass Senior Care:**

- ☞ Michelle Hebert, Compass Senior Care, provided an update on the multitude of services provided by Compass
- ☞ They have recently added adolescent inpatient treatment

- **Hurricane Francine After Action:**

- ☞ Liz Harmon reviewed the draft After Action with attendees

- **Hazmat Decon Training/Decon w/Site Visits, Thursday, November 14, 2024:**

- ☞ Scott Kyle, H-DRC, discussed the importance of decon/hazmat training for hospitals with emergency rooms and that the format with the guard is very beneficial because it is a ½ day
- ☞ Liz Harmon noted that site visits can be arranged for facilities who are interested
 - <https://stems.gohsep.la.gov/courses/2517/offerings/2072>



***Participants Must Bring the Following Items:
PAPR, Disposable suit, Rubber boots, fully charged batteries,
gloves (inner and outer- nitriles and a thicker glove for outer)***

- **Airport Exercise:**

- ☞ Vence Beches, LERN, discussed the upcoming airport drill
- ☞ Hospitals will receive communications but will not receive patients

Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:

- **Monday, October 28, 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 –

Discussed - Equipment List/Website Database Report:

- Power-Point Presentation/Discussion on Quickbase new design/proposal/quote to the SWLAMA Website/Database
 - ☞ Designed to Help MA Members work their way, faster
 - ☞ Built for MA Members
 - ☞ Strong Community & Expert to fuel growth
 - ☞ MA General Members will be able to input their own equipment data
 - ☞ MA General Members will be able to view other members' equipment data
 - ☞ Annual yearly fees in the amount of **\$4,000.00** and/or monthly fee in the amount of **\$350.00**
 - Quickbase Order Form Quote No. Q-66220 & Subscription Plan Summary

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

Inspection Report:

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

Discussed – 2024 Port Security Grant:

Discussed – 3 Grant Workshops:

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

VOTING: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed – Quickbase Proposal/Quote for the SWLAMA Website/Database Updates; presented by Rob Daughdril:

- Due to TS/Hurricane Francine and the **Cancellation** of September 11th, SWLAMA Regular Scheduled General Board Meeting, the SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive Board Members, made a motion on Thursday, October 5, 2024, during the SWLAMA Steering Committee Meeting, to exempt the Bylaws normal voting procedures currently, so Quickbase Proposal/Quote can be voted on and invoice could be paid before the expiration date, **Thursday, October 31, 2024**
- Robby Trahan, President – Asked Board Members, for a motion to except, but **NOT** to exceed, the annual yearly fee in the amount of **\$4,000.00**
 - ☞ **Subscription Term Start Date:** October 27, 2024 **Order Effective Date:** Subscription Term Start Date
 - ☞ **Subscription Term End Date:** October 26, 2025
 - ☞ **Written Notice to Cancel Auto Renew:** 30 Days
- Chief Parker, w/Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1 - Made a motion to except, but **NOT** to exceed, the annual yearly fee in the amount of **\$4,000.00**
- Major Bell, w/DeQuincy Police Department - 2nd the motion
- Robby Trahan, President – Asked Board Members, all in favor and/or any opposes
 - ☞ None apposed
- Motion Carries
 - ☞ Payment shall be submitted **no** later than COB, **Thursday, October 31, 2024**

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

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

Discussed – The 2025 Training Budget has been submitted:

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

KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Joseph Enk, Wednesday, October 9, 2024:

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Comfortable weather continues across SWLA as dry air remains in place.
- Wednesday will not be doing anything major to change up that pattern. Cool to mild temperatures will warm up steadily under plenty of sunshine, once again landing in the low to mid 80's this afternoon. Breezy conditions will hang around as well, though might be the slightest touch weaker than Tuesday. Generally, it is going to be another beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors!



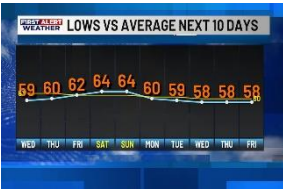
First Alert Forecast (KPLC)

- The next several days will be nice with temperatures in the 50s during the morning hours, then those temperatures will climb into the mid-80s by the afternoon. Skies will be clear and thus there is no chance of rain.



First Alert Forecast (KPLC)

- High pressure will move east of our area by this weekend and that means we will see a slight warming trend. It will still be nice for anything outdoors with lows in the 60s and highs in the mid to upper 80s. It is possible that we could even climb to near 90 degrees in the afternoon hours Friday through the weekend.
- Another cold front will move through here on Monday and this will bring back cooler temperatures for much of next week as we shift further into Fall. In fact, lows will once again reach the 50s by the middle of next week.



First Alert Forecast (KPLC)

- Category 5 Hurricane Milton is maintaining much of its strength in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico, but poses NO threat to SWLA. Milton is expected to make landfall in Florida late Wednesday night as a slightly weaker but still major hurricane as its wind field expands. Wind shear may still chip at some of the system's strength crossing the gulf. Milton may bring catastrophic storm surge flooding too much of the west coast of Florida potentially greater than 10 feet; worse than what Helene caused less than 2 weeks ago.



Hurricane Milton (KPLC)

- 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, Wednesday, October 9, 2024:

- Hurricane Milton remains is an extremely dangerous category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph and is expected to make landfall as a category 4 hurricane in central Florida. No impacts are expected across our region.
- Overall, our weather will remain dry and seasonal for the rest of the week. ~Nick



Meteorologist, Zack Fradella, Wednesday, October 9, 2024:

- Peter Dodge** was a NOAA meteorologist of 44 years and died back in 2023. As a tribute to him, the NOAA Hurricane Hunters dropped his ashes inside Hurricane Milton's eye last night. Quite the tribute to a man who dedicated his life to studying these storms.



KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Tuesday, October 8, 2024:

- Milton wavering in strength slightly overnight as the eyewall underwent restructuring and the system grinds against the northern Yucatan coastline. It will still have some room for restrengthening as it moves back over open water, but then will have to deal with stronger wind shear crossing the Gulf. This will hopefully weaken the system slightly as it approaches a Florida landfall late Wednesday into Thursday.
- Unfortunately, that eyewall restructuring also mean an expanse in the system's size and wind field, so widespread wind and storm surge impacts still look likely for the Florida coastline with models still expecting a major Cat 3 at landfall.



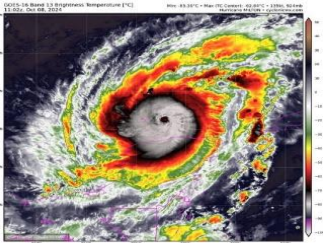
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- One of the largest population centers in Florida is right down the middle of the cone with Milton
- It's going to come down to a last-minute wobble left or right on who gets the 10-15' of surge
- Catastrophic damage is likely in the surge zones + wind damage will be extensive



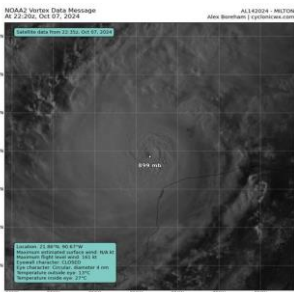
Meteorologist, Zack Fradella, Tuesday, October 8, 2024:

- Milton is completing an eyewall replacement cycle this morning
- This has weakened the storm down to a Cat 4 but a jump back to a Cat 5 is probable later today



Meteorologist, Zack Fradella, Monday, October 7, 2024:

- Milton has now gone sub 900MB on pressure. Looks to be around 897MB
- The Gulf lowest pressure record is held by Rita at 895MB
- This is an incredible rare feat



US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana, Monday, October 7, 2024:

- Major Hurricane Milton continues to be one of the most rapidly intensifying storms on record with a 90 MPH increase in wind speed in the last 24 hours (**ONLY, Hurricanes Wilma in 2005 and Felix in 2007 were faster**). Maximum winds are now up to 155 MPH and Milton will likely become a category 5 hurricane later today. No impacts are expected for Southeast Texas or Southwest Louisiana. ~ Donald Jones



**US National Weather Service Lake Charles Louisiana, Monday, October 7, 2024:
Issued at 4:55 am CDT Monday October 7, 2024...**

- Hurricane Milton is strengthening over the southern Gulf. However, this system will bring no tropical impacts to us in SE Texas, as well as central and southern Louisiana, although tide levels along the coast will be about a foot above normal through mid-week
- A cold front that will help steer the hurricane toward Florida, will move across the area tonight. This front will reinforce the dry conditions in place while bringing cooler conditions for the next few days. ~Joe



OLD BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, President – *N/A*

NEW BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, President –
Sulphur Fire Chief, John Naquin – Discussed – Radio Grant Program:
Westlake Fire Chief, Jonathan Duff – Discussed – Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP:

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4 (*Houston River*)

DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

TIME: 11:00AM

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

ADJOURNED:

- Motion to adjourn – Major Jerry Bell, DeQuincy Police Department
- 2nd the motion – Billy Vincent, Acadian Ambulance
- Meeting adjourned – 11:35AM

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, November 7, 2024 @ 2PM

901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200

Charles, LA 70601