



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 852<sup>nd</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** March 13, 2024

**ORDERED BY:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

**INVOCATION BY:** Mason Lindsay –

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

*Terence Simon w/Foster Safety:*

- SWLA Mutual Sponsor, Mark Granger w/Cameron LNG

**HOST ENTITY:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

*Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LLC:*

- Power Point Presentation by, **Brandon Bankston**, Site Director-West Hackberry
- Luncheon provided by **“The Hut”**

**NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS:** Mike Estes, Vice-President – *N/A*

**MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

*Calcasieu Parish E-911:*

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of February 2024 - (82)
- Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, as lifted the **Burn Ban**, effective, Monday, March 11, 2024

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Account Balance Ending as of **February 29, 2024** – **\$77,029.52**

**BY LAWS:** Richard McGuire, Chairman –

**Discussed – The By-Laws Review:**

- By-Laws Committee will be conducting a **review/update/change of the By-Laws** over the next several months
  - ☞ Upon completion, changes will be brought to the General Board for discussion
  - Date of completion, TBD

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

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

*Discussed - The Hazardous Materials/Shelter in Place Functional Exercise:*

- Calcasieu OHSEP will be conducting a Hazardous Materials Transportation Exercise involving a shelter-in-place on **Thursday, April 4, 2024**, starting at **8:00AM – 4:00PM**

*Discussed - Internal drill between Sasol and Westlake off Pete Manena Road:*

- Drill was conducted on Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

*Discussed - Upcoming EMT, Anatomy, Physiology, and Paramedic Classes:*

- The class is a hybrid, and all **reading/studying/testing** are done online
- Twice a week the class meets to go over skills and ask questions
- For this class it will be Monday/Wednesday from 8-12
- Attached flyer that has a QR code that can be scanned to bring you to [www.becomeamedic.com](http://www.becomeamedic.com) for registration and for other information
- For questions regarding this class and/or any other class offered, please contact, **Mark Conner, Operations Coordinator, SWLA Acadian Ambulance Service** at (337) 912-2668 or by VIA-Email at [mconner@acadian.com](mailto:mconner@acadian.com)
  - ☞ **LOCATION:** 721 Enterprise Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70601
  - ☞ **ORIENTATION (PICK ONE DATE):** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 thru Wednesday, May 22, 2024
  - ☞ **START DATE:** Monday, May 27, 2024
  - ☞ **EMT I ENDS DATE:** Friday, June 28, 2024
  - ☞ **EMT II STARTS DATE:** Monday, July 1, 2024
  - ☞ **FINALS DATE:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024
  - ☞ **TESTING REGISTRY:** Wednesday, August 21, 2024 thru Sunday, August 25, 2024

*Discussed - Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, met on Monday, February 26, 2024, to discuss:*

- **Beauregard Health System Update:**
  - ☞ [www.beauregard.org](http://www.beauregard.org)
  - ☞ Demographics
    - 49 Beds
    - Rural
    - Some Military Population
    - Mostly Medicare/Medicaid
  - ☞ Services
    - 6 Bed ICU
    - Surgical
    - Labor and Delivery
    - Pediatrics
    - Dental
    - Infusion Center
      1. Opened April 2022
      2. Increased from 60 patients monthly to 170 patients monthly
    - Catheterization Lab
      1. Being “brought back”
      2. 24/7 on call services for cardiology
      3. WORKING: STEMI receiving Status
        - a. 6 months until STEMI receiving
  - ☞ Emergency Department
    - No Helipad
    - Ambulance must back into bay for patient drop off

- Construction plan – to break ground early May
  1. + a second CT
  2. Triage area
  3. Designed “Contagious” waiting area
  4. Challenges
    - a. Holding patients for transport
    - b. Bariatric equipment // small sq. footage
    - c. Accommodation psych patients
  5. Decontamination capabilities: a room in the bank the could be used
- New procedures for ambulance, etc. will be given once construction is closer to being finished
- ☞ Women’s Center
  - Renovation of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at the same as ED renovations
  - Result: All women’s services on ONE floor
    1. Minimize co-mingling with possible contagious patients
- **Explosion FSE-Release Full Scale Exercise 3/14/2024:**
  - ☞ Scope: Chemical release with explosion
  - ☞ Exercise Objectives//Tasks//Focus
    - Decontamination injects.
    - Stimulate plume.
    - Everbridge notifications
    - Activate Medical EOC
      1. Notification
        - a. MCI / Plant explosion with scene sizes up from on-site EMS.
    - LERN is not necessarily involved... do not want to overwhelm their system.
    - Monitor MA radios and 700 radios .... to identify status and resources needed
    - MCI Screen
      1. Type received?
      2. Patients diverted?
      3. ICS for hospital used?
- **Statewide Hurricane Exercise:**
  - ☞ Exercise Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2024 thru Friday, April 19, 2024
  - ☞ Report into MSTAT and AAR
    - April 16 (H-72)
      1. Hurricane Event: Initial Messaging
        - a. **Report into MSTAT and ARR**
        - b. Capture data for Communications Drill #2 (We will do a 700 MHZ Radio Check)
    - April 17 (H-24-48)
      1. Review compliance updates to MSTAT – fuel, generator, census
      2. Hurricane & MRSE: Messaging request initial patient upload for sending regions; stand-by for receiving regions
    - April 18 (H- 0-24)
      1. Evaluate patient uploads
      2. **Evaluate statewide bed availability (Bed poll will be requested)**
      3. MRSE: Assign in-state patient movement, receiving regions (ARR)
    - April 19 (H+12-24)
      1. MRSE: Assign in-state patient movement, receiving regions - summarize
      2. NDMS patient movement, DoD, and JPATs out-of-state
- **HVA Check-in:**

Region	State	Local	Out-of-State	DoD	JPATs
Alabama	Alabama	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Arkansas	0	0	0	0
Alabama	California	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Colorado	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Delaware	0	0	0	0
Alabama	District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Florida	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Georgia	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Idaho	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Illinois	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Indiana	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Iowa	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Kansas	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Louisiana	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Maine	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Maryland	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Michigan	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Mississippi	0	0	0	0
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Alabama	Montana	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Nebraska	0	0	0	0
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Alabama	Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
Alabama	South Carolina	0	0	0	0
Alabama	South Dakota	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Tennessee	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Texas	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Utah	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Vermont	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Virginia	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Washington	0	0	0	0
Alabama	West Virginia	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Alabama	Wyoming	0	0	0	0

- **Lunch & Learn Topics 2024:**

- ☞ Invites will be sent prior to meeting to not overwhelm emails through notifications

- **Public Health Update – Dr. Cavanaugh:**

- ☞ Measles
    - 2 Cases Confirmed; Greater NO Area
      1. Unvaccinated
      2. Travel history

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

- ☞ Monday, April 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 –

*Mike Estes, Vice President – Discussed upgrade of the SWLAMA Website CMS Systems and Components such as:*

- Sitemap generation & automated submissions
- Google webmaster tools setup and configuration
- First round of search engine optimization (infrastructure ONLY)
- Speed Optimization
- Browser Optimization
- Monitor Optimization
- SSL Configuration

**INSPECTION:** Jerry Pierrottie c/o Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman –

*Discussed - Inspection Progress:*

- **No** Inspection Report for the month of *March*
- Will be scheduling Inspections for the month of *April*

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

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

**VOTING:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

*Discussed - New Applicant Calcasieu Refining Company (CRC), for General Membership:*

- Mr. Vice-President – Asked for a motion to accepted new applicant, *Calcasieu Refining Company (CRC)* application for General Membership
- Chief Dean Lappe, w/Houston River Fire Department – Made a motion
- Kevin Boyette, w/Westlake US 2 LLC (*SOUTH*) – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- No opposes
- Motion carries
- Acceptance Letter will be submitted by, Tonya Pousson, Secretary

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

**TRAINING:** Jimmy Boyette, Assist. Chief, w/WFD & Cpt. Chris Smith, Training Officer w/CFD Chairman –  
**Discussed - Upcoming Training Opportunities:** Mike Estes, Vice-President –

- PER-229 Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO)
  - ☞ **DATE:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 thru Thursday, June 27, 2024
  - ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 5PM
  - ☞ **LOCATION:** OHSEP/EOC – 901 Lakeshore Dr. STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601
    - FEMA SID Number is required for Registration – You may look up your FEMA SID, or register for a new one, at the following site: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
    - Register online at: <https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=32096>
    - Assistance – Please contact Megan Powell at (337) 721-3800 and/or [mpowell@calcasieu.gov](mailto:mpowell@calcasieu.gov)
    - Flyers are available up front by sign-n-sheets

**WEATHER UPDATE (NWS):** Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –  
**KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Wednesday, March 13, 2024: Joseph Ink:**

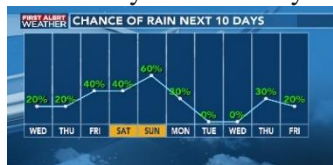
- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Warmer and humid conditions continue to push into SWLA, with better rain chances expected by the end of the week.
- Patchy fog will be a little dense in some pockets this morning, so make sure you take your time heading out the door and exercise caution on the roadways!
- Wednesday is continuing the warmer trend after a very mild start for most of us. Afternoon highs could reach near 80 with mixed clouds and sunshine, but we will likely be feeling the humidity more than yesterday. All the moisture available in the air combined with a very weak upper-level disturbance passing overhead could spark a few isolated showers from mid-morning through early afternoon. These will not amount to much and certainly will not be a washout scenario, but you might want to keep a small umbrella handy until the afternoon just in case you get caught in a shower.



- Afternoon highs will continue the warming trend even with a few showers earlier in the day (KPLC)
- Later this week will be back to a pattern that will bring upper-level disturbances across the area beginning Thursday and likely continuing into early next week. It is too early to know exactly where rain will occur, and models are trending north of SWLA for most of the time period.



- Upper-level disturbances will start working their way into the area over the next several days (KPLC)
- Models have already shifted slightly away from rain lasting into next week, but for now a 40% chance of rain remains daily from Friday and Saturday and possibly a higher chance of rain Sunday when a cold front moves closer to our area.



- Rain chances stay elevated into the weekend (KPLC)
- Temperatures will cool down behind the cold front heading into next week with lows back in the 40s Tuesday and Wednesday, and possibly even in the 30s in some areas. A warming trend starts again Wednesday into Thursday and will continue into next weekend. Although models are now showing clouds and possibly showers returning quickly by the end of next week.
- 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/>

### *National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Wednesday, March 13, 2024: LA Forecast Team:*

- Today will be mostly cloudy with some potential breaks in the clouds midafternoon. Conditions will trend cloudy and rainy moving onward Thursday through the weekend. That said, while some fine details are still being ironed out, it is not anticipated to be a complete washout. Rainfall will occur over multiple rounds with some breaks in between. We'll continue to detail timing and amounts as the system takes shape to our west. ~Cam



### *KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Joseph Ink:*

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Southerly winds have returned to SWLA, helping temperatures and humidity to rise. Rain chances will also return past mid-week.
- Tuesday continues our warm but mostly calm trend as a mostly southern breeze holds across the area. It's still chilly enough for a light jacket heading out the door but expect temperatures to warm in a similar fashion to Monday. Mostly cloudy skies mixed in with some sunshine will still have us pushing the low 70's by the afternoon, with a generally mild day on tap thanks to the mild breeze.
- Although the humidity is starting to rise, it should remain comfortable for the day with little to no rain chances.



- Afternoon highs will push warmer than yesterday under mostly cloudy skies, with a few spots reaching the mid 70's. (KPLC)
- Wednesday morning will be warmer with lows in the 50's and 60's, but Afternoon highs could reach near 80°. A slim chance for some sprinkles will also start manifesting Wednesday at 10-20%.



- The temperature and humidity starts to really pick up Wednesday, with a chance at a few stray sprinkles. (KPLC)
- Later this week will be back to a pattern that will bring upper-level disturbances across the area beginning Thursday and models are leaning into it continuing through early next week. It is too early to know exactly where rain will occur, and models are

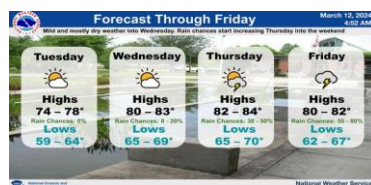
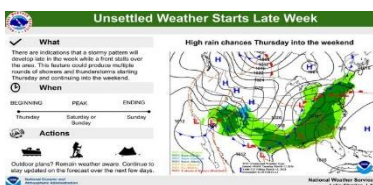
trending north of SWLA for most of the time period. For now, will put a 40% chance of rain daily from Friday through Sunday and possibly a higher chance of rain on Monday when a cold front moves through.



- More unsettled weather moves in by the end of the week that could last through the weekend (KPLC)
- Temperatures will cool down behind the cold front with lows back in the 40s Tuesday and Wednesday, and possibly even in the 30s in some areas. Afternoon highs will be near 70 degrees both days and that will depend on the amount of clouds we see.
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### *National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Tuesday, March 12, 2024: LA Forecast Team:*

- Good morning, Folks, we're still looking at an unsettled rainy pattern beginning Thursday. That said, isolated chances for rainfall begin Wednesday. While fine details are still to be nailed down, locations in northeastern Texas and central Louisiana stand a good chance at seeing multiple periods of rainfall into Sunday. Enjoy the nice, mild weather today! ~ Cam



**OLD BUSINESS:** Mike Estes, Vice-President – *N/A*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mike Estes, Vice-President – *N/A*

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

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** Jeff Davis Fire District No. 5

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

### **ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn – ***Chief Dean Lappe, w/Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4 (Houston River Fire Department)***
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – ***Todd Park, Superintendent w/CAL. CERTC and Chief of w/Ward 6 Fire District No. 1***
- Meeting adjourned – ***11:45AM***

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

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