



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING NUMBER 854<sup>th</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00AM**



**DATE:** May 8, 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 –

***Lake Charles Fire Department:***

- Power Point Presentation – Presented by; “**Lloyd Hanks**”
- Luncheon provided by “**The Kitchen**”

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

**MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS:** Robby Trahan, President –

***Calcasieu Parish E-911:***

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **March** 2024 - (32)
- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **April** 2024 - (27)

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

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

***TREASURERS REPORT:***

- Account Balance Ending as of **April 30, 2024** – **\$78,429.52**

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

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

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

***Discussed – The Westlake PE&O drill, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 8:00AM – 10:00AM:***

- This is a soft date pending and will know near the date

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

***Discussed – The National EMS Academy “Night Classes”, Mondays & Wednesdays:***

- **FREE** Tuition & Fees for Louisiana residents that meet admissions requirements
  - ☞ Orientation starts on **Thursday, May 30, 2024, 5:00PM – 9:00PM**
  - ☞ Classes start on **Monday, June 3, 2024, 6:00PM – 10:00PM**
  - ☞ Classes ends on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

☞ *becomeAmedic.com*

*Discussed – The EMT “Day Classes” is scheduled to start on Monday, May 27, 2024:*

- It's important to note that attendance at only one of the orientation dates is required
  - ☞ This program follows a hybrid format, with lectures conducted online and skill sessions held on-site at the Lake Charles Campus, located on Enterprise Blvd.
  - ☞ These sessions are scheduled for ***Mondays*** and ***Wednesdays*** from ***12:30PM*** to ***4:30PM***

*Discussed – The Louisiana Region R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting, met on Monday, April 22, 2024, to discuss:*

- **HPP Rounds:**
  - ☞ Frances Braud, LHA-HHS Hospital Preparedness Program
    - HCC Chemical Surge TTX
    - Hurricane Patient Movement Exercise
    - Hurricane Season Readiness
- **Statewide Hurricane Drill/April 17<sup>th</sup> After Action:**
  - ☞ Discussion on the successes of the recent Hurricane exercise
    - Review areas of improvement → Bed Counting
    - Updating the ESF9 Portal
    - Survey Monkey for the AAR <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XWXN5W9>
- **HVA Check-In:**
  - ☞ The 2024 HVA summary is included in the PP
- **Plan Review/Questions:**
  - ☞ The deadline to submit additions or corrections for the 2024 plans is 04/26/2024
  - ☞ Plans will be considered “final” after that date
- **Lunch & Learn:**
  - ☞ The Lunch & Learn ZOOM links are included in the PP
  - ☞ ESF-8 Lunch & Learn Series @ Noon
    - May 01, 2024 – Hurricane Season 2024 Predictions – Phil Klotzsch, PhD – Colorado State University, Atmospheric Science
    - May 15, 2024 – Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Teams (MASTT) and the Recovery Process
    - May 22, 2024 – Multi-Agency Presentation on Sheltering
    - June 12, 2024 – EMS Surge Plan
    - June 19, 2024 – Readiness Planning w/Vulnerable Populations (Tribal)
    - June 26, 2024 – Mass Fatality/Cemetery Reinternment
- **June-NIMS/HICs Refresher – Invite All New Leadership!:**
  - ☞ The June Coalition meeting will be two hours long
  - ☞ A guest speaker will conduct a refresher on NIMS/HICs
  - ☞ Please invite all new leadership!
- **Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:**
  - ☞ Monday, June 24, 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 – *N/A*

**INSPECTION:** Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman –

*Discussed - Inspection Report by; Mr. Jerry Pierrottie:*

- **Westlake US 2 LLC (SOUTH SITE):**
  - ☞ Inspection was conducted on ***Thursday, April 18, 2024***
  - ☞ Facility offers only 1 piece of equipment for an event, but has listed 5 pieces of equipment for SWLAMA to have access
  - ☞ The result of the inspection is ***Westlake US 2 LLC (SOUTH SITE)*** meets the requirements for equipment available for SWLAMA

- **Phillips 66:**

- ☞ Inspection was conducted on *Wednesday, April 24, 2024*
- ☞ Facility offers 10 pieces of equipment for SWLAMA to have access
- ☞ Depending on the incident, they will supply what is needed as long as they can protect their facility
- ☞ Chris Dailey and his team will make the call on how many pieces of equipment can be use, based on the situation
- ☞ The result of the inspection is *Phillips 66* meets the requirements for equipment available for SWLAMA

- **Lake Charles Fire Department/LCFD:**

- ☞ Inspection was conducted on *Tuesday, May 7, 2024*
- ☞ Facility offers 5 pieces of equipment for SWLAMA to have access
- ☞ Depending on the incident, they will supply one piece of equipment at a time
- ☞ The result of the inspection is *Lake Charles Fire Department/LCFD* meets the requirements for equipment available for SWLAMA

*Discussed – Volunteers who’d like to help w/Inspections:*

- **Mike Estes, Vice-President w/LOTTE Chemical, volunteered his time, when available, to help assist, Mr. Pierrottie w/inspections:**

- ☞ Mr. President, Robby Trahan, asked if there were any objectives
- ☞ No objectives from the floor

**MARINE USCG:** Sam Short *c/o* Cade McLemore, Port Security Specialist/USCG MSU –

*Discussed - FY’24 Port Security Grant Program Update:*

*Discussed - 2024 SWLA AMSTEP (Area Maritime Security Training & Exercise Plan):*

- **DATE:** Thursday, June 27, 2024
- **LOCATION:** West Cal Arena & Event Center, 401 Areal Rd, Sulphur, LA 70665
- **TIME:** 8:00AM – 5:00PM

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

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

**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:*

- **ICS-400 Advanced Incident Command System:**

- ☞ **DATE:** Wednesday, May 29, 2024 thru Thursday, May 30, 2024
- ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 4PM
- ☞ **LOCATION:** Calcasieu EOC – 901 Lakeshore Dr., STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601

- **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)

- **G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface: (Recently Added)**

- ☞ **DATE:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024
- ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 5PM
- ☞ **LOCATION:** Calcasieu EOC – 901 Lakeshore Dr., STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601

**WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –  
Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Wednesday, May 8, 2024:**

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - A southern breeze is holding across SWLA but won't be doing much to reduce temperatures while we wait for better rain chances.
- There is some slight potential for morning fog heading out the door, but the breeze is keeping formation to a minimum for most of the area similar to Tuesday.
- Warm and generally muggy conditions continue Wednesday. The breeze is still holding out of the south, but gusts aren't looking as high as some models originally predicted, leaving less room for more sunshine. That said, we will still see gusts up to 20 mph or slightly higher, and more sunshine will be around for the afternoon. Temperatures are really starting to get hot for some, afternoon highs will generally be in the mid to upper 80's. A few areas further north might hit 90°, which will be near record highs for the day. The heat index also will likely exceed 90 degrees in most areas through at least Thursday, so make sure to stay hydrated if you are spending long amounts of time outdoors.
- Rain will be very limited at best and probably no rain at all for most of the area; if we see any rain it would likely only be sprinkles or very light showers with lower chances than yesterday.



- By Thursday a cold front will slowly move into SWLA from the northwest, and this will likely increase the rain chance slightly. Models are not showing much rain with the front, but we will continue to monitor the trends on that over the coming days. That front won't fully move through until sometime Friday, so rain chances will remain at 20% through Friday.



- If thunderstorms do move into our area, they could be strong to severe, but the bigger question is IF storms reach SWLA or remain well north and east of our area. The timing of those storms would be late Thursday night into Friday morning.
- Temperatures will drop behind the front with morning lows being the most noticeably different. Morning lows will fall back into the low 60s over the weekend! Afternoon highs will not be a noticeably different with highs still reaching the low to mid 80s.
- Models are now showing a trough of low pressure moving across our area Sunday into Monday. This would normally mean a decent chance of rain, which is now in the forecast for Sunday (30%) and Monday (40%); some potential for heavy rain may exist depending on how this system evolves with time.



- We will begin to warm up next week and there does not appear to be any major weather systems heading toward SWLA. The next system may bring rain late next week as well.
- We are still dealing with flooding along area rivers and waterways; please heed local warnings and advisories on any potential closures and other protective measures. Do not drive through flood waters if you do not know how deep the water is. You can find the latest river stages by clicking [HERE](#).
- 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, May 8, 2024: LA Forecast Team:**

- Happy National Night Shift Workers' Day!
- **Not so good news:**
  - ☞ Tomorrow evening to Friday morning there is a risk of severe weather and flash flooding as a cold front pushes through the region.
- **Good news:**
  - ☞ The midnight shift gives the weather after the cold front a 9/10! ✨
    - ~Chanelle



**Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Joseph Ink:**

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Breezy conditions in SWLA will accompany the high humidity for the next several days, but better rain chances are just out of reach for now.
- Warm and muggy conditions stick with us Tuesday, and likely for the next several days as well. Morning fog shouldn't be an issue for most heading out the door, but mostly cloudy skies will hold back some of the sunrise. Mostly cloudy skies will become partly cloudy in the afternoon, letting in some limited sunshine, and helping to push temperatures into the mid and upper 80's. Heat indices could easily push over 90° in many areas, so make sure you stay hydrated if spending time outdoors.
- A gusty southern breeze will at least keep the air moving, with gusts up to 20 mph throughout the day. Rain chances will be very limited to only sprinkles or very light showers, which will be more likely before lunchtime but a small chance at that.



- Conditions are expected to remain warm and muggy with morning lows in the low to mid 70s and afternoon highs in the mid to upper 80s for the next several days. The heat index will likely exceed 90 degrees in most areas through at least Thursday. Rain will be very limited at best and possibly no rain at all through Wednesday.
- By Thursday a cold front will move into SWLA from the northwest, and this will likely increase the rain chance slightly. Models are not showing much rain with the front at the moment, but we will continue to monitor the trends on that over the

coming days. That front won't fully move through until sometime Friday, after which we could see some improvement in temperatures.



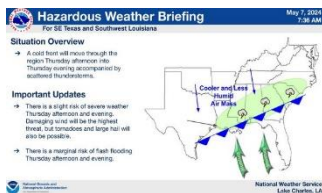
- Temperatures will drop behind the front with morning lows being the most noticeably different behind a more northerly wind shift. Morning lows will fall back into the low 60s over the weekend! Afternoon highs will not be noticeably different with highs still reaching the low to mid 80s. As far as the weekend goes, we will have to keep an eye on rain potential. Models are expecting another disturbance to move through the area which could push our rain chances a little higher, but we will have to see if the trend holds as we approach the weekend.



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**Discussed - National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Tuesday, May 7, 2024: LA Forecast Team:**

- Warm, humid, and breezy conditions are expected today and tomorrow, but rain chances return Thursday as a cold front will push through the area. Unfortunately, some of these storms will have the potential to be severe. The good news is that noticeably cooler, drier air will filter in behind the front Friday through the weekend. ~ Donald Jones



**Discussed - National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Monday, May 6, 2024: LA Forecast Team:**

- The best time to prepare for hurricanes is BEFORE hurricane season begins. Avoid having to rush through potentially life-saving preparations by waiting until it's too late. Get your disaster supplies while the shelves are still stocked, and get that insurance checkup early, as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period. [noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season](https://www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season)

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Robby Trahan, President –

*Discussed – 2024 SWLAMA Outstanding Membership Dues:*

1. Cotton Logistics	-	\$400.00
2. Dixie Pipeline Company	-	\$400.00
3. Firestone Polymers	-	\$100.00
4. Industronic, Inc.	-	\$400.00

*Discussed – Present to Mr. Richard “Dick” Gremillion the Plaque of Appreciation/Retirement:*

- **Mr. Richard “Dick” Gremillion –**
  - ☞ Employed w/the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury since 1993
- **Mr. Richard “Dick” Gremillion –**
  - ☞ Activities & Honors
    - Certified Louisiana Emergency Manager
    - Professional Member of Louisiana Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Director’s Association
    - 41 years in insurance claims
    - 13 years with USF&G Insurance Co. Claims Supervisor
- **Mr. President, Robby Trahan –**
  - ☞ Presenting to **Mr. Richard “Dick” Gremillion**, Director/OHSEP, Appreciation/Retirement Plaque for his **31** Years of Service

***“May You Be Proud of The Work You Have Done; The Leadership You Have Provided and The Difference You Have Made!!”***

**✚ CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT**  
**Mr. Richard “Dick” Gremillion**



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

**NEXT MEETING HOST:** Lake Charles Pilots

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024

**TIME:** 11:00AM

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

**ADJOURNED:**

- Motion to adjourn – **Chief Dean Lappe, w/Houston River Fire Department**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – **Major Jerry Bell, w/DeQuincy Police Department**
- Meeting adjourned – **11:25AM**

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

**Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 2PM**  
**901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200**  
**Charles, LA 70601**