



MINUTES
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 855th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: June 12, 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 –

Foster Safety, LLC – New Applicant for an Associate Member:

Alicia Heiskell, President w/GPS International, LLC (FIREBULL F3 Fluorine Free Foam)

Amy Michiels w/GOSHEP

HOST ENTITY: Mike Estes, Vice-President –

Lake Charles Pilots:

- Power Point Presentation – Presented by; “*Eric Evans, Operations Manager*”
- Luncheon provided by “*In-Laws*”

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Mike Estes, Vice-President –

Discussed - New Applicant “Foster Safety LLC” for Associate Member:

- Brief - Introduction/description of their organization to the General Board Members
 - ☞ Company Profile - *Foster Safety LLC*, is known for its expertise in regulatory and compliance training, operates locally and provides professionals who are both Emergency Response Team Members and Safety Professionals who are dedicated to providing the best professional training and services available
- New applicant, *Foster Safety, LLC*, will be over for one (1) month and will be brought to the General Board Members, as a “**VOTING ISSUE**” at the next SWLAMA regular scheduled General Board Meeting, **Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Mike Estes, Vice-President –

Calcasieu Parish E-911:

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **May** 2024 - (11)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of **May 31, 2024** – **\$78,351.28**

BY LAWS: Richard McGuire, Chairman –

By-Laws Committee Report:

- Mike Estes, Vice-President – Discussed that the SWLAMA By-Laws Committee is in the process of working on reviewing/updating the By-Laws

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

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

EMS 8 HEALTHCARE: Mark Conner, Acadian Ambulance, Chairman –
NO - R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting in May due to “Memorial Day Holiday”:
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 –

Inspection Report:

- Mr. Jerry Pierrotte – Discussed that he will be conducting an upcoming inspection on *Lake Charles Pilots & Lake Charles Fire Department*

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

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

VOTING: Mike Estes, Vice-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:

- **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**
 - ☞ **Registration forms are upfront by sign-n-sheets**
- **G-0191 – ICS/EOC Interface:**
 - ☞ **DATE:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024
 - ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 5PM
 - ☞ **LOCATION:** Calcasieu EOC – 901 Lakeshore Dr., STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601
 - ☞ **Registration forms are upfront by sign-n-sheets**
- **ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents: (Recently Added)**
 - ☞ **DATE/S:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024 thru Thursday, July 25, 2024
 - ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 4PM
 - ☞ **LOCATION:** Calcasieu EOC – 901 Lakeshore Dr., STE 200, Lake Charles, LA 70601
 - ☞ **Registration forms are upfront by sign-n-sheets**
- **Haz-Mat IQ by Federal Resources: Jason Lionberger - (Recently Added)**
 - ☞ **DATE/S:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024
 - ☞ **TIME:** 8AM – 5PM

- ☞ **LOCATION:** West Cal Area & Event Center – 401 Area Road, Sulphur, LA 70665
- ☞ **HEADCOUNT:** 40 Max.
- ☞ **Registration forms are upfront by sign-n-sheets**

WEATHER UPDATE (NWS): Doug Cramer, Warning Coordination Meteorologist –
Discussed - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Wednesday, June 12, 2024:

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Rain chances have been getting more limited in SWLA and that trend will continue drier as we approach the weekend.
- Wednesday is continuing a mostly familiar pattern from Tuesday. The weak front stalled near the coastline will continue to produce a few scattered showers offshore, with a handful popping up along the coastline itself. For the rest of us a gentle, mostly northeastern breeze remains in place which continues to usher in slightly drier air. Therefore, mostly sunny skies with some limited clouds for shade is expected across the area today, with temperatures once again pushing into the low 90's.
- Rain chances are expected to stay mostly near the coast, and a generally quiet day is on tap.



- What's left of the front is expected to slowly push away from our area by Wednesday evening, leaving rain chances very low for the rest of the week as drier air takes over. But, dry air heats up faster and lots of sunshine means temperatures will likely be pushing into the mid 90's by Saturday, especially with the wind expected to remain rather quiet.



- By the end of the weekend, we may see tropical moisture moving into our area and that could mean a better chance of rain beginning Sunday. At this point I do not see any worries about a tropical system forming, though we are in hurricane season and a weak system could form somewhere over the next week.



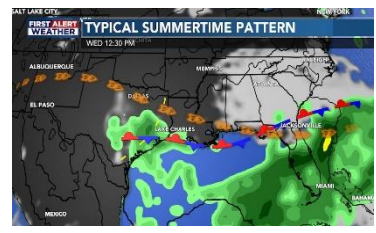
- Looking at the tropics, we're still not expecting development over the next week that could impact SWLA. But an elongated area of low-pressure producing clouds and rain near Florida is now classified as Invest 90-L by the National Hurricane Center, this simply means it is an area they are investigating for possible development. This system only has a 20% chance of developing into a tropical system and that likely won't occur until after it crosses Florida into the western Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the Carolinas, and even then, it will still have to fight strong upper level winds.
- We're also watching a broad area of low pressure in the southwestern gulf that might see some slow development by early next week, but chances are similarly low.
- 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 - KPLC 7 Weather First Alert Forecast, Tuesday, June 11, 2024: Joseph Ink:

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - SWLA saw a decent scattering of activity to start the week, and some of that will continue through Wednesday with a typical summertime pattern.
- Tuesday is already looking a little drier for a decent portion of our area, with plenty of sunshine this morning and more clouds developing back in later in the day. The weak front that slowly moved into SWLA yesterday before stalling near the coastline will still be hanging in the region, helping more scattered showers and a few storms develop in the afternoon. Most of the rain chances will be staying along I-10 and further to the south, with areas further to the north likely to stay more dry. Afternoon temperatures will still be landing around 90°, and even a few degrees warmer for those who don't get any showers or as much shade.



- Similar afternoon activity will stick around through at least Wednesday.
- By the end of the week the front should move fully clear of our area and that will bring slightly drier air to SWLA, which will result in lower rain chances Thursday through Saturday.



- By the end of the weekend we may see tropical moisture moving into our area and that could mean a better chance of rain beginning Sunday. At this point a tropical system forming looks unlikely, though we are in hurricane season and a weak system could form somewhere over the next week.



- Looking at the tropics, we might see a little activity in the gulf move over Florida that could get slightly more organized as it pushes NE into the Atlantic by the end of the week, although conditions will be mostly unfavorable.
- If you're wondering about the odds of development from deep tropical moisture working it's way up into the Gulf, thankfully they are very low with strong upper-level winds that will be in place. And even if anything were to try and form, it would likely be weak and disorganized. Of course, we'll keep you updated if anything changes and we'll watch it anyways for perhaps an increase in rain chances 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/>

Discussed - National Weather Service WFO, Lake Charles, Tuesday, June 11, 2024: LA Forecast Team:

- Good Monday morning all. We'll be looking at some scattered thunderstorms developing through the day today, but they aren't expected to be severe. They may provide a brief reprieve from the heat this afternoon.



OLD BUSINESS: Mike Estes, Vice-President –

Discussed – 2024 SWLAMA Outstanding Membership Dues:

- Cotton Logistics – \$400.00

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Estes, Vice-President –

Discussed – Richard “Dick” Gremillion Life Membership:

- The SWLAMA Steering Committee met on **Thursday, June 6, 2024**, to discuss/approve **Richard “Dick” Gremillion** as a Life Member
 - ☞ **ByLaws, Article II, Section 2.06 Life Membership**
 - A member or past of the Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment and dedication to this origination. The person shall hold all privileges of a general member including the right to hold office serve on a committee and vote but is exempt from paying dues.
 - ☞ **Robby Trahan, President** – Asked for a motion to except/approve **Richard “Dick” Gremillion** as a Life Member
 - ☞ **Richard McGuire, E-911** – Made a motion
 - ☞ **Bill Wilkie, Treasurer** – 2nd the motion
 - ☞ Motion Carries
- Mike Estes, Vice-President – Asked for a motion to except **Richard “Dick” Gremillion** as a **Life Member**
 - ☞ **Chief Todd Parker, w/Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1** – Made a motion
 - ☞ **Jerry Pierrottie, w/SWLA Safety Council** – 2nd the motion
 - ☞ Motion Carries
- Mason Lindsay – Discussed recognition to **Indorama** for their CAER System information **ONLY** notification for the excessive flaring that occurred on **Friday, May 31, 2024**
 - ☞ Mr. Lindsay, stated that, “their communication was outstanding”

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: Lake Charles Police Department

DATE: Wednesday, July 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**
- 2nd the motion – **Chief Todd Parker, w/Ward 6 Fire Protection District No. 1**
- Meeting adjourned – **11:19AM**

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 @ 2PM

901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200

Charles, LA 70601