



MINUTES
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION
MEETING NUMBER 857th
TIME: 11:00AM



DATE: August 14, 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 –

Phillips66:

- Power Point Presentation – Presented by; “*Christopher A. Dailey, Emergency Response Team Lead/Fire Chief*”
- Luncheon provided by “*The Hut*”

NEW APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS: Robby Trahan, President –

MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS: Robby Trahan, President –

Calcasieu Parish E-911:

- Mutual Aid Calls for Month of **July** 2024 - (37)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE: Bill Wilkie, Chairman –

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Account Balance Ending as of **July 31, 2024** – ***\$77,906.25***

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

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, July 22, 2024, to discuss:

- **Cornerstone of Southwest Louisiana:**
 - ☞ Darren Williams, CEO – Discussed changes at Cornerstone of Southwest Louisiana, which has 28 beds
 - ☞ Mr. Williams, also noted, that Hurricane Planning is in place, and Cornerstone will leave early as patients are so fragile
- **CrowdStrike Disruption/Hurricane Beryl Phone Impacts:**
 - ☞ Scott Kyle reviewed the CrowdStrike disruption
 - ☞ He noted that due to CrowdStrike and Hurricane Beryl phone impacts, LCMHS has added additional redundancies in

communications

☞ No other members mentioned changes in procedures at this time.

● **Implosion Concerns, Saturday, September 7, 2024:**

☞ Jason Fusilier, Acadian Ambulance – EMS DRC, participated in a planning meeting with the company

☞ Mr. Fusilier shared that the company will have a broad perimeter, including shutting down the interstate

☞ Also, KPLC has published a map

➤ See below:

While some roads will be closed for several hours after the implosion, many road closures will be lifted within 30 minutes to an hour after the implosion takes place. The city provided the map of the exclusion zone below.



☞ Jason agreed to provide contact information for the company, and we will ask them to present at the next Coalition Meeting

● **Hurricane Season Updates:**

☞ Paul DeStout, PHERC, reviewed the latest hurricane predictions

☞ Mr. DeStout also shared, the potential impact of the Saharan dust

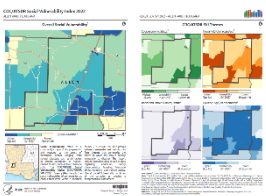
● **Social Vulnerability Index (SVI):**

☞ The Social Vulnerability Index data is included in the PowerPoint

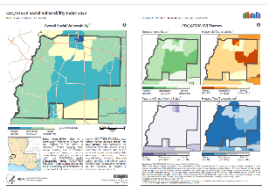
Overall Social Vulnerability

Overall Vulnerability	Socioeconomic Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Below 18th Poverty Unemployed Housing Cost Burden No High School Diploma No Health Insurance
	Household Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged 65 & Older Aged 17 & Younger Civilian with a Disability Single Person Households English Language Proficiency
	Racial & Ethnic Minority Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic or Latino (of any race) Black or African American, not Hispanic or Latino Asian, not Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Alaska Native, not Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, not Hispanic or Latino Two or More Races, not Hispanic or Latino Other Race, not Hispanic or Latino
	Housing Type & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Unit Structures Mobile Homes Crowding No Vehicle Group Quarters

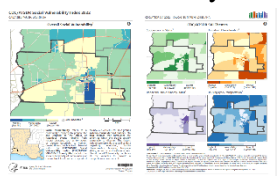
☞ Social Vulnerability Index – *Allen*



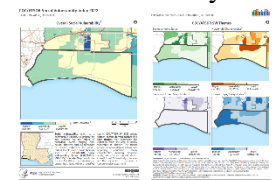
☞ Social Vulnerability Index – *Beauregard*



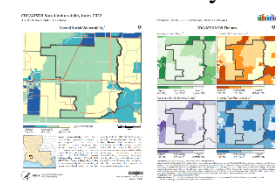
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☞ Social Vulnerability Index – *Cameron*



☞ Social Vulnerability Index – *Jefferson Davis*



• empower Data:

- ☞ A summary of the emPower data is included in the PowerPoint
- ☞ Liz Harmon, ADRC, reminded attendees that the data only includes Medicare recipients
 - HHS empower Program – January 2024 Update

County	# Home Health (2 months)		# Home Health (3 months)		# Home Health (6 months)		# Home Health (9 months)		# Home Health (12 months)		# Home Health (15 months)		# Home Health (18 months)		# Home Health (21 months)		# Home Health (24 months)		# Home Health (27 months)		# Home Health (30 months)		
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Allen	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29	12	29
Beauregard	37	18	40	19	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102	50	102
Calcasieu	120	28	170	38	235	52	322	70	423	92	533	115	633	138	750	162	867	187	954	207	1061	230	1131
Cameron	22	10	31	14	41	19	51	24	61	28	71	33	81	37	91	41	101	45	111	49	121	53	131
Jefferson Davis	101	45	132	58	175	77	228	100	281	122	352	144	476	166	610	188	754	210	864	232	996	254	1150

County	Combinations of At-Risk Groups				
	# In Facility ESRD Dialysis and Any DME	# Oxygen Services (Tanks) and Any DME	# Home Health and Any DME	# At-Home Hospice and Any DME	# Electricity-Dependent Devices/DME and Any Healthcare Service
Allen	33	112	76	22	243
Beauregard	33	162	109	22	326
Calcasieu	99	427	263	121	910
Cameron	9	39	22	11	66
Jefferson Davis	44	112	93	44	293

Next R5 ESF-8 Health & Medical Coalition Meeting:

- Monday, August 26, 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 – The Equipment List/Website Database Report:

- The SWLAMA Website/Database updates have been completed
- All minutes have been updated/posted up to **Wednesday, July 10th 2024**

INSPECTION: Rob Daughdril, Inspector Chairman –
Discussed – Inspection Report:

- Mr. Jerry Pierrotte inspection was conducted at **Lake Charles Police Department** on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**
 - ☞ The facility inspection indicated LCPD has a Mobile Command Center
 - ☞ 23’ Boat w/Flour, Sonar, and Radar Capabilities
 - ☞ 15’ Boat to move on water available for SWLAMA
 - ☞ In the future, a Robot called **“Spot”**, and will be available for SWLAMA

- This will be added to inventory once the Robot, aka/ **"Spot"**, is at LCPD Office
- The result of the inspection is **Lake Charles Police Department** meets the requirements for equipment available for SWLAMA

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

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:

• **Haz-Mat IQ by Federal Resources:**

- ☞ **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, August 14, 2024: Meteorologist, Joseph Ink:

- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - It's getting hot in SWLA thanks to high humidity and sunshine, and it's not expected to let up soon.
- Wednesday continues to ramp up the heat with even less rain chances for our area. A stray thunderstorm or two is about all we can expect to see, and it's doubtful that will do much to cool off anyone. For the most part, mixed sunshine with a few clouds will make it a warm and humid day with highs in the mid-90s to around 100° and heat indices in the 109 to 113 degree range.



- Heat Advisories are continuing again today, so make sure you're taking hot weather precautions; drink plenty of fluids, limit activities outdoors to the early morning or late evening if possible, and take frequent breaks when working outside. Lighter colored clothing can also help with the sunshine.



- Upper-level high pressure will take over the rest of the week and that means rain will be pretty unlikely. With that said, the forecast will maintain a 20% chance of rain just in case an isolated shower or storm forms in the afternoon hours.



- The long-range forecast shows very little change to this hot and mostly dry weather pattern through at least the middle of next week. That means the upcoming weekend will be hot and dry...



- The tropics remain quiet close to SWLA with no threats of anything developing in our area! We are watching Tropical Storm Ernesto located near Puerto Rico. The forecast shows Ernesto turning north over the Atlantic Ocean and remaining well east of Florida and the rest of the United States. So obviously it poses NO threat to SWLA.
- 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, August 13, 2024 - Meteorologist, Joseph Ink:

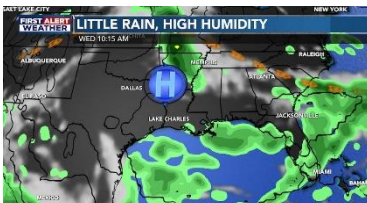
- LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - Showers are expected to become more scarce in SWLA despite high humidity, temperatures will remain above average the rest of the week
- Tuesday is still keeping around what looks to be the best chance of rain we're going to see this week. Even then it is only at 30% with some stray morning storms possible near the coast, and a few scattered showers possible in the afternoon hours. Otherwise, it will be a warm and humid day with highs topping out in the mid-90s and heat indices in the 106 to 112 degree Range.



- Heat Advisories are back are wide, so make sure you're taking hot weather precautions; drink plenty of fluids, limit activities outdoors to the early morning or late evening if possible, and take frequent breaks when working outside.



- Upper-level high pressure will take over the rest of the week and that means rain will be pretty unlikely. With that said, the forecast will maintain a 20% chance of rain just in case an isolated shower or storm manages to break through in the afternoons. However, limited rain will keep the heat as the main focus for the week.



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

NEW BUSINESS: Robby Trahan, President –

Discussed - Chief Michael Kuk “Life Member”:

- The SWLAMA Steering Committee Executive Board and Members met on, *Wednesday, August 7, 2024*, to **approved**, Chief Michael Kuk as a **“SWLAMA Life Member”**
 - ☞ Chief Kuk would like to take a moment and address/thank the Board Members for accepting him as a **“SWLAMA Life Member”**

Discussed - Calcasieu Parish E911 APCO AGENCY TRAINING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION:

- Richard McGuire, Director of the E911 was honored to accept this award on behalf of our exceptional Accreditation Manager, Mrs. LeAnna Marshall, whose relentless efforts continuously move our organization forward
 - ☞ McGuire also stated that he would also like to recognize his entire staff for their dedication to the process!



Discussed - Providing “FREE” Mental Health Support Honoring First Responders’ Commitment & Sense of Duty:

- Distribution of flyers promoting **FREE** mental wellness and resiliency in first responders
 - ☞ Flyers will be available upfront by sign-n-sheets

Discussed – 2024 Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association/LFCA Fall Symposium: Chief Jonathan Duff w/Westlake Fire Department

- **DATE:** September 4th 2024 thru September 7th 2024
- **LOCATION:** The Golden Nugget, Lake Charles, LA
- **ATTENDEES:** LFCA Member \$100
LFCA Non-Member \$150
- **FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER:**
 1. Fax No. – (225) 443-3600
 2. Mail – PO Box 866, Baton Rouge, LA 70821
 3. Online – www.louisianafirechiefs.org
 4. Email – info@louisianafirechiefs.org

Discussed – Blood Drive at the Westlake Fire Department: Chief Jonathan Duff

- **DATE:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024
- **TIME:** 4:00PM – 8:00PM
- **LOCATION:** Westlake Fire Department – 2401 Guillory St., Westlake, LA 70669

Discussed – 2024 Radio Grant: Chief Jonathan Duff w/Westlake Fire Department

Discussed – Lake Charles Regional Airport Hosting a Triennial Disaster Drill: Chief Chad Primeaux, Public Safety

- **DATE:** Monday, October 14, 2024
- **LOCATION:** Lake Charles Regional Airport – 500 Airport Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70607
- **POINT OF CONTACT:** Chief Chad Primeaux (337) 477-6051 ext. 248 and/or cprimeaux@flylakecharles.com

Discussed – PPG Industries Tour Invitation:

- PPG Industries would like to offer the emergency responders of the Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association an opportunity to tour our Westlake facility. PPG is offering these tours so we can meet the emergency responders of our association, allow them to view the layout of the facility, see the products made here and gain knowledge of any challenges that may be presented in the event of an actual emergency.
- Please call **Butch Davis** at **(337) 853-4063** to schedule your tour and we ask that you keep tour groups to five people or less. This is to accommodate parking, have tour personnel available, and have PPE available for the tour group. We also need the name and phone number of each tour group member to facilitate entering them into our visitor management system. Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you soon.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING HOST: SASOL North America, Inc.

DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

TIME: 11:00AM

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

ADJOURNED:

- Motion to adjourn – Major Jerry Bell, w/DeQuincy Police Department
- 2nd the motion – Chief Dean Lappe, w/Ward 4 Fire Protection District No. 4
- Meeting adjourned – 11:30AM

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD

Thursday, September 5, 2024 @ 2PM

901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200

Charles, LA 70601