

In the Levee Loop !



News of the Flood Protection Authority

October 15, 2017

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOE HASSINGER

Hurricane Nate gave us the opportunity to test our readiness, demonstrate collaboration and show that when the water comes, every component of the flood defense system will perform. Every department showed leadership, commitment, skill and the ability to get things done in a timely and orderly way. A couple of long days and nights for sure. The Board would like to thank everyone for their dedication and professionalism. We appreciate you and so do the citizens you protect.

Joe

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*"Change can either
challenge or threaten us.
Your beliefs pave your way
to success or block you."
Marsha Sinetar*

Scenes from Hurricane Nate



Hurricane Nate - Letters of Appreciation

To: FPA Family

FPA On the Front Line to Protect Citizens From Hurricane Nate

Over the past few days, I had the privilege of spending a lot of time at the EOC and visiting many locations throughout the system. What I saw firsthand was an incredible team of professionals, working tirelessly to ensure that the Authority's mission was accomplished. Teamwork, cooperation and respect for each other were constant. Every department did a great job supporting our engineering, operations and maintenance folks, both leading up to and during emergency operations. Tasks were well-planned and efficiently executed in an orderly way. All tasks were accomplished timely. (Of course, excellent inspections and maintenance throughout the year makes that possible.) It was an impressive display of how incredible the men and women of the Authority are. We even had requests for assistance and collaboration from other jurisdictions such as St. Bernard and Lafitte. Thank you all for doing an outstanding job. The Board of Commissioners is incredibly proud of the talent and dedication that you have shown during this storm, and do show on a day to day basis. I encourage everyone to maintain that spirit of teamwork, gratitude and respect every day. Again, thank you for an outstanding job. We appreciate you.

Joe Hassinger, Board of Commissioners



10/9/17 Subject: Important Message, Hurricane Nate

To: All Mechanic Shop Employees

For the last three days you were called upon to leave your homes and loved ones to stay here to prepare and activate our flood protection system, prior to the arrival of Hurricane Nate. Fortunately, we were spared a direct hit by the storm. Regardless of the outcome of the storm, we were ready for the worst.

I want to echo the sentiments of the President of the FPA Board of Directors Joe Hassinger in recognizing the truly amazing performance, and the outstanding dedication displayed by each and every one of you during the preparations prior to the arrival of Hurricane Nate.

I saw a group of foremen and mechanics who worked together as a team, followed instructions as given, and executed the plan safely, effectively, and ahead of schedule. I have nothing but upmost respect and admiration for your selfless dedication, technical knowledge, abilities, and overall sense of duty. For all of these reasons I want to personally thank you. I also want to extend these thanks for your families and loved ones who had to fend without you for the days you were away from home, I know that can be difficult at times.

With all that said, please read the attached letter from the FPA Board President Joe Hassinger.

Best regards, Joe Parsi-Gracian

Flood Protection Team Best Wishes to Recent Retirees



Gaynell Rome –
Finance\Admin. Coordinator
Retired on 08/18/2017



Alvin Alford
Auxiliary Services\Admin. Coordinator
Retired on 09/08/2017

Congratulations on Flood Protection Team Promotions



Courtney Jimison – Promoted on 08/14/17
To Police Officer 1A
(Promoted from Police Radio Dispatcher-
Currently in the POST Academy)



Coy Canulette
Promoted on 7/10/2017
To Police Sgt. A



Kirt Arnold
Promoted on 8/1/2017
To Police Lt. A



Rocky Hart
Promoted to
Reserve Police Captain

Justin Williams
Promoted on 9/20/2017
To Mobile Equip. Operator I/
Heavy Equipment



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Be wary of suspicious emails and pop-ups. Look carefully at the email address of the sender to see if it's coming from a legitimate address. ***Even if the email message appears to come from a particular sender that you know and trust, please use the same precautions that you would use with any other email message.*** Contact that person directly (***not through the email you received***) and ask for confirmation on the validity of the message. Also, look for obvious typos and grammatical errors in the body. Hover over hyperlinks (***without clicking on them***) inside emails to see whether they direct you to suspicious web pages. If an email appears to have come from your bank, credit card company or internet service provider, keep in mind that they will **never** ask for sensitive information like your password or social security number. Finally, do not forward chain email messages. Not only you lose control over who sees your email it also make you more susceptible to attacks. Consequently, you may be furthering a hoax or aiding in the delivery of virus.

Roman Dody, MSCIS, Director of Information Technology

Welcome New Flood Protection Team Members



Frank Alfonso Jr. –
Operations & Maintenance\Mechanic 3
Hired on 07/31/2017



Thuy Do –
Finance\Accountant 1
Hired on 09/11/2017

Jerald Holmes –
Police Officer 2A
Hired on 09/25/2017



Audrey Boskent-Guess –
Police Officer 2A
Hired on 7/26/2017



Michael Brenckle –
Police Officer 2A
Hired on 9/22/2017

Dennis Guidry
EJLD Police Reserve Officer



Luis Munguia
EJLD Police Reserve Officer



Police Engaging Public at Neighborhood Party



Suggestions, comments, news items (weddings, births, significant anniversaries and other events you wish to share with your coworkers), original articles and other submittals are welcomed.

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