Office of Emergency Management Deploys New Mobile Unit!

The Sewerage and Water Board Office of Emergency Management (OEM) deployed their new mobile command unit to the Algiers River intake in response to an oil spill, on April 13. Additionally, OEM unveiled the mobile command to the public during the City Park celebration of Earth Day on April 24, 2018. The mobile command will be on public display during National Public Works Week, May 21 through 25, 2018.

The mobile command unit is a specialty vehicle that generates its own power and is completely self-contained, outfitted with five computer work stations and the latest in satellite communication. This vehicle can be dispatched to any major Sewerage and Water Board incident where command and asset deployment is necessary. Similar to mobile medical units, the vehicle can be positioned in the heart of an emergency, reducing time spent on trips to/from base camp.
Mayor Mitch Landrieu presided over his last meeting as president of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, April 18. He took the opportunity to emphasize that the Sewerage & Water Board’s portion of the drainage system, namely the pumps and the power supply, were in better shape than they have been in years.

Landrieu also described the need to upgrade the drainage system, calling that goal the top priority of the next administration.

Interim Executive Director Marcie Edwards presented Landrieu with a proclamation on behalf of the Board of Directors thanking him for his service as Board president for the past eight years.

Edwards’s original contract was set to expire May 7, the day Mayor-Elect Latoya Cantrell is scheduled to be sworn into office. Edwards will now stay through May 22. The search for a permanent executive director continues.

A plan to mitigate the cost of parking, balanced with the longevity and salaries of employees, is in the works. The Executive Team hopes to present a solution in the coming days. We thank you for your patience and the hard work we know you all put in each day for the S&WB.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to follow city parking laws. Parking Control, which is not under the authority of the S&WB, will be extra vigilant around the St. Joseph Street headquarters for the foreseeable future.

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans was awarded the ELP Municipality Recognition Award in Pollution Prevention & Environmental Ordinance. The Enforcement through Partnerships Program and the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program are just two of the many ways that the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans is working to better serve customers and protect the environment.

The Enforcement through Partnerships Program brings together an array of government agencies including LDEQ, DHH and the City of New Orleans, leading to more inclusive, robust, and ultimately more effective enforcement of water quality regulations at the state, regional, and local levels. Through a combination of education, permitting, and enforcement, food service establishments are tracked and brought into greater compliance with the Sewerage & Water Board Plumbing Code. Both programs, via different approaches, are successful in decreasing illicit discharges and sanitary sewer overflows. In doing so, these two programs uphold local public health and ensure the effectiveness of New Orleans’ crucial wastewater and drainage infrastructure.
SWB Staff from Environmental Affairs Department participated in separate educational/informational Earth Day events sponsored by Loyola University and Xavier University.

Earth Day events are part of annual celebrations intended to raise awareness and appreciation of the environment and to inspire people to take action to eliminate pollution of natural resources.

**Loyola University**

Left to right: Carson Gorecki and Ed Schneider of Environmental Affairs present at Loyola University.

**Xavier University**

Left to right: Sheryl Carpenter, Muhmamad Yungai of Environmental Affairs present at Xavier University.
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- Selecting, hiring, and terminating investment managers, custodial banks, and financial consultant firms.
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- Reviewing actuarial reports and quarterly reports prepared by the investment consultant.
- Attaining trustee training.

More information about the makeup of the Pension Committee will be in the next issue of the Pipeliner.

Your Employee Trustees on the Pension Committee wish everyone a HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY