

Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M.
Department of Insurance – Plaza Hearing Room

Present were the following:

Members: Lou Fey (Chairman), Jeff Albright (Vice Chairman), Rep. Talbot, Shawn Collins, Marc Carter, Commissioner St. Germain, Chris Haik, Director Keller, Ron Henderson, and Leslie Sallean.

Commission Staff: Tom Travis and Ron Williams.

Others: Phyllis Perron; Bobby Byrd, Chairman of the LSUCCC; Mark Roberts, International Code Council; Pauline Williams, OWCA

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Director called the roll and reported the absence of a quorum.

The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance.

Presentation and Discussion on the Louisiana Move It Law:

Dan Jatres, Regional Safety Coalition Coordinator, New Orleans Regional Safety Coalition

Sgt. Jared Sandifer, Region 1 Supervisor, La. State Police Public Affairs

Senior Trooper Bryan Lee, Public Information Officer, La. State Police Troop A

Mr. Jatres explained the Louisiana Move It Law (La. R.S. 32:141(D)) that requires drivers of vehicles involved in crashes to move the vehicles from the travel lanes of a public road when there is no death or serious injury, the vehicle is not disabled by the crash, and the driver is not prevented by injury from moving. The law reduces the risk of secondary crashes, which have a 1 in 4 chance of a fatality occurring. It also restores the flow of traffic.

The State Troopers explained that it does not impair their ability to evaluate the accident and render a report.

Mr. Jatres' suggestion was to place a notice regarding the Move It Law on the proof of insurance cards that drivers are required possess. Mr. Albright explained that insurance companies tend to resist mandates. Commissioner St. Germain pointed out the limited amount of

space on the card that already has several requirements. Mr. Henderson offered to work with Mr. Jatres on consumer outreach. There was a consensus that greater public awareness is necessary and to work on methods to publicize it.

Presentation and Discussion on Mitigation Matters in Louisiana:

Presentation by Ms. Debra Ballen, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS).

Ms. Ballen discussed:

- 1) The mission of the IBHS: “To conduct objective, scientific research to identify and promote effective actions that strengthen homes, businesses and communities against natural disasters and other causes of loss.”
- 2) The desired results of successful mitigation.
- 3) The IBHS priorities relating to insurance.
- 4) The background of issues in Louisiana.
- 5) The importance of strong building codes (and the benefits as demonstrated by several videos).

There being no objection, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.