

August 30, 2012 - LA-TF3 Deploys South for Flood Rescue

SFD will assist in evacuation of thousands

Ten personnel departed the Shreveport Fire Department (SFD) Maintenance Shop at 4:30 pm today en route to assist with flood water rescue in South Louisiana. Nine SFD and one Bossier Fire Protection District #1 Swift Water Rescue Technicians were requested to respond to Amite, LA in Tangipahoa Parish to assist with evacuation of 50,000-60,000 people near the Tangipahoa River from the communities of Kentwood to Robert.

All of these responders are assigned to the Louisiana Task Force Three (LA-TF3) Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR), which is a State resource hosted by the Shreveport Fire Department and made up of firefighters from SFD, Bossier City Fire Dept., Bossier Fire Protection District #1, Caddo Fire Districts #1 and #3 and Benton Fire Protection District #4. Upon arrival in Amite, they will combine with additional Swift Water Rescuers from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Pineville, and Monroe to accomplish the mission of flood water rescue in these communities.

These responders took all equipment needed to conduct rescue operations including personal protective equipment, personal floatation devices and four rescue boats.

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