

**LSET Class of 2006 Session II**

***SETX Realities:***

***Homeland Security Status and Rita Rebound, Recovery and Rebuilding***

**7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Beginning at....**

**Lamar Institute of Technology Multipurpose Center**

**855 East Lavaca \* Beaumont**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast and Networking**  
Breakfast courtesy of LIT
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Acknowledgements of Session Host and Sponsor**  
Tom Henry, LSET Chair-elect  
**Nominations Recruitment for Admissions 2007**  
Russ Schultz, LSET Admissions Chair  
**Announcements regarding directions to Parker Center and Sabine Pass**  
Bessie Chisum, LSET Executive Director  
**Welcome to LIT**  
Sam Williams, Vice President Academic Affairs  
**Connecting Session II to 2006 theme: Southeast Texas - Get on the Bus!**  
Kim McMurray, LSET Program Chair
- 8:30 a.m. Getting acquainted with LIT programs for Homeland Security**  
Q & A Period  
Jim Doane, Director, Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Training, LIT  
Desiree Bryant, Director Workforce Training, LIT
- 9:00 a.m. Status on Homeland Security "in our own backyard":**  
**Emergency Preparedness, port security and waterways, mutual aid**  
Q & A interactive discussion with class  
Fire Chief Steve Curran, City of Port Neches
- 10:15 a.m. Wrap-up Part I of Session I**  
Comments Forms by email to class members  
Kim McMurray, LSET Program Chair
- 10:20 a.m. Class Adjournment for Rita Recovery Conference**  
**Travel to Lamar Port Arthur Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center**
- 10:50 a.m. Check-in at Rita Recovery Conference, Lamar PA Parker Center**  
Check-in registration for LSET with B. Chisum at Parker Center  
Seating at Reserved LSET tables
- 11:00 a.m. Opening of Rita Conference, Keys to Successful Recovery: State of the Region**

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Keynote Speaker, LPA/Parker Center**  
Introduction by Texas State Sen. Kyle Janek, Dist. 17  
Commissioner Michael Williams, Texas Railroad Commission and  
Coordinator, Hurricane Recovery for Texas
- 12:30 p.m. Tour of Sabine Pass by bus or private vehicle**
- 1:30 p.m. Conference Workshop I, Housing – Rebuilding Lives, Home and Businesses**  
Sabine Pass ISD Teaching Center
- 2:15 p.m. Conference Workshop II, Business Development: Local, State and Federal Programs, Access to Capital and Contracts**  
Sabine Pass ISD Teaching Center
- 3:15 p.m. Break**
- 3:30 p.m. Conference Workshop III, Federal/State Economic Development Programs**  
Sabine Pass ISD Teaching Center
- 4:15 p.m. Conference Workshop IV, Tax Related State/Local Economic Dev. Programs**  
Sabine Pass ISD Teaching Center
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment of Rita Conference and LSET Session II in Sabine Pass**
- 5:30 p.m. Reception, Museum of Gulf Coast, 700 Procter, Port Arthur**  
Optional for LSET class

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**Session II Committee: LIT and Rita Recovery Conference**

Sue Landry, Harry Wood, Sam Williams, Desiree Bryant

Kim McMurray, Verna Rutherford, Jim Rich

Bessie Chisum, LSET; Steve Buser, Kay Bottoms, POST

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## PROFILES: SPEAKERS

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**Desiree Bryant**, the new Director of Workforce Training at LIT, is a Silsbee native and a 1999 graduate of Lamar University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in communication. For the past 3 years, she has served as the Assistant Director for the Silsbee Economic Development Corporation. In that role, she spearheaded the planning, development and construction of Silsbee Veteran Park, a tribute to Hardin County veterans and flagship project for downtown redevelopment. A 2004 LSET alumnus, she has also been active in local, regional and state economic and community development efforts. Most recently, Bryant helped locate and purchase a 28-acre tract for future business development. Prior to joining SEDC, she worked in the International Space Station Program at Johnson Space Center. **Contact:** Desiree Bryant, Workforce Training, Lamar Institute of Technology, P. O. Box 10043, Beaumont, TX 77710 Phone 409-839-2909 Fax 409-839-2910 Email: [desiree.bryant@lit.edu](mailto:desiree.bryant@lit.edu)

**Jim Doane** is Director of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Training for Lamar Institute of Technology. He brings thirty-five years of experience in criminal justice and education to LIT. In this position, Doane developed the first Homeland Security certificate and degree program in the state of Texas, the first Homeland Security Crime Scene Technician degree program and LIT's Maritime Security Program. He also coordinates the Texas Consortium for Homeland Security and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice academy. He is a graduate of Lamar University with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and Associate of Science degree in Law Enforcement; the United State Department of Energy's Central Training Academy; Houston Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Command School; and Lamar Regional Police Academy. Chief Doane has completed thousands of hours in specialized security, homeland security, law enforcement and management training. Doane is a Department of Homeland Security Authorized Trainer of National WMD Standardized Awareness; a Licensed Texas Peace Officer; a Licensed Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Instructor; and a Licensed Texas Commission on Private Security School Owner, Classroom and Firearms Instructor. Doane is a past chair, American Society for Industrial Security's Sabine-Neches Chapter and past Chaplain for the Texas Chief Deputies Association. He serves in the Prison Ministry and is a member of the U. S. Selective Service and Texas Gang Task Force. Doane is listed in Who's Who in America South and Southwest and Who's Who in America.

**Stephen (Steve) L. Curran** is Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator of the City of Port Neches, Texas. Chief Curran is retired after 29 years as Fire Chief with the City of Port Arthur, Texas. He is familiar with industrial security and response issues and has served as third party oversight advisor on security reviews for several local industries. Chief Curran is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA) a Mutual Aid Organization organized in 1949 for South East Texas. The organization has over 120 member entities representing Industry, Municipal Fire and Police, Public and Private EMS, Hospitals, Health Departments, Federal and State agencies. He has acted as Incident Commander on regional responses and during regional exercises with multiple agencies involved. Chief Curran serves on numerous committees in the Southeast area and is a charter member of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee, MSO Port Arthur, Texas. He serves as the charter SNCA representative on the Executive Steering Committee of the USCG AMS Committee. He has been instructor at Texas A & M University Fire School and at Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) Regional Fire Academy and College Degree Program and served on Dacum Committee member for LIT to develop Facility Security Officer (FSO) curriculum for 104 & 105 water and land facilities. Chief Curran serves as chairman of several committees for the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Council of Government for homeland security strategic planning, grants, and infrastructure reports. In 2003 Chief Curran attended the 911 Pentagon After Action Report in Arlington, Va. as an emergency management representative for the City of Port Arthur. He holds several state certifications and an A.A.S. degree in Fire Protection Technology from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Contact: Email [scurran@portnechestx.us](mailto:scurran@portnechestx.us)



**LSET Session II, February 23, 2006**  
**Driving directions to Parker Center and Sabine Pass**

**DRIVING FROM LIT TO LAMAR PORT ARTHUR PARKER MULTIPURPOSE CENTER –**  
1800 Lakeshore Drive, Port Arthur (409-984-6291)

Take East Lavaca back to service road to MLK Parkway. Go thru traffic light at Florida Blvd, drive thru the Hwy69 South underpass, stay in right lane to access “up-ramp” onto Hwy 69/96/287 South to Port Arthur. Continue driving through Nederland, past Hwy 73 signage into Port Arthur...past intersections with Gulfway Drive, Thomas Blvd, and Procter Street. At the dead end at seawall, Rose Hill Manor is on your left. Turn right onto Lakeshore Drive which parallels the seawall. Follow Lakeshore Drive (residential) until you see the Carl A. Parker Multi Purpose Center on your left “under the levee” of the ship channel. If you are driving past Wilson Middle School on your left & Performing Arts Theater on right....gone too far!

**DRIVING TO SABINE PASS TEACHING CENTER BY PRIVATE VEHICLE -**  
5641 South Gulfway Drive, Sabine Pass, Texas 77665 (409) 971-2321

**Option 1:** Follow the bus tour caravan through Port Arthur to Sabine Pass.

**Option 2:** If you know short-cuts by experience, time your arrival for 1:30 pm, Workshop I.

**Option 3:** From Parker Center, retrace your driving steps from Lakeshore Drive to Memorial Highway (Hwy 69) to intersection with Hwy 73 WEST to Winnie. Get in LEFT lane, drive past Savannah St. Exit. From Hwy 73 to Winnie, exit onto Hwy. 82 south (MLK Parkway/FM 214). At traffic light intersection, turn RIGHT onto Hwy. 87 (driving through petrochemical facilities) for 13 miles. At the 4-way intersection, turn RIGHT onto Gulfway Drive. The “lighthouse” on your right is Sabine Pass School. Go up stairs into lighthouse and follow the signage to workshop location.



**MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST**  
**Mardi Gras Reception**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**700 Procter St., downtown Port Arthur**  
**409-982-7000**