

***PABI General Membership Meeting
September 19, 2012
Boomtown Casino***

The September PABI General Membership Meeting was held September 19 at Boomtown Casino. The kyenote speaker was Plaquemines Parish Sheriff Lonnie Greco. First to speak was Dale Benoit, PABI Governmental Affairs Committee Chair, on the CCC toll renewal referendum and PABI's endorsement of extending the tolls. The PABI Board feels there are tremendous economic benefits to the Westbank Highway System if the tolls are continued. Sheriff Greco began by discussing the Sheriff Department's response to Hurricane Isaac. He stated that his office would be going over what went right and what did not. He feels that communications needs to be improved and that he is willing to work with local government 100%. The PPSO budget has been reduced by \$3 to \$3.5 million and the department has begun ethics training. Sheriff Greco commented that the department has revamped their hiring process and has increased neighborhood patrols. They are almost finished with upgrading the Department Policy and have installed a new complaint system. The Department is also updating their record system, dispatch and storage. Sheriff Greco mentioned that the new prison is expected to be completed six month ahead of schedule. He stated that he feels a lot has been accomplished in a short time but there is more to do, and he plans to stay the course.



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