



# FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY

## Your Flood Defense System

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Herbert I. Miller, P.E., D.EE, F. ASCE - President  
Mark L. Morgan, P.E. - Vice President  
Clay A. Cosse - Secretary  
K. Randall Noel, Treasurer  
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr.  
Eugene J. Joanen, IV  
Jason P. Latiolais  
Herbert T. Weysam, III

# PRESS RELEASE

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Derek E. Boese, PMP, LEED-AP

For Immediate Release

**EXECUTIVE COUNSEL**  
Michelle White

March 5, 2021

**EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT**  
1100 Rev. Richard Wilson Drive  
Kenner, LA 70062  
504.469-7522

## Driver Rescued from Submerged Car in Lake

**LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT**  
P.O. Box 216  
6136 E. St. Bernard Highway  
Violet, LA 70092  
504.682.5941

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT**  
6920 Franklin Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70122  
504.286.3100

New Orleans, LA – Orleans Levee District (OLD) police officers rescued an 18-year-old man after he lost control of his vehicle and plunged into Lake Pontchartrain. Thursday, shortly after 7:00 PM an OLD officer observed the car traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Franklin Ave. The officer stated the vehicle went through the intersection of Franklin Ave and Lakeshore Drive, hit the concrete barrier and signs causing the car to go airborne into the lake. The officer grabbed his floatation device and threw it to the victim who was pulled ashore by the officer and another witness nearby. The victim was treated at the scene by EMS and taken to a local hospital for further examination. The 18-year-old driver claims his brake light came on as he approached the intersection and the malfunction caused him to lose control of the vehicle. The driver was cited for Careless Operation. The vehicle is still submerged at this time.