



Al Durel

Director of Operations

As Director of Operations for Port Freeport, Al Durel's major duty is to maintain the 'function' of the Port. This includes but is not limited to managing vessel/cargo operations, maintenance of the facilities, Port safety, and Port security. He serves as the primary point of contact for owners, agents, and industry. In addition, he also manages the financial affairs of Port Operations, Safety, and Security. On occasion, Al acts as a tour guide, which is always a lot of fun. This gives him an opportunity to 'showcase' the activities and abilities of the Port. Al has been with the Port since November of 1999.

Al believes Port Freeport offers something truly unique to its customers, and that the people behind the Port make the difference.

The maritime industry runs deep in Al's family. Long before he started in the industry, Al's dad and brother-in-law were managers for a stevedore company in New Orleans. Their influence and training gave him the foundation to become successful in this industry. He has held various positions throughout his career, including Ship Superintendent, Vessel Agency, Terminal Operator, Terminal Manager, and Port Captain.

Education

University of New Orleans / Business Administration

Affiliations & Community Involvement

Al serves on the PCT – Port Coordination Team, BMAT – Brazosport Marine Action Team, Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee, Member of the Executive Safety Committee, National Incident Management System (NIMS), AAPA Operations Committee, Member of Area Maritime Security Committee., Gulf Ports Association

Personal

Al's biggest, most important accomplishment is raising three boys with his wife, Pam. All are very successful professionals in medicine.

Port Freeport

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 11th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, NYK, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.