



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 will include but not limited to managing vessel/cargo operation. As Director of, maintenance of the facilities, managing the flow of vessel/truck traffic and safety. He serves as the primary point of contact for owners, agents and industry, and also manages the financial affairs of Port Operations. On occasion, Al acts as a tour guide, which is always a lot of fun. This gives him an opportunity to 'show off' the Port.

Al believes Port Freeport offers something truly unique to its customers, and that the people behind the Port make the difference. "No matter who you are or what you do, it's all about people," says Al. "People make things happen."

The Maritime industry runs deep in Al's family. Long before he started, 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

Graduated University of New Orleans / Business Administration in 1977.

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.

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 ranked 10th in chemicals and 26th in containers. The Channel serves Dow Chemical, Phillips 66, BASF, Tenaris, Vulcan Material, Mammoet, Freeport LNG, Riviana., Dole, Chiquita, Seaway, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and Hoegh Autoliners. You can learn more about Port Freeport at www.portfreeport.com.