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PRESS RELEASE

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Valentine Pontoon Bridge Closed to Vehicular Traffic until Further Notice

The Valentine Pontoon Bridge (crossing Bayou Lafourche) has been closed to vehicular traffic until further notice after being damaged by a vehicle crossing the bridge which was over the weight limit. Lafourche Parish Government Public Works officials indicate that the bridge will remain closed to vehicular traffic (and open to marine traffic ONLY) until the damage can be inspected and repaired.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) had previously closed a portion of Hwy. 308 south of the Valentine Bridge late last month for repairs to a bridge located on the highway itself.

Due to BOTH the State road closure and the parish pontoon bridge closure, LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY is allowed along LA Highway 308:

- SOUTH from the Bollinger Bridge (also called the "Belle View Bridge") just south of Lockport to the DOTD road closure (approximately 1.5 miles south of the Valentine Pontoon Bridge), and
- NORTH from the T-Bois Lift Bridge in Larose to the DOTD road closure.

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