



### Walt Pierce

Football fans may know Walt Pierce as the guy with the big orange gloves on the sidelines at Saints games as the FOX or CBS Network TV Time Out Coordinator.

One of LASTA's newest board members is a television production veteran who works as an Associate Director and Stage Manager. Walt is also a former broadcast journalist, (*WWL* Radio Reporter/News Director and *FOX 8* TV Managing Editor), who now works as a media and public relations consultant. For the last 15 years Walt has been the Public Information Officer for Orleans Parish Civil District Court.

He also finds time to serve as a Special Reserve Sheriff's Deputy with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and just completed two terms (six years) on the Amtrak Customer Advisory Committee.

Walt is a member of the National Association of Railroad Passengers.

Walt says he got his love of all things trains from his father who worked for the Southern Railway as a car knocker (inspector) at Southern's old Bernadotte Street coach yards. His dad also spent time as a railway mail clerk. Walt became involved with LASTA shortly after *SP 745* was rebuilt.

And while Walt is an avid railfan (real and model), his involvement with LASTA is not so much maintaining *SP 745*, but more with promoting our historic engine and our organization. During his time with LASTA, Walt has worked with the media to bring public attention to *SP 745* during events like *Steamfest* and *Gretna Fest* as well as a recent feature report on *FOX 8* TV's "Heart of Louisiana."

