# Iberville Parish Safety News

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A publication of **I-CAER** (Iberville Community Awareness Emergency Response) and LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)



#### SHELTER-IN-PLACE

#### When the siren sounds

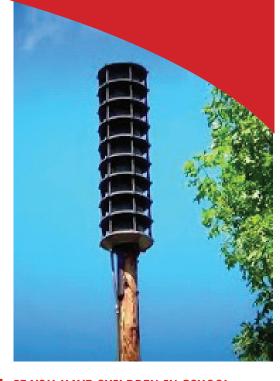
- ► Seek shelter
- ► Shut doors and windows
- ► Turn off A/C or heaters
- ► Turn on cable television
- Avoid unnecessary use of telephone

Wait until you get word of an "all clear" before going back outside.

# What Do You Do in the Event of an **Emergency?**

The Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and **Iberville Community Awareness** Emergency Response (I-CAER) works together with its key objective of public safety. The groups meet regularly to review and discuss Emergency Response, including planning and training, and Community Awareness. Whether the emergency is weather-related or a hazardous material issue, we want our residents. neighbors and employees to be safe.

Our focus in this month's newsletter is to provide clear information about what you should do in an emergency. In addition to Shelter-In-Place tips in yellow (front page left), additional details are included.



#### IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL:

- Do not call or travel to the school.
- Students will be cared for and sheltered in school until the emergency is over.
- If an evacuation is necessary, the students will be taken to a location as specified in the school's emergency response plan.

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# What Do You Do in the

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#### If you are asked to SHELTER-IN-PLACE you should follow the steps listed below:

- Stay indoors, inside your house or a nearby building.
- Tune in to cable television and local news stations.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off the heating or cooling system and attic fans. (Use your heating system only to protect life or health.)
- Do not use fireplaces. Put out the fire. Close dampers.
- Keep your pets indoors.
- Stay indoors until you receive official notice that it is safe to go out, or you are asked to leave the area.
- If you must go outside, protect your breathing. Place a damp cloth or towel over your nose and mouth.
   Fold the cloth over several times.

# IF AN EVACUATION IS ORDERED BY AUTHORITIES:

- Stay calm.
- Gather what you and your family will need most. You may have to be away from home for a few days. Take the following items along, if you can:

- → Extra clothing
- ➤ Eyeglasses, dentures, prescription drugs, other important medicines and a first aid kit
- → Baby supplies
- → Portable radio and flashlight with extra batteries
- → Checkbook, credit cards, and cash
- → Driver's license or identification
- Move livestock inside if you can.
- Give livestock feed and water.
   Animals used for milking, such as cows and goats, should be taken inside first.

#### AS YOU LEAVE, REMEMBER TO:

- Turn off lights and appliances.
- Leave refrigerator and freezer on.
- Tie a white towel/rag on your door to indicate to officials that you are gone.
- Use only one vehicle for your family.
   If you have room, please check to see if neighbors need a ride.
- Follow an evacuation route specified by local officials.
- Keep car windows and air vents closed. Listen to the radio.
- Drive safely. Traffic will be heavy.
   Deputies along your route will help with the traffic.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, FIRE, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PLEASE CALL:

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#### **Other Important Numbers:**

Sheriff's Office Plaquemine Jail (225) 687-3553

Sheriff's Substations

(East Iberville) (225) 642-5703

(Maringouin) (225) 625-2365

Louisiana Poison Control 1-800-256-9822

Dow Hotline (225) 353-2369

Odor Response (225) 687-5140

For a weather event the siren strictly means to seek shelter immediately in a sturdy structure and tune into local news stations or cable television.



# Event of an Emergency?

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



The role of social media during an event can prove very useful and informative. However,

many rumors and incorrect information are shared via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media platforms. The best way to ensure you have and share ACCURATE information is to visit the Iberville Office of Emergency Preparedness page (www.facebook.com/
IbervilleParishCouncil/?ref=aymt\_homepage panel).

There is a hot link on the home page under "Info During an Emergency" (see photo below) and on the Links page. During emergencies, we also encourage you to SHARE or PUSH (forward) only information from the Iberville Parish facebook site so that others receive accurate information.

EMERGENCY PHONE NOTIFICATIONS – Register Your Cell Phone!



Keeping citizens informed.

Communication and access to information is vital, especially during a natural or chemical emergency. Because many residents no longer have land lines, it has become more difficult to notify the public during emergencies.



PLEASE REGISTER your cell phone to your address to ensure you receive our emergency notifications.

This database is strictly confidential and will not be made public. Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, I-CAER, Iberville LEPC and all first responders urge you to sign up for these emergency alerts.

**TO Register:** go to the I-CAER website at www.i-caer.org and click the red button named Alert Signup or call the Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness at (225) 687-5140.



# **Burn Aware**

# 62% of all burns to young children are scalds

# It Can Happen In A Flash With A Splash Liquid And Steam Burn Like Fire

**February 5-11 was Burn Awareness Week!** Our office leveraged this national week of awareness to alert people to the risks burn injuries. Here are some of the messages that are important all 365 days of the year.

Did you know that burns and scalding are leading causes of injury for children and older adults?

According to the CDC, "Every day, over 300 children ages 0 to 19 are treated in emergency rooms for burn-related injuries, and two children die as a result of being burned." The Burn Foundation states that "over 500,000 scald burns occur annually in the United States," and "the two highest risk populations are children under the age of 5 and adults over 65."

Most often, people associate burn-related injuries with the flames of a fire. However, liquids cause more burns than flames. Hot liquids or steam are more likely to scald younger children and older adults, while older children are more likely to be burned by flames or direct contact with fire.

## For MAJOR burns, call 9-1-1!

Thankfully, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from burns by following the tips below.

#### **PREVENTION**

- ✓ Every floor of your home should have working smoke alarms installed in or near all rooms where family members sleep. Test your alarms monthly to ensure they are working properly and that batteries have life.
- As a family, create and practice a fire escape plan. Everyone should know at least two ways to get out of every room and a designated place to meet outside.
- Use care when cooking. Never leaving cooking food unattended. Children should have only limited, SUPERVISED use of stoves, ovens, and especially microwaves.
- ✓ Keeping water temperature constant prevents it from getting too high. Your water heater thermostat should be set to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Test water temperature at the tap.



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#### FIRST AID FOR MINOR BURNS

- For minor burns, cool the area by holding it under cool (not cold) running water for 10 to 15 minutes or until the pain eases. You can also dampen a clean towel with cool tap water, and apply it to the area.
- Quickly and gently, remove rings and other snug items from the burned area. Try to do this before swelling occurs.
- If small blisters (no bigger than the little fingernail) break on their own, use mild soap and water to gently clean the area, apply an antibiotic ointment, and cover with a nonstick gauze bandage. DO NOT break small blisters if they do not break on their own.
- Moisturizer or aloe vera lotion or gel may offer relief in some cases. Take an over-the-counter pain reliever, if needed: ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others), naproxen sodium (Aleve) or acetaminophen (Tylenol, others).
- Doctors recommend people get a tetanus shot at least every 10 years. Make sure that your booster is up to date.
- If you develop large blisters, see a doctor, as they usually do not remain intact on their own. If the burn covers a large area of the body, or if you notice signs of infection (e.g., oozing from the wound, increased pain, redness and swelling), see a doctor.

## For MAJOR burns, call 9-1-1!

For information on distinguishing minor from major burns, and for actions you can take until an emergency unit arrives, you can visit the following website: www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/first-aid-burns/basics/art-20056649

#### **Additional Resources:**

www.cdc.gov/safechild/burns/index.html

www.burnfoundation.org/programs/resource.cfm?c=1&a=3

Special thanks to Schaun Morgan and Shameka Williams for sharing this information from Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Public Health (LDH-OPH). Ms. Morgan serves as Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator (PHERC), Office of Public Health Region 2. Ms. Williams is the Zika Outreach Coordinator, Office of Public Health - Region 2. They both attend I-CAER and LEPC meetings.



## Reminder: FREE Smoke Detectors and Installation

In an effort to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries, the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office launched a program which offers a free smoke detector to any homeowner who does not have one. American Red Cross, your local

Fire Department, Iberville Department of Emergency Preparedness, as well as I-CAER and LEPC members support this program and strongly recommend residents have a working smoke detector. If you do not have a smoke detector and would like a free one, simply call your local fire department or the Emergency Operations Center at (225) 687-5140. A fireman or Red Cross representative will deliver it to your home and install it for you.



SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS TODAY!

## Skywarn® Meeting



On March 6, 2017, Iberville Parish OEP in coordination with National Weather Service hosted a Basic SkyWarn Class attended by 25 people.

#### What is SKYWARN®?

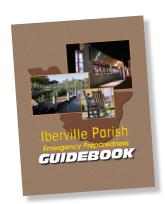
The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. In Iberville Parish we have recently experienced floods

and tornadoes. To obtain critical weather information, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.



Credit: OAR/ERL/National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL).



# **Important Contact Information**

On pages 24 – 27 of the Emergency Guide, resource and contact information for Iberville Parish government officials is available. Since printing the guide, a few updates were required.

Please keep this contact information handy.



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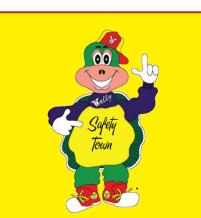
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I-CAER, LEPC and the Iberville
Office of Emergency Preparedness
are sponsoring SAFETY TOWN
again this year for Kindergartners
between March 22nd and April
5th. We'll share news on the
website after the events and in
our Fall newsletter!

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# WE'RE ON THE WEB! www.i-caer.org

**I-CAER** (Iberville Community Awareness Emergency Response) **LEPC** (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

## Meet Your I-CAER/LEPC Team Member!

I-CAER Chairman and LEPC Representative Derek M. Landry, Dow Chemical – Dow Louisiana Operations



Derek M. Landry
Emergency Services &
Security Technologist/
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The Dow Chemical Company



**Products Made in Iberville:** Polyethylene and plastics

End Products Made from Your Product:

Dow products made in Louisiana enable manufacturers to make cars lighter, stronger, more stylish, and more energy-efficient. Our chemicals are used to make brake fluid, antifreeze, and other fuel additives, as well as specialized plastics and resins used as components in automobiles, trucks and sport utility vehicles. Polyethylene made at Louisiana Operations can be found in countless products around the house, including milk carton coatings, trash bags, grocery sacks, margarine tubs and film canisters, as well as weather stripping for your home.

Also made in Plaquemine, methyl cellulose is used in cosmetics, shampoos and detergents. Plastics produced at Louisiana Operations are sent to other manufacturers who make them into computer components such as keyboards and monitors, football helmets, adhesives, strengtheners for tires, athletic shoes, pipes, wire and cable . . . and the list goes on and on.

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**Length of Service at this Company:** 16 years

Personal Info/Hobbies: Hunting/Fishing