



## 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.

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## Drill Report—

### The Importance of and Dedication to TRAINING



**Drill scenario:** Motor vehicle accident involving two 18-wheelers with report of one truck leaking. At the time of the call, it is unknown whether the drivers have been injured.

**Team Players:** I-CAER (Iberville Community Awareness Emergency Response), LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee, Iberville Parish Emergency Preparedness Department, Industry Representatives (Olin, Eastman Chemical, Syngenta, Total), Iberville Parish, Louisiana State Police, St. Gabriel Police Department, East Iberville Fire Department, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Acadian Ambulance\*\*, Sprint Waste, City of St. Gabriel, CN Railroad and Iberville Parish 9-1-1.

LEPCs create public awareness of hazardous chemical risks and improve community preparedness. LEPCs should look for opportunities through schools, churches, youth groups, civic groups and other organizations active in the community to accomplish its mission.

**Drill Goal:** Evaluate response during the first hour following report of a problem to the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

**Scenario Date:** Oct. 3, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

\*\*Taylor Reine and Justin Crochet represented Acadian Ambulance. (See sidebar featuring Justin Crochet which indicates the caliber of this team.)



First responders wear appropriate, Personal Protective Equipment and gear necessary for handling hazardous materials.

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*Acadian Ambulance and Fire Department arrives to render assistance, complete with decontamination ability.*



*Critique meeting after the scenario to review details, what went right and where improvements can be made.*

**Drill Details and Timeline:** Following call to 9-1-1 at 9:00 A.M., Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance were dispatched. CN Railroad was contacted to shut down rail and parish ring down system and sirens were utilized to notify the public. The leak was contained and proper notifications were made. Protective measures for the community including traffic control and activation of notification systems were prompt. Acadian Ambulance provided prompt response and were well-versed on protocols for chemical-related response. Patient was decontaminated and LDEQ monitored air. City of St. Gabriel provided soil/sand and equipment for containment as needed. Patient was transported to the hospital. The HAZMAT training drill ended at 9:45 A.M.

This was our second full-scale drill. Our goal in hosting full-scale drills is to practice and prepare in the event of a real emergency and identify our strengths and weaknesses, always looking for ways to improve. Further, the teamwork and opportunity to work with several industries and agencies promoted enhanced working relationships.

### WHY TRAIN?

LEPCs and first-responder organizations are responsible to the public when it comes to community HAZMAT information, incident preparedness and safety in the event of a HAZMAT incident.

We train to improve our skills and develop automatic responses. Learning new skills improves safety, production, reduces mistakes and builds confidence. Much like individuals practice piano or field goal kickers practice kicking, the more you do it, the better you become. Many researchers have concluded that while practice may not make perfect for all people, it will make almost everyone better. Deliberate practice is a strong predictor of success in many performance domains.

For LEPC members, comprised of industry members and several local, state and federal agencies, our goals and responsibilities include:

- Safeguarding the public and environment.
- Increasing the public's knowledge and access to information that they need.
- Encouraging applicable entities to develop working relationships.
- Improving emergency response to incidents.
- Having a plan for hazardous material (HAZMAT) incidents.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a concerned and interested citizen and resident of the Iberville Parish community, you can become involved and assist with public safety.

### ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES: COMMUNITY

While the primary responsibilities for complying with Federal and State regulations regarding the manufacturing, storage, use and transportation of hazardous materials rest with owner/operators and the industry, the community – and stakeholders at every level – also have some responsibilities.

#### The community needs to:

- Be involved with prevention + preparedness objectives.
- Know where hazardous materials are located within the community.
- Cooperate with – and provide input to – local authorities + industry in emergency planning + exercising + response activities.
- Become familiar with local HAZMAT and other emergency response plans.
- Be aware of risks within the community + how risks of adverse health, environmental + property effects can be mitigated.
- Prepare for accidents that might occur. Know what to do in the event

of an accidental or intended release of hazardous material.

- Take responsibility to seek out + share information.
- Communicate + cooperate with other stakeholders on all aspects of accident prevention + preparedness + response.
- Recognize the shared objective with industry partners to reduce the likelihood of accidents.
- Promote best practices in community-wide communications + information sharing.
- Participate in community-wide decision-making when appropriate through public comment periods + review of proposed regulations + licensing procedures + siting of installations + more!

We encourage you to read this newsletter carefully and visit [www.i-caer.org](http://www.i-caer.org) for more information.

**\*\*A Morgan City native working as a critical care paramedic in Port Allen was awarded the Acadian Ambulance Capital Region Paramedic of the Year title on Wednesday.**

Justin Crochet, a graduate of Morgan City High School, has worked with Acadian for six years. His award covers all Acadian paramedics in West and East Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, East Feliciana, Ascension and Livingston parishes. Crochet was also a finalist for the overall Louisiana and Mississippi award, according to an Acadian Ambulance Service press release.

Crochet started working as an Acadian emergency medical technician in Thibodaux. In addition to his current responsibilities as a critical care paramedic, he also teaches new hires and leads Advanced Cardiac Life Support lessons in Port Allen.

Operations Supervisor Justin Cox described Crochet as caring and professional when interacting with patients and the public. Justin Alleman, operations supervisor, said that Crochet works additional hours without complaint, always smiles and “looks at the positive side of things every day.”

[www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/crime\\_police/article\\_be61cb28-4e4f-11e8-af67-3f6126d67c00.html](http://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/crime_police/article_be61cb28-4e4f-11e8-af67-3f6126d67c00.html)



# Register Your Cell Number for Emergency Alerts!



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Many residents no longer have land line phones in their homes - they use their cell phones. These residents are not receiving critical emergency messages.

**You must register your cell phone to get messages from the parish's emergency message system.**  
The parish has no way of getting your cell phone number unless you register it.

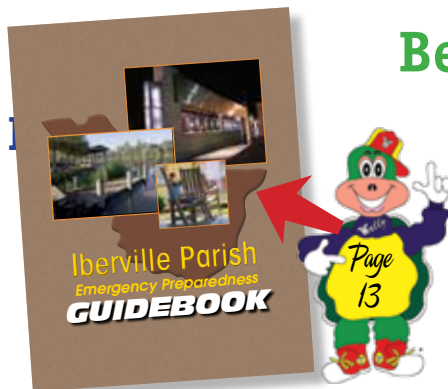
**EASY 2 WAYS TO REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE:**

- Call the Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness at 225.687.5140 and provide the cell phone number, OR
- Go to [www.IbervilleParish.com](http://www.IbervilleParish.com) and click on the emergency cell phone registration icon shown at left. Complete the simple form, and you can opt to get text messages.

Register your cell phone now to receive critical messages from the parish's emergency alert system. To register online, visit [www.ibervilleparish.com](http://www.ibervilleparish.com) and on the home page click on the Code Red graphic or the Emergency Alert Notification graphic shown here, or call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (225) 687-5140.

If you would like to register your cell phone to your address for 911 and emergency notifications, visit and enter your information. Iberville Parish Homeland Security/E-911 utilizes CODE RED Emergency Notification to deliver recorded telephone messages. Since many people no longer have home phones (land lines), it has become increasingly difficult to notify the public during emergencies. Registering your cell phone to your address will ensure you receive our emergency notifications when your address is within an area affected by an emergency. This database is strictly confidential and will not be made available to any other vendors.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to complete the appropriate information to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts, such as evacuation notices, bioterrorism alerts, boil water notices and missing child reports.



## Be Aware of the Dangers of Flash Floods

### WHAT TO LISTEN FOR...

**Flash Flood Or Flood Watch:** Flash flooding or flooding is possible within the designated WATCH area-be alert.

**Flash Flood Or Flood Warning:** Flash flooding or flooding has been reported or is imminent, take necessary precautions at once.

### URBAN AND SMALL STREAM ADVISORY:

Flooding of small streams, streets, and low-lying areas, such as; railroad underpasses and urban storm drains, is occurring.

### FLASH FLOOD OR FLOOD STATEMENT:

Follow-up information regarding a flash flood/ flood event.

- Know your flood risk and elevation above flood stage.

- Know your evacuation routes.
- Keep your automobile fueled.
- Store drinking water in clean bath tubs and in various containers.
- Keep a stock of nonperishable food.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio, a battery powered portable radio, emergency cooking equipment, and flashlights in working order.
- Install check valves in building sewer traps to prevent flood water from backing up into drains of your home.

**The rule for being safe in a flooding situation is simple:**

**HEAD FOR HIGHER GROUND AND STAY AWAY FROM FLOOD WATERS!**

- Get out of areas subject to flooding, including dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing streams.
- If driving, NEVER drive through flooded roadways!
- If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and its occupants and

sweep them away.

- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- Children should NEVER play around high water or storm drains.

### WHAT CONSUMERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE:

1. Everyone lives in a flood zone.
2. Flood damage is not covered by homeowners insurance policies.
3. You can purchase flood insurance regardless of your level of flood risk. There is usually a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect.
4. There is a low-cost policy for homes in low to moderate risk areas.
7. Contents coverage is separate, so renters can insure their belongings.

**You can read the complete article about Flash Floods in the Iberville Parish Emergency Preparedness GUIDEBOOK at [www.i-caer.org](http://www.i-caer.org)**

## 4th in the Series

# Employment with Iberville Parish Industry: PTEC INTERNSHIPS

In the Fall 2017 edition of **Safety News**, the I-CAER/LEPC members reached out to Iberville Parish residents to assist high school students and others interested in working with industry. The first article outlined the options and paths available, <http://i-caer.org/safety-news-volume-4issue-2/>

The Spring 2018 issue discussed **The Importance of Completing a Job Application** and why this is a vital step to employment, <http://i-caer.org/safety-news-volume-5issue-1/>

Next, in the Fall 2018 newsletter, the focus was **Engineering Internships**, <http://i-caer.org/safety-news-volume-5issue-2/>

and this issue highlights **PTEC Internships**.

**Look for the next article in the series in our Fall 2019 newsletter edition: 10 Job Interview Tips.**

**PTEC** is an acronym for Process Technology and the PTEC program available at community colleges, including the River Parishes Community College – Plaquemine campus, prepares individuals to become operators in the refinery, chemical and industry-related fields. Community colleges offer a two year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Many companies offer PTEC internships providing students the opportunity to enhance learning while illustrating their capabilities to potential employers.

Similar to PTEC, Air Liquide offers an ALTEP internship to 12 people per year nationwide. ALTEP stands for Air Liquide Technical Excellence Program and this technician rotational training program requires no degree or prior experience. Designed to introduce technical school graduates and former military candidates to Air Liquide and the industrial gas industry, selected interns rotate between I&E, Maintenance and Process Technology for this entry level position.

John Bruner, Air Liquide Plant Manager (Geismar) explained, *"The first two ALTEP rotations are three months in duration and the final rotation is six months. ALTEP participants spend their first three months with Air Liquide working in a specific role that will develop their knowledge and skills in a discipline that was not studied in school. The second three month rotation is also spent in a role to broaden one's technical skills beyond the participant's prior training. The final six month rotation is spent refining skills in the area that best fits with the participant's training. ALTEP's objective is to give participants a well-rounded view of Air Liquide while providing relevant training that will launch the participant into their future career with Air Liquide."*

ALTEP Program Manager Jill Robinson, added, *"ALTEP interns train for one year, shadowing those with experience among three rotations. Each intern's final rotation is six months in the area they prefer. Air Liquide has found the ALTEP program helps develop a well-rounded technician familiar with all aspects of the facility while affording Air Liquide an effective system for transfer of knowledge."*

Upon program completion, interns qualify for a PTEC 1 entry level position, with the opportunity to advance to PTEC 2, 3 and 4 positions, based on qualifications and years of experience.

John Bruner, Air Liquide Plant Manager (Geismar) said, *"We have an ALTEP intern currently in rotation. We also have a number of ALTEPs that graduated the program and have moved into Process Technology roles, both here at my facility and at Scott Loupe's facility in Plaquemine."*



Left to right: John Bruner, Air Liquide Plant Manager (Geismar), Ronald Rowe, PTEC 3/Lead Operator (and 2015 ALTEP graduate) and Jerry Robertson, current ALTEP intern.

Clarifiers are used to remove mud from over 10,000 gallons per minute of water being continuously pumped in from the Mississippi River.

Currently Jerry Robertson is shadowing Ronald Rowe, a 2015 ALTEP graduate, PTEC3 and lead operator on his shift. Ronald began his career through the ALTEP Program. He learned about it in PTEC school and said, *"The ALTEP Program was the best thing that could ever happen and allowed me to experience plant life in the maintenance, I&E and Operations departments."* Safety and team work inside the plant are vital. Ronald is pleased with his work and remarked, *"Every day I am constantly learning and mastering my craft."* His advice to those interested in working at a plant, *"Be willing to learn, ask questions and work hard."* When asked about the assets he brings to Air Liquide, Ronald says, *"I offer dependability, trustworthiness, work hard and always look for ways to make the plant run more efficiently and safely."* Ronald suggests everyone work safely and be aware of the equipment. The goal is to leave the plant the same way you arrived – with all your limbs. He added, *"I enjoy my work, the people I work with and the pay!"*

In addition to Jerry Robertson, Air Liquide employs many ALTEP graduates, some of whom have progressed into PTEC roles in both Plaquemine and Geismar.



## Meet ALTEP Intern Jerry Robertson:

Jerry Robertson learned about the ALTEP program through Career Services when he was enrolled at ITI Technical College.

### What did you learn that made the biggest impression?

So far in my training process at Air Liquide, I am most impressed by the Water Clarification process. We are able to take river water and clarify it for general use at the site and also to provide customers with clarified water, firewater and other potable water uses.

### Are you pleased with your decision to follow this career path?

Absolutely, I believe this path has given me more knowledge and experience and enabled me to see the job from different angles and points of view.

### What do you see as the major benefits?

I believe spending time with Maintenance and Instrumentation prior to stepping into Process operations gave me a solid foundation, a good overview of plant operations and learn the job from three different phases. This understanding helps when troubleshooting and working with equipment in the field.

### What do you offer Air Liquide that you are most proud of?

Dependability. I take pride in being at work everyday and putting my best foot forward. Being reliable and able to perform all job duties as an operator is something I'm proud of.

### What advice would you offer someone investigating the program?

I would advise them to take the steps to become a part of the ALTEP program. Further, in the maintenance rotation, ask as many questions as possible about the equipment in the field. Understanding this will help you with future troubleshooting.

### What are you most excited about regarding your job?

I'm most excited about the opportunity to move up and gain more knowledge about the plant and its water treatment process.

### Because everyone in Iberville will see this, what message would you like to share with them?

I recommend this ALTEP program to anyone interested in becoming a process operator. It is especially helpful to those with limited or no plant experience. In my opinion, this program molds operators from the ground up.



## 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. 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.

## RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WESTSIDE CAMPUS

*An Interview with Campus Director, Penelope Shumaker*

### Where is the PTEC school?

Actually it is a Community College and is a campus of River Parishes Community College. The address is 25250 Tenant Road, Plaquemine LA 70764 and the phone number is (225) 687-5500

### Tell us the number of students currently enrolled and the degrees available.

There are currently 68 students in PTEC, Industrial Instrumentation, Millwright Maintenance and Electrical. There are 55 students in medical programs from local High Schools.

### Share some of your specific goals.

After just a few days, it became glaringly obvious that the community is underserved when it comes to Post-Secondary Education. River Parishes Community College is in the area and has the programs to make a difference in people's lives. RPCC is a great asset to the community both for Industry and the Workforce. My first goal is to expand programs offered at this campus and to increase the number of Dual Enrollment students from the local high schools.

### What is most important to you that potential students know about this campus?

You will receive hands on training that will result in your ability to start your next career. This is no nonsense technical training at its finest. Curriculum is designed to have the knowledge you need and instructors impart that knowledge so that you are "work-ready" upon completion.

### What assistance would you like from industry? What do you want industry to know about you, the school, the opportunities?

I would ask Industry to partner with us to build a better workforce. Tell us what you need in training programs. Each program has an advisory board comprised of industry partners and that board determines important issues such as curriculum and training styles. Industry can assist by serving on one of the boards. Did you know most programs offer day and night classes? Many of our students work and support families while they train. We can offer flexibility for industry to train current employees for different opportunities.

### What assistance would you like from area high schools? What do you want these schools to know about you, the school, and the opportunities?

We offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while finishing High School. Whether your student is planning a four-year degree after graduation or a technical education, they can begin now and save time and money later. All General Education courses will transfer to any State University within Louisiana. Dual Enrolled high school students are better prepared for college upon graduation.



**I-CAER, LEPC and the Iberville Office of Emergency Preparedness are sponsoring SAFETY TOWN again this year for kindergartners between March 13 and March 27. We'll share news on the website after the events and in our Fall newsletter!**

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**LEPC** (Local Emergency Planning Committee)



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

*Seph Melancon*



**Seph Melancon**  
**EHS Specialist**



**Dexco Polymers**

**Length of Service at this Company:** 3 years

**Personal Info/Hobbies:** Hunting, boating and spending time with family and friends.

**End Products Made from Dexco Polymers:**

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**About Dexco Polymers:** From a modest beginning over 40 years ago in Taiwan, TSRC / Dexco has become a global leader in today's synthetic polymer markets with facilities throughout the world.

Our tremendous growth has been the result of a series of strategic partnerships and collaborations, allowing us to take on new markets and add best-in-class synthetic polymers to our portfolio along the way.

Dexco Polymers L.P. is dedicated to providing quality products, which meet or exceed the expectations of our customers, enable their success, and enhance their overall satisfaction.

Of Dexco Polymers' many concerns, none is more important than the safety of its people. The prevention of injury, illness, and loss is therefore a prime responsibility, which must be accepted and shared by each individual. Our mission is to build on our success by adopting eco-friendly manufacturing processes to supply value-added products by using an effective, systematic problem solving approach to become a preferred polymer supplier and joint-development partner of our customers.

**Dexco Polymers Vision:**

- Taking on social responsibilities and continuing on innovative development
- Cherishing Earth's resources and improving Human well-being
- Performance, being an enterprise model