

Iberville Parish

SAFETY NEWS

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

Iberville Parish Mass Casualty Drill



Remember to SHELTER-IN-PLACE When the siren sounds

SHELTER

IN PLACE!

- ► 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.

In keeping with the I-CAER Special Purposes, this Mass Casualty Drill held in December fulfills three of the I-CAER purposes. (Please read the Special Purposes article on page 5.)

Drill Date: Friday, December 16, 8am

Drill scenario: A tanker truck of HCL (hydrochloric acid) overturns in a ditch near the intersection of LA1 and Corporal

Herman Brown Street prior to making a delivery at a nearby chemical facility. The trailer is ruptured and material is spilling into the ditch. The wind is from the east and carries vapors across LA1. The truck driver and a good Samaritan rendering aid are exposed to liquid HCL vapors resulting in chemical burns and respiratory issues. The good Samaritan transports himself and the truck driver to Ochsner

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IBERVILLE PARISH **Emergency** Preparedness Guidebook

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Pipeline

Safety

Info!

It's SPRING! We've turned back the clocks (Daylight Saving Time begins March 12th), the weather has been warm, even hot, and people are enjoying gardening and headed outside for projects. Call before you Dig! Learn about Pipeline Safety – from page 23 of the Emergency Guide.

PIPELINE SAFETY

If You Work or Live Near a Pipeline

How can you tell where a pipeline is located?

Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers like the ones shown here are used to indicate their approximate location along the route. The markers can be found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railroad. The markers display the material transported in the line, the name of the pipeline operator, and a telephone number where the operator can be reached in the event of an emergency. Do Not Remove or Deface Pipeline marker signs such as those pictured above are important to public safety. They are so important, in fact, that Congress in 1988 passed a law making it a federal crime to willfully deface, damage, remove, or destroy any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker that is required by federal law.

Are markers always placed on top of the pipeline?

Markers indicate the general location of a pipeline. They cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact position of the pipeline they mark. Also, the pipeline may not follow a straight course between markers. And, while markers are helpful in locating pipelines, they are limited in the information they provide. They provide no information, for example, on the depth or number of pipelines in the vicinity.

How can you recognize a pipeline leak?

Sight, sound, and smell are helpful in detecting pipeline leaks.

Look for:

- · Crude oil or liquid petroleum products on the ground
- · A dense white cloud or fog
- · A spot of dead vegetation in an otherwise green location may indicate a slow leak
- Flames (if the leak has ignited)

Listen for:

· A roaring or hissing sound

Smell for:

- A pungent odor, sometimes like "rotten eggs"
- A gasoline-type odor

What should you do if you suspect a leak?

Your first concern should be for your personal safety and that of those around you if you suspect a leak.

- Leave the area immediately
- · Avoid driving into vapor clouds
- Avoid direct contact with escaping gases or liquids
- Avoid creating sparks or other sources of heat which

could cause the escaping liquids or vapor to ignite and burn. If you find yourself in an area where you suspect hydrocarbon vapors are present, do not light a match, start an engine, or even switch on an electric light.

- Call 9-1-1
- · Notify the pipeline operator

Pipeline contents can vary greatly

- Pipelines carry both gaseous and liquid materials
- Many liquids form gaseous vapor clouds when released
- Many pipelines contain colorless and odorless products
- Some pipeline gases are lighter than air and will rise
- · Other heavier-than-air gases and liquids will stay near the ground and collect in low spots
- All petroleum gases and liquids are flammable
- Any pipeline leak can be potentially dangerous

Louisiana One Call Excavators and homeowners should dial 811 is 1-800-272-3020 to reach LA One Call before starting any digging projects on or near any pipelines These projects include fences, flagpoles, landscaping, storage buildings, foundations, swimming pools, ground clearing, deep plowing, laying underground pipe or wiring, or any other "digging" projects.





Safe Digging Is No Accident: Always Call 811 Before You Dig

Know what's below. Always call 811 before you dig. Visit call811.com for more information.



Iberville Medical Center. There are other individuals exposed to liquid HCL and vapors, and injuries resulting from automobile accidents or vapor exposure and reports of varying levels of exposure or health concerns.

Hydrochloric Acid is the exposure medium. HCL will produce tissue burns upon contact with the liquid material as well as respiratory burns/irritation from inhalation of the vapors produced. Vapor contact on skin tissue can also develop skin irritation or burns. Material will produce a vapor cloud when spilled and vapors have a pungent odor.

Gary Dismukes, Shaun Moore and Justin Alleman monitored Ochsner activities, Clint Moore monitored activity at the 911 center, Chris Allen monitored activity at the scene. Shintech and SNF chemical facilities provided 12 'patients' to participate in drill.

OBJECTIVES:

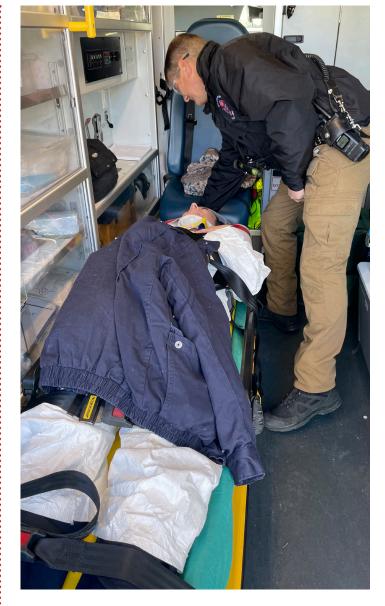
- Manage 12 injured or impacted patients into Ochsner emergency room services.
- Patients will vary from initial patients, truck driver, that has chemical product on him, nearby residents and motorists who were impacted by vapor release cloud.

Hospital objectives:

- Provide necessary manpower to address patient influx
- Triage incoming patients
- Prepare to decontaminate patients that have not received decon prior to transport which may include specialized PPE.
- Proper hospital notifications and protocols are met per Ochsner policy/procedures.

Parish objectives:

- Transport multiple patients with Acadian Ambulance
- Receive incident notification and apply appropriate community notifications. Siren and ringdown system simulated activations.
- Identify necessary road closures at event site or traffic control at hospital.



- Plaquemine fire services support the decontamination efforts at hospital.
- Local fire services to demonstrate decon capabilities for onscene Training, Safety & Preparedness Update





As part of the community alert broadcast system sirens located throughout the parish can alert everyone to an emergency.

Community Alert Broadcast System

The Iberville Parish Community Alert Broadcast System is tested on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 AM.

If a real emergency exists, follow these steps:

- 1. Seek shelter indoors
- 2. Tune to Radio Station 1610 & 1620 AM, and/or Cable TV
- 3. Wait for telephone safety advisory message.
- 4. Do not use the telephone for non-emergency calls.

27 sirens can be sounded throughout the parish in the event of an emergency.

Tone alert systems are located at the school board office, prisons, and nursing homes for direct notification.



Hurricane Season Begins June 1, 2023

Get a head start on hurricane preparations and involve your family. Have a family meeting, discuss care for your pets, and involve your children. Visit **www.i-caer.org** for a wealth of resources on disaster planning.

In addition to the activities for children (i-caer.org/ hurricane-info-preparation/#Kids) found on the I-CAER site, the American Red Cross offers the Pillowcase Project.

The Pillowcase Project is a preparedness education program for grades 3-5 that teaches students about personal and family preparedness and safety skills, local hazards, and basic coping skills. Red Cross volunteers lead students through a "Learn, Practice, Share" framework to engage them in disaster preparedness and survival skills. Upon completion, students receive a sturdy pillowcase in which to build their personal emergency supplies kit.

For more information, contact American Red Cross Volunteer Services Paige Chatelain. Her email is paige.chatelain@redcross.org. She may be reached at (337) 909-0530.



Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity begins with you. Whether you are an employer, a teacher, government worker or student, you have an impact on cybersecurity. By practicing strong and safe online habits, you can better protect your identity and the networks you use at home, at work and anywhere you log on.

STOP

- Others from accessing your accounts by setting secure passwords.
- Sharing too much personal information.

THINK

• Before your click, ask yourself, "Is this a trusted source?"

CONNECT

• Over secure networks. Wifi hotspots may not offer the same protections.

Stop.Think.Connect. is a national public awareness campaign conducted by the Department of Homeland Security in cooperation with the National Cyber Security Alliance. For more information, contact stopthinkconnect@dhs.gov.

Get informed and involved. Receive a monthly newsletter by signing up here: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/
subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHS_136



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 to get an application. A fireman will deliver it to your home and install it for you.



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Special Purposes of I-CAER

I-CAER is an acronym for Iberville Community Awareness Emergency Response.

I-CAER's special purposes include:

- Establish and maintain emergency sirens and warning systems in coordination with Iberville Parish and local government officials to notify the general public of tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, chemical releases, or other serious situations which could harm the general public;
- Provide safety training, education and outreach programs to emergency responders, government officials, media, businesses, parish schools and the community about risk management and emergency response programs of member facilities and the relationship with the community associated with these facilities;
- Provide sponsorship of safety training and educational activities within the community;
- Provide support and resources to emergency responders and parish officials in preparation for and during emergency situations; and

To promote the principles and practices of Responsible Care®
to those who produce, transport, use, handle or dispose of
chemicals.

Currently there are over 25 industry members of I-CAER and public safety representatives attending, including the following agencies:

- Plaquemine Fire Department,
- Plaquemine Police Department,
- Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office,
- USCG
- Department of Homeland Security,
- Red Cross
- GOHSEP
- Iberville OEP
- Ochsner Health System
- · Louisiana Chemical Association and LEPC.

We all are here to protect Iberville Parish industry, employees, our community and citizens

Let Us Know!

Do you have a question about I-CAER (Iberville Community Awareness Emergency Response), LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) or the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)? Do you think it would be a good newsletter topic? If there is a safety/emergency preparedness topic you would like to read about in the newsletter, please either complete the form at: i-caer.org/contact-us/ or mail it to:

Jan Herrington Positive Results, Inc. 9270 Siegen Lane, Suite 804 Baton Rouge, LA 70810

We will try to help.

CHECK YOUR MAIL! we'll be sending you the I-CAER news postcard with safety tips and contact information on a regular basis!



The I-CAER newsletters loaded with important information are now digital and will always be available to you at www.i-caer.org.

Visit www.i-caer.org for helpful information.



Register for Emergency Alerts

Register your cell phone now to receive critical messages from the parish's emergency alert system.

To register visit
http://ibervilleparish.
com/Departments/
Emergency-Preparedness
and click on Cell Phone
Registration

or call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (225) 687-5140.

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! DON PULLIAM WITH OLIN



Don Pulliam Olin Louisiana Operations, EH&S Manager

Length of Service at this Company: 9 years

Personal Info/Hobbies:

Originally from Metairie, Louisiana, my family moved to the North Shore (Covington) while I was in grade school. I am a graduate of LSU and have lived and worked in the Baton Rouge area since graduation. I have worked in industry for 27 years, for three chemical companies in the region across five different sites. I am married, with two children, ages 14 and 18. My daughter will graduate high school this May and plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, TN where she will continue her track career as a Track and Cross Country (XC) athlete. My wife and I spend much of our time watching both children run Track and XC. I enjoy cycling and, when time allows, riding and restoring vintage ATVs.

Additional Information or Message to Share:

I am grateful for the opportunity that the chemical industry has provided me and the relationships that have been built along the way. We always want our people to go home at the end of the day the same way that they arrived that morning.

Products made in Iberville:

Chlorine, Caustic Soda, Perchloroethylene, Hydrochloric acid (HCl), Carbon tetrachloride, and 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC).

End products made from your products:

Household Bleach, pool and water treatment chemicals, automotive fluids and plastics, refrigerants.

Website:

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