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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA HELPS ST. JOHN PARISH PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON**

RESERVE, LOUISIANA

Lester Millet III, the Port of South Louisiana’s Policy and Planning Director, recently assisted the St. John Parish Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in preparing the community for hurricane season, which began June 1<sup>st</sup>. From late April to the end of the school year, every St. John Parish student (K-12) was shown a 17½-minute video, produced by Positive Results, Inc., highlighting the ten-step hurricane survival plan. Each student was also given a hurricane tracking map, which outlines the ten-step plan along with a survival kit checklist, and a magnet containing emergency contact numbers.

The following St. John Parish LEPC members also participated in the hurricane preparedness program: St. John the Baptist Parish Emergency Preparedness Department, Air Products, ArcelorMittal (Formerly Bayou Steel), DPC, DuPont, DuPont Performance Elastomers, Entergy, Evonik, Marathon, and Nalco. The American Red Cross and Elton Oubre (St. John Parish School Board) also supported the effort.

“We are very pleased with the hurricane plan efforts and residents should expect receipt of the useful Emergency Preparedness Guide in their mail this week,” Parish President Bill Hubbard explained. “This guide includes hurricane preparedness planning and a wealth of additional emergency planning information.” He added, “The schools’ review of the video and hand-outs were very favorable. Both Paul Oncale, Director of Emergency Preparedness, and Kathy Gilmore, Assistant Director and Chief of Staff, reported positive feedback that the students effectively learned how to be prepared and were encouraged to develop a family plan.”

NOTE: The video and the hurricane tracking map will be available on the St. John parish website [www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com)



Kathy Gilmore, Elton Oubre and Lester Millet, III display Hurricane Preparedness Training banner posted in front of each school during their training day.



Lester Millet III addressing Garyville Magnet School Students



Lester Millet III addressing Leon Godchaux School Students



Lester Millet III addressing St. Charles Catholic High School

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