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**PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA PARTNERS WITH ST. JOHN PARISH AND
LOUISIANA OPERATION LIFESAVER TO PROMOTE RAIL SAFETY**

RESERVE, LOUISIANA

The Port of South Louisiana, led by Lester Millet III, Port of South Louisiana's Policy and Planning Director, recently partnered with the St. John Parish Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Louisiana Operation Lifesaver to promote Railroad Safety to the local schools. During the months of October and November, most every St. John Parish Student (K-12) was shown a brief presentation prepared by Patricia Edwards (Louisiana Operation Lifesaver), along with an age specific video, educating them on Railroad Safety (three schools -East St. John High, Garyville Magnet, and St. Peter Elementary- were unable to schedule this semester). Along with the presentation, each student received three handouts, featuring rail safety information on one side, and a train photograph on the opposite side. Additionally, students K-8 received coloring books, while high school students received key chains.

The following St. John Parish LEPC members also participated in the Rail Safety Program: St. John the Baptist Parish Emergency Preparedness Department, Air Products, ArcelorMittal, DuPont, DuPont Performance Elastomers, Entergy, Evonik, Marathon, Nalco, River Parishes Hospital and the St. John Parish School Board.



Lester Addressing West St. John High School Students



(L-R) Kathy Gilmore, Lester Millet III, Patricia Edwards, Stacy Bradford

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