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THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA'S FSO WORKGROUP PARTNERS WITH THE FBI TO PROMOTE EXPLOSIVES AWARENESS

The Port of South Louisiana's Facility Security Officer Workgroup recently partnered with the FBI to promote explosives awareness to its stakeholders. The workshop, organized by Lester Millet III, Port of South Louisiana's Policy & Planning Director/FSO Chairman, and conducted by SABT Ira Jones with the F.B.I.'s New Orleans' office, was hosted by the St. James Parish Sheriff's Department Range/Training Facility.

The one-day event included three hours of classroom activity along with a 30-minute explosives demonstration. The classroom instructors included FBI SABT Jason Esslinger (Introduction to Explosives), FBI SA Roger L. Tomberlin (WMDs/Louisiana Biological Threats Working Group), and DHS/TSA Bomb Appraisal Officer Billy Booth (TSA Bomb Appraisal Officer Program). Following the class instruction, FBI SABT Ira Jones gave a short presentation, along with a spectacular explosive demonstration. The well-attended event included participants representing 23 agencies/organizations from all over Southeast Louisiana.

Special thanks go to the following individuals and organizations for making this event possible:

- SABT Ira Jones, FBI New Orleans
- Lester Millet, III, Port of South Louisiana
- SABT Jason N. Esslinger, FBI Baton Rouge
- Billy Booth, DHS/TSA /MSY
- SA Roger L. Tomberlin, FBI New Orleans
- Hon. Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr., St. James Parish Sheriff's Department
- Capt. Karl Melancon, St. James Parish Sheriff's Department
- St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad
- ATF New Orleans



(Front Row L-R) Lester Millet, III, Ira Jones, Eric Acosta
(Back Row L-R) Patrick Solomon, Billy Booth, Michael Sawyer, Capt. Karl Melancon,
Jason Esslinger, Maj. John Vickers, Capt. Daniel Doucet, Sgt. Chris Scheeler



Jason Esslinger demonstrating a bomb made from a weight belt.



Ira Jones demonstrating the burning of a cannon fuse.



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The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. Commerce through the River Region (the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James) accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.