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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA HELPS PROVIDE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING TO ST. JOHN SCHOOLS

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The Port of South Louisiana (PSL) was recently involved in assisting the St. John Parish Sheriff's Department in preparing local students for a possible "Active Shooter / Armed Intruder" Event. During the months of September and October, every school in St. John Parish had the opportunity to view the St. John Parish LEPC "Active Shooter / Armed Intruder" Training Video. The Video, produced by Jan Herrington (Positive Results, Inc), was the culmination of lessons learned resulting from a full scale St. John Sheriff's Dept. Active Shooter exercise that took place earlier this year at Emily Watkins School in LaPlace. Along with the video presentation, students were also provided with "Active Shooter" training material on how to best prepare for an "Active Shooter" Incident.

PSL's Policy and Planning Director and Local Emergency Planning Committee-LEPC Member, Lester Millet, III, Entergy representative Sheila Butler, St. John Parish Sheriff Department's Maj. Chuck Bazile, Lt. Keith Brooks and Capt. Vernon Bailey made presentations to the following schools: Leon Godchaux / Redirection, St. Charles High, West St. John High, and East St. John High. Lester also presented the video to the faculties of Leon Godchaux, East St. John High, and St. Peter's Elementary.

The following St. John Parish LEPC members also participated in the "Active Shooter" Training Program: St. John Parish Emergency Preparedness Dept., St. John Parish Sheriff's Dept., St. John Parish School Board, Air Products (Garyville), Air Products (Reserve), Arcelor Mittal, DPC Enterprises, DuPont, Entergy, Evonik, Marathon, and Nalco.



L-R Stacy Bradford, Sheila Butler, Lester Millet III, Principal Ericka Merrick, Lt. Grant Pierre

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