



The 2008 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop held June 2 - 5 at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge was a great success! We had more than 300 registrants, 48 exhibitors, and 17 Sponsors!

Attendees of the Workshop had the opportunity to receive up to 16.5 hours of continuing education.

When not attending educational courses, Workshop attendees had many opportunities for networking and socializing. The Workshop featured a President's Reception, a Membership Banquet, a Cajun Luau and the always popular Hospitality Suite.

The 2008-09 Scholarship Award Winners were honored at the Membership Banquet. Those receiving scholarships this year are Bruce Cullen and Nicole Peace Coarsey.

The Membership Banquet also gave LEPA the opportunity to honor the 2008 LEPA Award winners. (*More information on the award winners can be found on the website @www.lepa.org.*)

The Workshop was successful thanks to our many volunteers, sponsors and exhibitors. Without them, the Workshop would not be possible. With their help, next year should be even better! The 2009 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop will be held May 4 - 7, 2009 at the L'Auberge du Lac Casino Resort in Lake Charles. We hope to see you all there!

*2008 Sponsors & Exhibitors listed on page 5
2008 Workshop photos shown on page 6*



Joe Stevens, Director of LaSalle Parish greets Senator John McCain. Workshop attendees received a surprise visit by Senator McCain, as he was in town to campaign for the 2008 presidential election.

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MESSAGE FROM LEPA'S PRESIDENT

Dear LEPA Colleagues,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to Mike Deroche for his service and leadership as LEPA President this past year. I am privileged to follow Mike and his predecessors and to have the opportunity to serve this organization.



Did you attend the LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop in Baton Rouge? If you did, we hope that you feel it was an outstanding opportunity to network with your colleagues and participate in great educational sessions. If you did not, you missed an address by Governor Bobby Jindal, an impromptu presentation by Lieutenant General Russel Honore', and a surprise visit by Senator John McCain. It was an exciting and fun workshop and many thanks go to the Workshop Committee led by John Boudreaux as well as to our many sponsors and exhibitors.

While we were coming together in Baton Rouge, news reports continued about the floods in the Midwest, the earthquake in China, hurricane season predictions, and minor and major disasters around the world. There continues to be an unprecedented and continued focus on emergency preparedness and emergency management. With this focus, there is an opportunity for LEPA to take a greater role to lead and foster preparedness, increase cooperation and communication, develop future generations of emergency management professionals, and provide input into government policy. You have elected an enthusiastic and committed Board of Directors who will work tirelessly to further the mission of LEPA. However, they cannot do it alone. Please take time out of your busy schedules to become engaged with the organization – volunteer to work on a committee, attend Board meetings, identify opportunities where LEPA can make a difference, make your knowledge and experience available to others through networking. With your help and support, LEPA can continue to grow and advance emergency preparedness in our great state.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Andy Mosher".

Andy Mosher, LEM
President

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MESSAGE FROM GOHSEP'S DIRECTOR



Dear Friends;

As the hurricane season progresses, we will continue to prepare and fine tune plans between local, state and federal partners. We must be prepared to respond to storms rapidly to ensure the safety of Louisiana's citizens.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), along with other state leaders, launched the 2008 Hurricane Campaign at the Governor's mansion in May. The "Get A Game Plan" campaign promotes hurricane awareness. We all know that preparedness begins at home and we want to encourage our residents to start preparing now and not wait until a storm has developed in the Gulf. At www.getagameplan.org, we provide an online resource for the citizens of Louisiana to use to develop a plan for hurricane season.

In addition, we are producing a number of public service announcements to promote personal responsibility. The public service announcements utilize celebrities such as Louisiana State University (LSU) football coach Les Miles and the rock band Better Than Ezra. Additional events are being planned in conjunction with local parishes.

GOHSEP also hosted a hurricane preparedness seminar in March. A Mobile Education Team (MET) comprised of nationally recognized experts in various areas related to emergency preparedness and homeland security conducted the seminar.

In our continued efforts to prepare for hurricane season, the Governor's Annual Hurricane Exercise was hosted by GOHSEP in May. This exercise gave us an opportunity to test our local, state and federal plans to determine their strengths and weaknesses. GOHSEP updated its plans to make sure we are prepared to respond to any disaster.

GOHSEP hosted the At-Risk Regional Meeting in April and May. That meeting addressed any shortfalls local parishes could face this hurricane season. Once these shortfalls are identified, the state will identify what resources it has to offer. If the state is not able to address these needs, then the federal government will step in.

At the request of the State of Louisiana and under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) leadership, a federal hurricane planning team has been deployed to Baton Rouge for the 2008 hurricane season. This team meets weekly with GOHSEP staff. These federal/state disaster planners are reviewing logistical requirements, coordinating the pre-staging of commodities, designing and implementing transportation plans for special needs populations unable to self-evacuate, and preparing shelters to house tens of thousands of Louisiana residents who may evacuate before the next major hurricane.

There is a renewed spirit of communication and collaboration taking place from the parishes all the way up to FEMA. We at GOHSEP are committed to continue improvements to enhance these relationships that are so important prior to, during and after the next disaster strikes.

Sincerely,

Mark Cooper
Director
GOHSEP



*to our newly certified
Louisiana Emergency
Managers*

Kim Boudreaux-Acadia Parish OHSEP

Donald Cowart-LA. Region 7

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The meetings of the LEPA Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted, are held at 8550 United Plaza Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809. The following meetings have been scheduled:

July 18, 2008
September 26, 2008
December 12, 2008
February 6, 2009
April 3, 2009—Lake Charles
May 4, 2009—Lake Charles

*If you plan to attend a Board meeting, please contact the LEPA office at (877) 405-5372 or (225) 408-4757 or via e-mail at office@lepa.org.

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Governor Bobby Jindal addresses the Opening Ceremony attendees. Also are (left) Mike Deroche, LEPA Past President and Mark Cooper, Director of GOHSEP.



Opening Ceremony attendees listen as Governor Bobby Jindal addresses the group.



The Ribbon cutting ceremony marks the opening of the exhibit hall. Cutting the ribbon is Mike Deroche, assisted by John Boudreaux.



Attendees gathering information from one of the many Workshop exhibitors.



Tuesday Mills, John Boudreaux, Warren Green and Sonya Wiley-Gremillion at the Cajun Luau held Wednesday evening.



Good food, drink and entertainment (The Skiptones Band) was enjoyed by all that attended the Luau on Wednesday evening.

TRANSCAER Tour 2008

In April 2008 over 100 Louisiana emergency responders participated in free emergency preparedness training. This “hands on” training was part of Dow Chemical and Union Pacific Railroads 2007/2008 TRANSCAER Training Tour.

TRANSCAER® (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities to prepare for and respond to a possible hazardous material transportation incident.

The training took place in Alexandria, LA and Monroe, LA, which were the first two stops along the 10 city 2008 Gulf Coast TRANSCAER Training Tour. Participants included individuals from fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical, emergency management services and private industry.

The module-based training curriculum was designed to meet the needs of the wide variety of stakeholder groups attending. The five modules included:

- ◆ *General Awareness:* for those who are not necessarily emergency responders but who need a general understanding;
- ◆ *Locomotives and Tank Cars:* to learn what safety precautions to take when responding to a rail emergency, identify the different types of tank cars, and interpret tank care markings, placards, and train manifest information;
- ◆ *Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) Materials & Flammable Gasses:* learn the basic physical, chemical and toxic properties of the most common TIH and flammable gas materials, how to safely approach an incident scene, what precautions to take during a response and how to use the TRANSCAER process for pre-planning;
- ◆ *Valves, Fittings and Leak Repair:* learn to identify different types of tank car fittings, where they tend to leak from, and how to use leak repair tools and specialized kits – “C-kit” and Midland-kit; and
- ◆ *Tank Truck Module:* review general tank truck anatomy, features and operation, trailer/product identification methods and basic spill/emergency response techniques.

These tours are part of a long-term commitment by Dow and Union Pacific to provide improved community awareness and preparedness along chemical transportation routes, in coordination with national, regional and state TRANSCAER programs.

In 2007 over 1000 participants attended the Dow/UP TRANSCAER Training Tour which included six stops in California and nine stops in Texas and Louisiana. The 2008 Gulf Coast Tour began in Alexandria, LA on April 9th and traveled up the Mississippi River ending in Chicago, IL on May 8th, 2008. Over 550 participants attended this tour.



Union Pacific Railroad instructor Ken Simpson demonstrates how to handle a particular set of valves in protective housing during training in Alexandria. The company’s safety train carried different types of protective housings on which area emergency personnel could train.



Area emergency personnel enter a classroom on the Dow Chemical Safety Train. The train was equipped with a classroom and training center to help local first responders learn about railroad and chemical transportation.



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