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Results are in from LDEQ's department-wide events in support of the "Together We're Fighting Hunger" campaign, and they amount to more than 11,000 meals that will be provided to citizens in need.

An annual tradition, LDEQ's fundraising and foodraising effort this year brought in \$1,932.97 in monetary donations and 4,484 pounds in non-perishable and perishable food donations. Food was collected from perishable donations as well as the department-wide "fill the box" non-perishable food drive.

The monetary contributions came in through a series of fundraising events that rounded out the food drive. At headquarters, the activities included a weekly popcorn and soft drink sale, a halloween costume competition, the annual chili cookoff and the popular hot dog sale and eating competition.

In mid-November, 2,745 pounds of food, plus monetary proceeds from headquarters were delivered to the Baton Rouge Food Bank in support of their mission to assist families in need. At least 724 pounds of perishable and non-perishable food donations from LDEQ's Southwest Regional Office in Lake Charles were sent to Abraham's Tent, a local organization that prepares daily meals for the community in addition to hosting a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast. The Southeast Regional Office in New Orleans and the Bayou Lafourche office in Lockport donated 277 pounds of food to Second Harvest Food Bank. The Acadiana Regional Office in Lafayette and the Kisatchie office in Pineville also donated 120 pounds of food to Second Harvest.

In the northern part of the state, the Northwest Regional Office in Shreveport donated 486 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, while the Northeast Regional Office in West Monroe donated 104 pounds of food to the North East Louisiana Food Bank.

Statewide, LDEQ's food collection drive equates to 3,820 meals, along with an additional 7,766 meals (broken down from the monetary donations), for a grand total of at least 11,586 meals that will go to Louisiana families.

This year's event included a friendly competition of sorts amongst LDEQ's headquarters floors and the regional offices. The goal was to see which floor and which office could produce the most food donations by the Nov. 16 deadline. A pizza party was awarded to the first place winners. Results are as follows:

Regional Offices

- 3rd Place: Southeast Regional Office (New Orleans) – 277 lbs.
- 2nd Place: Northwest Regional Office (Shreveport) – 486 lbs.
- 1st Place: Southwest Regional Office (Lake Charles) – 724 lbs.
- TOTAL: 1,849 lbs.

Headquarters in Baton Rouge

- 3rd Place: 8th Floor – 324 lbs.
- 2nd Place: 7th Floor – 854 lbs.
- 1st Place: 9th Floor – 1,001 lbs.
- TOTAL: 2,735 lbs.

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“LDEQ is proud to partner with Louisiana’s food banks in their mission to provide meals to families in need across Louisiana during the holiday season,” said Karyn Andrews, LDEQ Undersecretary. “We’re honored to be a part of this endeavor and will continue to support these organizations in their tireless quest to fight hunger.”

Terry Thomas (left) and Karyn Andrews (right) with LDEQ present a check to Charlene Montelaro with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.



LDEQ staff in Baton Rouge move donation boxes to the loading dock for submission to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank



At least 4,584 pounds of food was collected from the food drive by LDEQ



LDEQ staff in the Southeast Regional Office in New Orleans donated 277 pounds of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



The Northwest Regional Office in Shreveport donated 486 pounds of food to the Food Bank of NW Louisiana.



The Southwest Regional Office in Lake Charles donated monetary proceeds collected from a burger cookout, along with more than 683 pounds of potatoes, rice, meat, onions and seasonings to Abraham’s Tent for their Thanksgiving dinner.





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Message from the Secretary

Chuck Carr Brown, Ph.D.

On Nov. 16, I spoke briefly to a workgroup comprising LDEQ representatives, DOTD representatives, Louisiana Clean Fuels representatives, LDNR representatives, Keystone Foundation representatives. The subject of the meeting was how to establish an alternative fuel corridor in Louisiana.

I have a vision of planned placement of fueling stations that will offer alternative fuels like compressed natural gas, propane and liquefied natural gas from fast-fill dispensers. Electric vehicles (EVs) are exploding in availability and popularity right now. At the same fueling stations, I see drivers of EVs plugging in their vehicles for a fast charge. While they are waiting, it's off for a snack or to shop or recreate at venues within walking distance.

The fuel sellers will benefit. The merchants who tap into this available market will benefit. The drivers who take advantage of the convenience of these services and outlets will benefit. The biggest benefactor, however, will be the environment. All of these alternative fuels offer emissions gains over conventional fuels. LDEQ and its partners are working now to find funding and to gain official designation from the Federal Highway Administration for our alternative fuels corridor. It's still a vision, but it's coming clearer every day.

On the housekeeping side, we've moved some offices with the headquarters building in order to consolidate resources and streamline our capabilities. While a few of these moves will be uncomfortable for some, please know that it's being done in order to align sections and divisions for a closer sense of proximity. The adjustment will solidify communication channels among similar media, which in turn, will smooth out much of our functionality.

The totals are in from our department-wide effort in support of food banks across the state to feed the needy. Through our department-wide effort, \$1,932.97 was raised, along with 4,484 lbs. in non-perishable and perishable food donations gathered from our "fill the box" campaign. This equates to 11,586 meals. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraising activities as well as the food donations – your gratitude and love has paid off!

Earlier this month, our emergency and radiological services division took part in an exercise centered on a potential terrorist threat involving a stolen radioactive device on the Mississippi River near Port Allen. The exercise involved two LDEQ boats, emergency response personnel and a robust response effort that pulled in various local, state and federal partners. The exercise was a successful test of marshalling LDEQ resources on very short notice to address, identify and shut down a unique threat on the river.

The latest installment in our YouTube video series covers the Household Hazardous Materials Collection day, held last month in Baton Rouge. While a portion of the setting was on the collection day itself, the broader focus is on engaging citizens and organizations to do their part to reduce, reuse and recycle. LDEQ's role in these collection efforts is to gather and mix the incoming paint for transfer to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore of Greater Baton Rouge. It's an endeavor we're pleased to promote, and always a win-win all around. Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated to make the event a success.

As the round of holiday celebrations continues, keep safety in mind. Be aware and alert as you shop and drive. Be careful of speed limits, and know that traffic congestion is part of the holidays too. Party with gusto, but don't drink and drive. Create good memories and not regrets. I wish the best to each of you, regardless of what holiday you observe in the coming days and weeks.



LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown speaks about the proposed Alternative Fuel Corridor.



LDEQ volunteers at the East Baton Rouge Household Hazardous Materials Collection day

On a chilly morning in late October, a sturdy group of LDEQ volunteers gathered at Memorial Stadium to man the paint swap booth at the fall East Baton Rouge Parish Household Hazardous Materials Collection (HHMC) day. The collection day, which occurs twice a year, provides a way for East Baton Rouge Parish residents to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous materials such as paint, electronics, chemicals and other hazardous goods.

During the event, Donelson Caffery, coordinator for the LDEQ paint recycling station, narrated a video describing the paint swap process and LDEQ's volunteer mission. The video is the latest installment in the department's YouTube video series on subjects in which LDEQ has oversight or that play a significant role in the department's environmental protection mission.

"The Household Hazardous Materials Collection day is a fixture in the department's history of community outreach, and the event serves to promote environmentally sound practices centered on the concepts of reduce, reuse and recycle," Caffery said.

LDEQ has been helping with the HHMD since the beginning and the collection process is an efficient one. Vehicles drive up, donations are collected by teams representing the various recycling stations (ie., paint, batteries, tires, etc.) and distributed. Vehicles arriving at the paint station are met by volunteers who retrieve and open the cans of paint. After stirring, the paint is transferred to 5-gallon buckets and mixed by volunteers.

The final mix combines similar paint colors, resulting in unique and interesting hues. Those final buckets are sealed, placed on a trailer and delivered to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in Baton Rouge. There, the reusable paint will be available to the public. It will see a second life on a wall or ceiling instead of being roadside litter or ending up in a landfill.

After an early safety meeting, the team worked through the noon hour. The work is difficult and messy but provides an outreach platform. At the day's conclusion, the HHMCD served 704 vehicles and LDEQ volunteers collected 442 gallons of latex paint for the ReStore.

Please visit your city or parish website for any upcoming household hazardous materials collection days. If your parish does not have one, consider requesting an event or check with LDEQ for guidance. For more information about the East Baton Rouge Parish Household Hazardous Materials Collection day, visit: www.brgov.com/recycle/. To view the video, visit LDEQ's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP0mXFck7gdZRpyAJYxDIRw>.



LDEQ Engineer Donelson Caffery explains the department's role in paint recycling and reuse for the LDEQ video on hazardous waste.



LDEQ volunteers (l to r) Laura Ambeau, S.P. Davis, Minta Canelas and Judy Schuerman mix donated paint at the paint swap station.



Red River Cleanup removes thousands of pounds of trash in Shreveport/Bossier area

“Good clean fun” is their catchphrase, and it’s one that truly captures the spirit of the Red River Cleanup.

Held on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the eighth annual Red River Cleanup kicked off from Shreveport’s Stoner Park. Event participants were on a mission to remove litter from portions of the picturesque Red River in the Shreveport/Bossier City area.

More than 87,676 pounds of trash has been removed from the Red River since the event began. It was started in 2010 by residents Adam and Lisa Willard. In 2016, 38,240 pounds was removed. Total weight is still being tallied. A large pile of waste tires was also pulled out of the river and surrounding areas.

Signing in for the volunteers was organized. Upon arrival at the park volunteers signed a waiver, then moved down a line of tables to pick up a T-shirt, a trash picking stick and a bag that contained a bottle of water, trash bags and gloves.



Many waste tires were extracted from the Red River during the 2017 event.

“This annual event gives everyone an opportunity to show their community pride by gathering along the Red River to remove trash and debris from the waterway and its shores,” said Lisa Willard, co-organizer of the event. Approximately 570 volunteers came out this year.

Volunteers represent civic organizations and groups, businesses, schools and churches, along with spur-of-the-moment walk ups and several U.S. Air Force service members stationed at nearby Barksdale Air Force Base.

LDEQ volunteers participating in the event extracted waste tires, a large traffic cone and two folding canvas chairs from the banks in addition to filling more than eleven bags of debris.

The Red River Cleanup promotes watershed education on their website and through a display at the boat launch focusing on how trash gets into the river in the first place and what we can do to prevent it.

Items recovered from the waterway and its levees this year included waste tires, beer bottles and aluminum cans, plastic foam, paper and plastic waste, 55-gallon drums, ceramics and glass, fabrics, broken toys, oil cans and other hazardous materials -- and several unusual pieces.



Trash retrieved from the river included waste tires, a shopping cart, Styrofoam, glass and plastic bottles and several oddities shown here in the Crazy Trash Find contest

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But fun is really a key part of the day. Organizers added a series of competitions to put a spin on an active, yet highly rewarding cleanup effort. Events include a T-shirt design contest, a hot wings eating competition and several awards for those who recover an odd or unique piece of trash in the Crazy Trash Find contest. The highlight of the day, however, is the discovery of a hidden idol – a unique display that’s hidden along the cleanup route. Clues to its location are provided in advance of the event on social media and the lucky person to find it (and turns in two bags of trash) wins a kayak.

As the awards are announced at noon, a complimentary lunch selection consisting of burgers, chicken, hot dogs and pulled pork is provided to the attendees, courtesy of local restaurants such as Buffalo Wild Wings, Jason’s Deli and others.

Major sponsors included Flying Heart Brewing, The Alta and John Franks Foundation, Ashley’s Building and Construction, The Red River Waterway Commission, Caddo Parish, and Advanced Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.

For more information on how to be a part of the event next year, go to: <http://www.redrivercleanup.com>.

LDEQ participates in Radioactive Material Support Exercise on the Mississippi River

In partnership with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, staff from LDEQ participated in “Operation Great River,” a Preventative Radiological and Nuclear Detection full-scale exercise on the Mississippi River Nov. 15.

Held along the river near the Port of Baton Rouge, the training exercise was designed to test and evaluate the collaborative effort of the participating agencies in the event of a sudden radiological emergency on the river. The scenario consisted of a domestic terror threat involving an extremist group in a boat carrying a stolen radiological source.

The responding agencies were required to quickly marshal personnel and resources in order to effectively interdict, assess and neutralize the potential threat – through law enforcement measures such as water vessel stops and inspections and the establishment of chokepoints along the river.



LDEQ environmental scientists Russell Clark and JiYoung Wiley take part in a briefing at the beginning of the scenario.

Unique to the scenario was that the threat did not involve a bomb or firearm, but rather, a radiation source. Given that distinction, the participating agencies were tasked with providing radiological experts in source detection, survey and source identification.

During the exercise, two boats from LDEQ were used – one of which was designated as the “hostile” vessel. In a real life situation, however, LDEQ would support the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Hazardous Materials technicians under the Incident Command System and would provide radiological detection capabilities and technical expertise to LSP as needed.

Radioactive sources for the maritime exercise were provided courtesy of the Lawrence Livermore National Lab out in California, also a participant in the scenario providing personal who acted as radiation source handlers.

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During the scenario, Russell Clark uses survey instrumentation to check for radiation as he searches a vessel suspected of carrying the stolen radiological device.

On a vessel operated by the Louisiana State Police and staffed by LDEQ personnel, several instruments were employed to assist in the response. Russell Clark, environmental scientist and health physicist with LDEQ's Emergency and Radiological Services Division, was on board.

Clark conducted radiation surveys with a high-range instruments aboard two interdicted vessels and provided backup to the radiological survey team of the Louisiana National Guard's 62nd Civil Support Team. "We teamed up to share technical information in order to identify clear isotopes of sources detected on the interdicted vessels. I used a low-range survey instrument, a high-range survey instrument, a 'frisker' for contamination surveys, and an isotope 'identi-finder' survey instrument (which was not actually needed during the exercise)," said Clark.

Clark also provided on-site technical support to the National Guard's survey team concerning the isotope's probable chemical form and properties, as well as the likely type of licensed facility of origin for the isotopes that were identified. He also provided information requested by LSP's Hazardous Materials team on LDEQ's "reach back" capabilities (which is the ability to communicate to licensees who specialize in source retrieval and disposal).

"These types of large scale efforts are truly necessary to ensure our readiness for any type of scenario," said Jeff Dausat, Administrator of LDEQ's Emergency and Radiological Services Division. "These exercises give LDEQ staff a chance to engage with our federal, state and local counterparts and stakeholders in a high pressure, but peacetime event. This engagement will build stronger bonds

between stakeholders and strengthen our working relationships. If something like this would actually happen, we would then be able to quickly unify to meet the threat head on and in a coordinated manner."

In addition to the Louisiana State Police and the Louisiana National Guard's 62nd Civil Support Team, other agencies participated in the response. These included the Louisiana Fusion Center, Joint Task Force-7, the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Port of Greater Baton Rouge, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Savannah River National Laboratory and the Department of Energy's Radiological Assistance Program.

More information about DNDO and the Exercises Program can be found at www.dhs.gov/dndo.



Emergency responders from LDEQ use this hand-held scintillation counter to detect the presence of radiation at a site.



Louisiana Clean Fuels presents awards

Longtime LDEQ public information officer and Louisiana Clean Fuels (LCF) board member Jean Kelly knew that she would be mentioned at the 2017 Clean Fuel Leader Awards. She is retiring from the board after 10 years. She was also treasurer of LCF for five years. So she wasn't surprised to hear her name at the meeting.

What she didn't expect was the lifetime achievement award that LCF gave her and fellow board member Robert Borne of Entergy, "two individuals who have worked tirelessly for much of their careers to promote the use of cleaner, domestically produced alternative fuels in our state."

LDEQ Secretary Chuck Carr Brown, who was emcee of the event, cited Kelly's work with Keep Louisiana Beautiful's bumper sticker push – "Love the Boot, Don't Pollute" -- as he announced her name. "Jean was instrumental in that process," Brown said. "She has spearheaded these types of projects."

Ann Vail, LCF's Executive Director, read a letter from the former president of the LCF board of directors, Matt Sutherlin, who worked with Kelly on several projects.

"Jean faced every challenge with a level head and a great deal of humor," Sutherland wrote.

"I have enjoyed my time working with the Baton Rouge Clean Cities, watching it grow into the vibrant organization that it has become – Louisiana Clean Fuels," Kelly said. "LCF is a leader and resource for all of those interested in alternative fuels."

The awards ceremony was held Nov. 2 at the Baton Rouge Community College McKay Automotive Training Center on Lobdell Boulevard in Baton Rouge. The complete list of awards:

Rising Star Award: East Baton Rouge Parish School System; **Innovative Project of the Year:** University of Louisiana at Lafayette; **Resilience Award:** GreenSeasons; **Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Robert Borne, Entergy, and Jean Kelly, LDEQ; **Top Performing Private Fleets:** Republic Services, UPS and Waste Management; **2017 Honorable Mention Private Fleets:** Green Seasons, Builders Supply, Ivan Smith Furniture and Eagle Distributing; **Top Performing Utility Fleet:** Entergy; **Honorable Mention for Utility Fleets:** Centerpoint Energy and Atmos Energy; **Top Performing Municipal Fleets:** St. Landry Parish Solid Waste District and City of Shreveport & Sportran; **Honorable Mention Municipal Fleets:** Bossier City, Lafourche Parish School District, City of Lake Charles and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.



Jean Kelly, center, hears her name announced for an LCF Lifetime Achievement Award.



Smiles all around: LDEQ Secretary Chuck Carr Brown, LCF Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Jean Kelly, LCF Executive Director Ann Vail and LDNR Secretary Tom Harris pose at the LCF Awards Nov. 2.



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LDEQ hosts “Spooky Events” in support of the Baton Rouge Food Bank

Hot dogs, nachos and costumes were the order of day at LDEQ headquarters in Baton Rouge Oct. 26. The annual Halloween event centered on lunchtime festivities that included a hot dog and nachos sale, a hot dog eating contest and a costume contest. All proceeds from the sale and contest entrance fees were presented to the Baton Rouge Food Bank for their efforts to provide healthy and nutritious holiday meals to families needing assistance.

The Fresh Market, Baton Rouge, donated the hotdogs so the the annual hot dog eating contest could commence. It was the highlight, as four brave LDEQ employees took up the challenge of eating as many hot dogs as they could in five minutes. Charlie Lato from the Single Point of Contact, took home the top prize for the second year in a row. Lato consumed seven hot dogs (buns included), earning him a \$25 gift card to Newk’s and a \$10 gift to New York Bagel. Charlie’s unique technique is to eat the hotdog and dip the bun in water. Spectators ate at a much slower pace, buying hot dogs for \$2 each, plus 50 cents for chili or cheese. Nachos with cheese sold for \$2, and complimentary soft drinks were provided.

With a \$5 donation to participate and a \$2 donation to watch and judge, a costume contest capped off the festivities, with a team from the Fiscal section taking home a \$50 gift card to Curbside Burger for their first place rendition of the “Price is Right.” The team included Katie Thames, Sierra Trabeau, Emily Cassidy and Ashley Broom portraying enthusiastic contestants, with Dave Meyers as the host and Rhonda Mack as the announcer. Second place was tied with Lacey Gotreaux, dressing up as “Pennywise the Clown” (winning a \$25 Dempsey’s card and a \$10 card at New York Bagel), and Fran Falke and Lacey Vitteri who appeared as “Social Butterflies” (winning \$20 at Mello Mushroom, \$10 to New York Bagel and \$5 cash).

The events were an entertaining part of LDEQ’s ongoing food drive and fundraising efforts in support of the Food Bank. Those efforts include a department-wide collection of donated canned and nonperishable food by the employees, and weekly “Popcorn Tuesdays,” where employees can buy a bag of popcorn or a soda for a dollar each.

LDEQ is proud of their partnership with the Food Bank and honored to be a part of this important cause.



Terry Clement, Lina Saale, Mike Hahn and Charlie Lato (l to r) take on the hot dog eating challenge



The costume contest theme included (l to r) renditions of Pennywise the Clown, two social butterflies, a pumpkin pie, a pirate, contestants and hosts from the Price is Right, and an Iron Chef/ Identity Thief/Smarty pants.



Chili Cookoff held at LDEQ Headquarters Nov. 9



The panelists evaluated the selections and picked five winners.

What's for lunch? Chili is the answer when LDEQ hosts its annual chili cookoff. This year's contest was held Nov. 9. A popular tradition at LDEQ headquarters, the event provides a venue to showcase employees' homemade traditional and nontraditional chili with sales benefiting The Baton Rouge Food Bank.

A panel of judges consisting of WAFB meteorologist Jay Grymes, Robert Gauthreaux from WBRZ, Charlene Montelaro from the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, LDEQ's 2017 hot dog eating champ Charlie Lato, WVLA meteorologist Jesse Gunkel and Mike Weileman from East Baton Rouge Emergency Medical Services tasted each selection and voted on the winners.

Prizes for the best Chili went to the overall winner and the top two in two categories – traditional (with meat) and non-traditional. Overall winner was Sunshine McManus from Permit Support Services. McManus was promoted by a dinosaur-costumed assistant who walked the hall and distributed cards and T-Shirts with the message "Vote Sunshine." McManus won a \$100 gift card to Stroube's. Her chili was from a family recipe called the "quad squad," as it consists of four types of meat (beef, deer, pork and turkey) without beans.

"I am so excited about the amount of participation this year's campaign brought in," McManus said. "I can't think of any cause better to contribute to than that of not only helping to feed the needy but to see it used locally to help families in our area. The fact that the Food Bank runs this campaign before the holidays is a huge reminder to me that not everyone will be able to provide their families with the same meals and traditions that we may be used to. I feel very blessed and privileged to have been able to participate, and I am also very thankful to everyone else who participated."

For the traditional category, first place went to Sean Darensbourg from water inspections, who took home a \$50 gift card to Rice & Roux. Jason Hanchey from the Office of Management and Finance grabbed second prize, winning a \$40 gift card to Mellow Mushroom and \$5 gift card to Subway.

In the non-traditional category, first place was awarded to India Ambeau from the Office of Environmental Assessment, who won a gift box of olive oil and spice blends from Red Stick Spice Company. Second place went to Keiley Well from Permit Support Services, who received a \$25 gift card to Dempsey's and \$20 gift card to Tsunami.

Annette Sharp from Safety/Training, Doug Bordelon from Human Resources, Chrissy Howard from Fiscal and Connie and Thomas Payne from Environmental Compliance and General Services, respectively, cooked their own special types of Chili for all to enjoy.

Following the announcement of the winners, chili sale commenced, with five samples in three ounce cups going for \$5, or \$5 for a large nine ounce container. All proceeds from the chili sale go directly to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in support of their mission to feed families in need.



The grand prize winner for best overall went to Sunshine McManus from Permit Support Services.



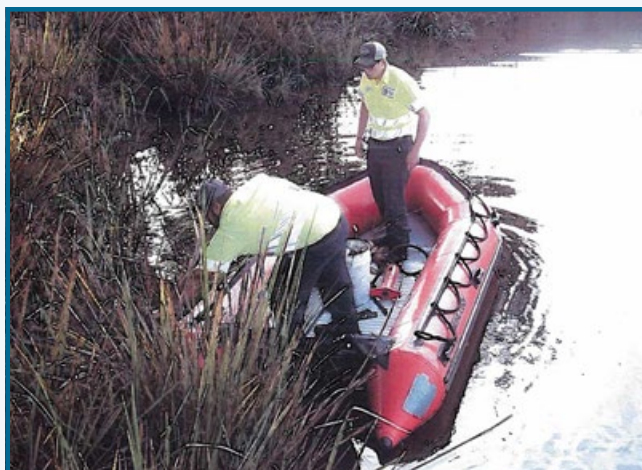
Keep Ascension Beautiful, Ascension Parish and the city of Gonzales fight litter

Kee Ascension Beautiful (KAB), Ascension Parish and the city of Gonzales have hit the ground running in the fight against litter. They have long term plans to “Keep it Clean.” KAB is mentored by Parish President Kenny Matassa and the parish government, Richard Throckmorton and Melissa Sullivan and has applied to be a Keep Louisiana Beautiful affiliate. KAB is an initiative to actively engage the community and business to promote sustainability and to have a litter free, environmentally friendly parish. Ascension Parish has a Recycling Center at 42077 Church Point Road, Gonzales. The center is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays, except holidays. It accepts cardboard, plastics, newspaper, metals, scrap paper and cartons, with some restrictions. This center gives residents a place to take recyclable materials.

Ascension Parish addresses household hazardous materials by sponsoring a HHMD collection day. Last May, the Parish served 405 vehicles that dropped off more than 39 tons of materials. Volunteers with LDEQ manned the paint booth and recycled paint that was dropped off. The volunteers recycled 525 gallons of Latex paint (equivalent to 105 5-gallon buckets.)

Mayor Barney Arceneaux of Gonzales and his employees are doing their part. One day a week, usually Wednesday, the Mayor and his staff pick up litter around Gonzales. The group breaks into smaller groups, and picks an area to clean up. They are leading by example. The city of Gonzales has recycling if the public wants to subscribe to the service.

For more information on efforts in Ascension Parish and Keep Ascension Beautiful go to <http://ascensionparish.net/index.php/143-administration/285-keep-ascension-beautiful>.



City of Gonzales employees Kaleb Webber (l) and Spenser Smith (r) pick up litter in the waterways.



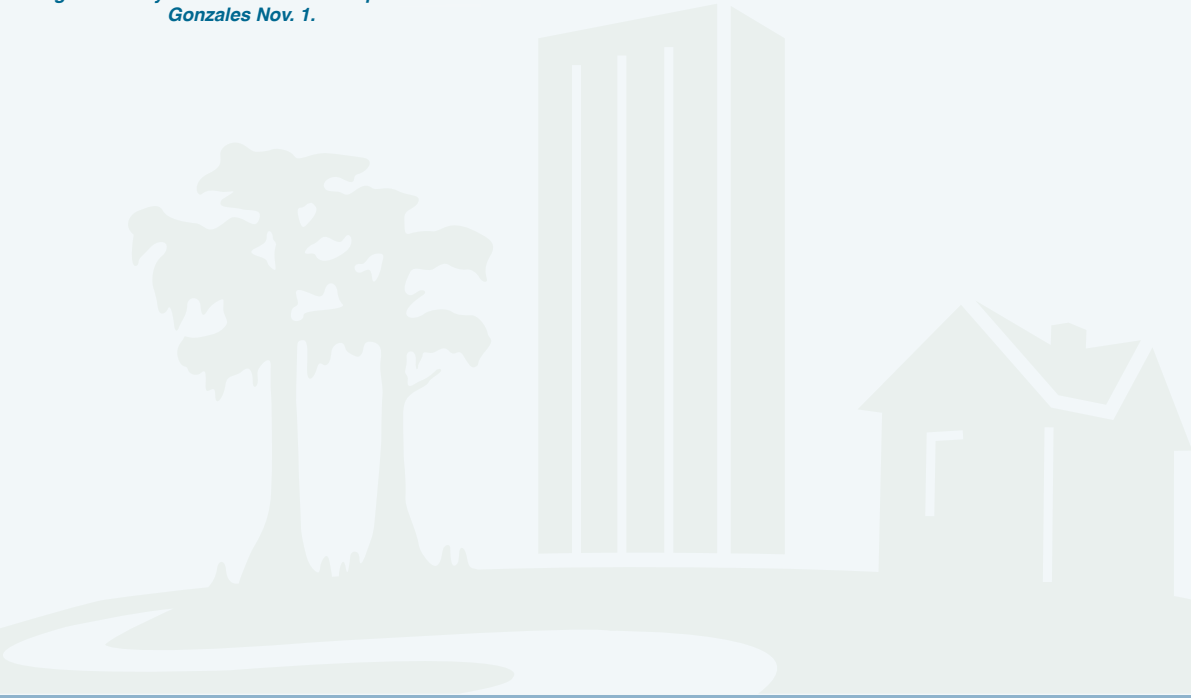
LDEQ On The Move



LDEQ Geologist Shanna Mason speaks to students during career day at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales Nov. 1.



LDEQ's Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Response team hosted an Ingestion Pathway exercise Oct. 11-12 that included participation from several agencies and organizations. The exercise was a dress rehearsal in preparation for the graded exercise in December.





Who's Who At DEQ?



Jane Ryland – Administrative Assistant 6 in the Office of the Secretary

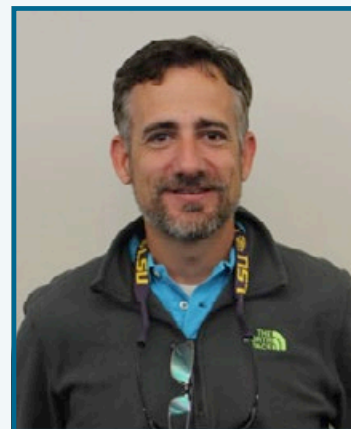
Originally from Albany, Ryland presently lives in Greenwell Springs. She worked at Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners for 23 years as an Administrative Supervisor 2 before coming to the LDEQ Executive Staff as Administrative Assistant 6 for Deputy Secretary Denise Bennett.

Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends; especially spending time with her five grandchildren.

Chad Keith – Environmental Scientist 4 in Water Surveys, Office of Environmental Assessment

Keith was recently promoted to Environmental Scientist 4 in the Water Surveys section. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Louisiana Tech University, and a master's degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe where his thesis was on freshwater fish populations.

Keith has been with LDEQ for 16 years, with his first six years in the Enforcement Division where he worked with Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit compliance issues with Water Enforcement. For the last ten years, he has worked in Water Surveys.



Fritz J. Hurst – Environmental Chemical Specialist – Advanced, Air Permits, Office of Environmental Services

Hurst was born and raised in Greensburg. After graduating from St. Helena High School, he moved to Baton Rouge and completed a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southern University in the fall of 1985.

He began at LDEQ in March 1993 as an environmental scientist in the Emergency Response Division. In March 1998, he transferred to the Air Permits Division as an environmental chemical specialist in the Petrochemical Group. While in that capacity, Hurst earned a Masters of Environmental Engineering in May 2012 from Southern University. He was recently promoted to environmental chemical specialist - advanced in the Air Permit Division.



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