HAZMAT RESPONDER
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

SUMMARY
Performs supervisory work assisting in the planning, directing, organizing, and providing hazardous material planning and response to TOHSEP. Leads the Terrebonne Parish Rapid Assessment Team (PRAT) in providing mutual aid to the GOHSEP Region 3 parishes and other adjoining parishes as needed.

JOB OVERVIEW
Starting Pay
$19.41 - $24.92 per hour

Schedule
Monday - Friday
Must be available 24 hours/7 days per week for Parish emergencies and work on-call every other week or as requested.

Shift
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION
TOHSEP

REPORTS TO
Director

PHYSICAL DEMANDS
• Lift over 50 lbs. (heavy)
• Exert force to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects.

WORK ENVIRONMENT
Interactions with members of the public

EMERGENCY EVENTS
Required to work during emergency events.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
1. Assist in planning, directing, organizing, providing support, and conducting monthly trainings for PRAT; prepare, review, and revise the parish emergency response plans and procedures; maintain training records.
2. Maintain the hazardous materials/command post vehicle, hazardous materials incident database, Tier II reporting database, and all associated hazardous materials equipment to ensure operational readiness during an emergency.
3. Represent the department at public and private meetings and functions; secure the cooperation and participation of various public and private sector agencies.
4. Respond to hazardous material incidents and provide incident command/technical support as requested by federal, state, and local response agencies; assist with planning and mitigation of pipeline, highway, rail, marine, and fixed-site facilities.
5. Provide expert testimony in criminal and civil court proceedings.
6. Provide trainings (instructional and practical) on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) and other hazardous incidents for local first response agencies.
7. Assist in conducting trainings and coordinating incident management techniques for Parish officials and emergency response personnel to ensure all participants are aware of their roles in emergency operations.
8. Assist the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chairman, local industry, and businesses in complying with SARA Title III, state, and federal regulations.
10. Provide leadership (incident command and technical support) to first responders as requested.
11. Inspect, service, calibrate, and maintain all hazardous material response equipment, including office communications equipment.
12. Assist with planning initiatives related to hazardous materials in relation to pipelines, highways, rail, marine, and fixed-site facilities.
13. Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
1. Able to work overtime as requested and attend overnight training and conferences.
2. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing, including via telephone, cell phone, and two-way radio.
3. Must be comfortable with speaking in front of others in a classroom setting.
4. Ability to safely operate a boat and pull a trailer or boat behind a vehicle and perform backing operations.
5. Ability to read various reports, logs, manuals, maps, etc.
6. Ability to operate a variety of automated office equipment including computers, copiers, calculators, and printers.
7. Ability to operate while under stress and when confronted with emergency situations.
8. Must be physically and mentally fit to respond to emergency calls and be able to perform within a Level A hazmat suit with a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
9. Knowledge of state and federal rules, regulations, and guidelines concerning CBRNE events and other hazardous material events.
10. Knowledge of the geographical layout of the Parish, including political subdivisions and the locations of roads and streets within the Parish.
11. Considerable knowledge of emergency response policies, procedures, and techniques.
12. Considerable knowledge of the department and its organizations and operations procedures.
13. Willingness to learn various emergency response computer software, geographical information system (GIS) software, and other related computer programs.
14. Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations and to adopt effective courses of action.
15. Ability to establish and maintain effective, professional working relationships with office personnel, emergency response personnel, volunteers, public officials, law enforcement agencies, and others.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND LICENSES
1. High school diploma or GED certificate required. College education preferred.
2. Possess 3-5 years of experience in emergency response work with some supervisory experience within a private or public safety industry.
3. Must have completed the Louisiana State Police Hazmat Technicians 40-hour training course or equivalent (Reference 29CFR1910.120) or be able to complete the course within 6 months of employment.
4. Be able to complete the National Incident Management System certification process within six months of employment.
5. Possess and maintain a valid Louisiana driver’s license.

Questions? No problem! Email us at employment@tpcg.org.