Derek Simmons

Emergency Response Coordinator

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SUMMARY

Emergency response coordinator with 4 years in chemical plant safety and emergency response along the Mississippi River corridor. Manages a 45-member plant emergency response team, keeps emergency response plans current with OSHA and EPA rules, and leads HAZWOPER and fire training. Works well in high-stress conditions, including nights and weekends.

EXPERIENCE

Emergency Response Coordinator 02/2024 - Present

Bayou Chemical Partners Baton Rouge, LA

Chemical manufacturing site with 600 employees and contractors.

- Manage the **45**-member emergency response team, covering 4 rotating shifts with qualified responders.
- Maintain emergency response plans and pre-fire plans for 22 process units under OSHA 1910.120 and EPA RMP rules.
- Run 24 drills a year with ICS roles, including 2 joint drills with parish fire and the local hospital.
- Evaluate fire protection and spill response equipment monthly, closing 98% of findings within 14 days.

Safety Specialist 06/2022 - 01/2024

River Parish Terminals Geismar, LA

Bulk liquid storage terminal on the Mississippi River.

- Delivered HAZWOPER refreshers and spill response training to 180 operators and contractors.
- Investigated 30 incidents and near misses and tracked corrective actions to closure.
- Updated the facility response plan and Coast Guard drill records, passing 2 inspections with no findings.
- Wrote safety procedures in Microsoft Office for tank cleaning and confined space entry.

Volunteer Firefighter 03/2020 - 05/2022

Ascension Parish Volunteer Fire District Gonzales, LA

Volunteer role while finishing college.

- Answered 150 fire, rescue and medical calls as a certified Firefighter I.
- Checked apparatus and breathing air equipment every week.
- Completed 120 hours of hazmat awareness, rescue and pump operations training.
- Taught fire extinguisher classes to 200 residents and school staff.

SKILLS

- **Emergency Response Plans**
- **HAZWOPER**
- **OSHA 1910.120**
- **ICS**
- **Spill Response**
- **Fire Protection**
- **Incident Investigation**
- **EPA RMP**
- **Microsoft Office**
- **Communication Skills**

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Southeastern Louisiana University

Occupational Safety, Health and Environment

Hammond, LA

05/2022

CERTIFICATES

HAZWOPER 40-Hour

OSHA Training Institute Education Center

07/2022

Firefighter I

Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute

11/2020