

**EXXONMOBIL BATON ROUGE  
MANUFACTURING COMPLEX EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE CAPABILITY  
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ExxonMobil has established rigorous engineering standards and operating practices in order to prevent hazards to our employees, the general public and our equipment. Over the years, the Refinery and Chemical Plant have received numerous safety awards and have established pacesetter performance in both personnel and operational safety. In addition to maintaining high design and operating standards, we maintain a fully trained, highly qualified emergency organization 24 hours/day, seven days/week. With the exception of the Fire Chief, Emergency Preparedness Advisor, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, the Fire Operators, and Assistant Fire Operators, all other personnel in the emergency organization perform some other task in the Complex on a daily basis.

**EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION**

- The Refinery and Chemical Plant superintendents are in charge of operations and incident command in their respective plants. These positions are staffed 24 hours/day, seven days/week.
- All unit personnel are trained on-site at fire training grounds in handling emergencies. They are the first lines of defense. If an emergency exceeds their capability, the Team 6 Fire Squad is called in.

ExxonMobil Baton Rouge has more than 300 dedicated emergency responders across our Baton Rouge area site who undergo ongoing, rigorous training to ensure world-class response capabilities.

- The Team 6 Volunteer Fire Squad operates 24 hours/day, seven days/week with four shift teams. A total of 20 fire fighters plus leadership make up this squad for each shift.
- Should additional support be required beyond the unit personnel and the Team 6 Fire Squad, the Volunteer Fire Brigade may be called in. The Volunteer Fire Brigade consists of four groups of 15-member voluntary teams (60 total) who are on call 24 hours/day, seven days/week. In addition to responding to the Baton Rouge complex, they are also on call 24/7 to ExxonMobil facilities north of the complex as well as facilities on the west side of the Mississippi River.
- The Rescue Squad is made up of 35 volunteers. This group provides high angle rescue for elevated and confined space emergencies and advanced life support. Also on call 24 hours/day, seven days/week.
- The Emergency Medical Response Team provides immediate first aid and life support care (prior to transport, if required). This group is comprised of 45 people on voluntary teams. These shifting personnel provide 24-hour coverage daily.
- The CHEMNET team is a hazardous materials response team that responds primarily to transportation incidents involving ExxonMobil products anywhere in the U.S.A. This team is comprised of 18 volunteers. Also on call 24 hours/day, seven days/week.
- The ELIRT/STRIKE Team response team is an oil spill response team that responds to oil spill in inland waterways from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. The team is comprised of more than 40 volunteers who are on call 24 hours/day, seven days/week.
- The Drone Team provides aerial surveillance and status updates to operations and Incident Command. This team consist of 10 remote pilot volunteers.

## **PERSONNEL PREPARATION**

- The Volunteer Fire squads receive training at the Louisiana State University, BEST, Mississippi Fire Academy, and Texas A&M fire training schools. The CHEMNET team receives training from several HAZMAT schools, i.e., Louisiana State Police Training Center in Zachary, Louisiana, and the American Association of Railroads Transportation Test Center in Pueblo, Colorado. The Emergency Medical Response Team undergoes annual re-certification through outside medical trainers. The ELIRT/ STRIKE Team conducts periodic training in local waterways.
- Simulated emergencies are conducted once per month, that involves all levels of the emergency organization (e.g., unit personnel, volunteers, etc.).
- The Refinery and Chemical Plant are both active members of the North Baton Rouge Chemical Industry Task Force and the Louisiana State Mutual Aid Network, and the Baton Rouge Area Mutual Aid System that conducts periodic simulated emergencies. These drills involve industrial as well as governmental agencies and media personnel.
- The Rescue Squad participates in the International Rescue and Emergency Care Association that promotes professionalism among its members. This group conducts an annual advanced training seminar, as well as a national competition.

## **EQUIPMENT/HARDWARE**

A state-of-the-art fire station was constructed in 1982. The facility houses the following equipment:

- Five (5) foam pumper trucks (1,000 gallons foam storage each)
  - One (1) attendant foam storage truck (3,000 gallons foam each)
  - One (1) water pumper
  - One (1) fully equipped rescue vehicle
  - Two (2) fixed foam storage tanks 3000 gallons foam storage each)
  - Five (5) trailer mounted diesel driven fire pumps with a combined capacity of 26 thousand gallons per minute.
  - Several large capacity fire nozzles ranging from 6 thousand to 10 thousand gallons per minute capacity.
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- A fully-equipped firefighting barge is permanently docked at the Kirby Marine facility. Firefighting equipment aboard the barge includes two portable 4000-gallon-per-minute pumps, 1200-gallon foam storage, 900 lbs. of dry chemical, and 6 water/foam firefighting monitors.
  - Firefighting foam is critical in fighting petroleum as well as other types of fires. The Baton Rouge Complex maintains a total of 22,000 gallons of foam storage, which is the most of any facility in the Southeast.
  - Additional emergency response equipment on-site includes the CHEMNET Communications Van and a fully-equipped ambulance. The ELIRT organization has a wide array of boats, pumps and other collection equipment that provides them the capability to quickly respond to marine oil spills.

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