
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everybody:

Well, it's been a rather quiet week for OJJ. We are happy with a little quiet. And lots of good news to share:

15 PPOs from all over the state graduated from the POST Academy today. Our new grads are: Baton Rouge: Steven Dukes, Yolanda Latimer and Keelen Robinson; Hammond: Jenna Hill and Jamie Oertel; Thibodaux: Peter Pobocik; Lafayette: Justin Beasley, George Hebert, Blair Johnson and Jamie Moore-Baronet; Shreveport: Holly Black and Bennie Walters; Natchitoches: Kelvin Jones and Todd Roszell; Monroe: Valerie Nordstrom. Congratulations to them all.

We had 12 responses to the RFI for the Acadiana facility and we are excited to have so many good options. What a difference a year makes! The responses are being evaluated and we plan to announce the successful proposer next week. Also, we welcomed BCCY's new director, Joseph Powe, who is busy meeting staff and starts his orientation next week.

DAS Carolyn Lewis, her staff, and ACA Accreditation Manager Angela Arabie, are busy preparing for the P&P ACA re-accreditation audit next week. I appreciate the fact that P&P has done well on re-accreditation audits in the past and I am sure they will pass this one. I am also looking forward to all of our facilities being accredited this summer.

Well – only in Louisiana – where else can we have flooding at the same time as a drought. At least here in Baton Rouge we were blessed this week with afternoon showers, which were much appreciated by all in the lawn cutting business – now they will actually have grass to cut. Not just the brown, crunchy kind.

Hurricane season came creeping up on us, and the Governor's Office and GOHSEP are reminding us that the busy hurricane season has started. To remind you all, be prepared and take care of your family's plans in case a storm comes our way, so that when duty calls, your family will be in a safe place. You can always get good ideas for hurricane planning from links on the bottom left of our website: Get a Game Plan and [Emergency.Louisiana.gov](http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov)

Father's Day is coming up (next weekend) - we need to get to the card section of our favorite store before all that's left are the cards that either aren't funny or are just too mushy.

The Department of Insurance has set up a fund in memory of the two investigators murdered this week. Donations will be used to erect a memorial to them on LDI grounds, and additional funds collected will be distributed equally to the estates of Rhett Jeansonne and Kim Sledge. Donations may be sent to the Jeansonne/Sledge Memorial Fund, Account # 4260685, LA Capitol Federal Credit Union, 700 Main Street, BR, LA 70802. The tragic deaths of these dedicated public employees reminds us that we, too, have staff who often find themselves in dangerous situations. Please use your training to maintain your safety and the safety of the public. I'm sure that Louisiana's public employees join us in sending our condolences to the Jeansonne and Sledge families, and Commissioner of Insurance James Donelon and his staff.

With that thought, I will close with my heartfelt thanks to every member of the OJJ family. Whether you are located in a regional office, a secure care facility or the central office, you are a valuable member of the OJJ team, and you serve daily, often in demanding and precarious circumstances. Thanks for all you do every day to meet the mission.

Sincerely, "Doc" *Dr. Mary Livers*

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