



The Port of Shreveport-Bossier Mourns Death of Alonzo Jackson, Sr.

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SHREVEPORT, La. – The Port of Shreveport-Bossier is mourning the death of Alonzo Jackson, Sr. who served as The Port’s Environmental and Safety Director. Alonzo passed away December 5th at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas after a valiant battle with cancer. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. His warm spirit and gentle humor made complete strangers feel as if they were long-time friends. He brought sunshine into every room he entered and he will be sincerely missed.

Alonzo came to work at The Port in 2001, just months before the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He coordinated, developed and implemented The Port’s first Emergency Response Plan, a plan in keeping with the then-newly established standards of the United States Department of Homeland Security.



Alonzo was also called to serve as a member of the Environmental Economic Growth Transition Advisory Council, after Governor Bobby Jindal was elected.

On Thursday, December 17, The Caddo Bossier Port Commission passed a resolution commending the outstanding work of Mr. Jackson as a Port staff member, friend and colleague. The resolution states that Mr. Alonzo Jackson completed EMT Basic Training, First Responder training and facilitated numerous programs and learning opportunities for other members of The Port and its lessees and customers. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Jackson implemented Emergency Satellite Offices for both the Port of New Orleans and Lake Charles. These facilities were vital during the Port of New Orleans’s emergency evacuation during Hurricane Gustav in 2008.

The Port extends its heartfelt appreciation to Jackson’s family for his unwavering dedication, service and support during the past eight years and for his utmost professionalism in accomplishing many duties.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Anita T. Jackson, one son, Alonzo Pink Jackson, Jr., one daughter, Chelsa Tashon Jackson, all of Shreveport; his parents, Pink and Elizabeth Jackson of Hartsville, SC; three sisters, Barbara, Eunice and Suzette Jackson, all of Hartsville, SC, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Alonzo’s family during this time.

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