

## ***Rouge ERT Teams Accept the Challenge***

The week of June 8<sup>th</sup> was a busy week for ERT members at Dearborn Tool & Die and Dearborn Truck Plant as they polished their emergency response skills during their annual Team refresher training put on by ERS International. This year's training included a very important addition as we focused on how to safely carry out emergency response duties during the COVID-19 pandemic. Day one concentrated on the Team's emergency medical response skills and how to protect both themselves and others from COVID-19. This included a detailed overview of COVID-19's characteristics and hazards, proper utilization of personal protective equipment, and new protective procedures to follow when responding to an emergency medical or traumatic injury call. These new procedures are based on national recommendations and real-world experiences proven to be effective by professional First Responders. Not only has COVID-19 impacted how we respond, but it has also altered how we train to respond. Your Emergency Response Team maintained social distancing measures, utilized personal protective equipment and frequent decontamination procedures while they continued to train on subjects such as Incident Command systems, Confined Space Rescue, Rope Rescue, Hazardous Material Response, and Incipient Fire response.

Based on the valuable feedback from the two teams during this new block of instruction, ERSI was able to fine tune the rollout of the 2020 ERT 40 Hour refresher training that will be conducted in all facilities both here in the Rouge and all North American Plants.

If you or someone you know have any type of background in ERT disciplines or just want to volunteer to be part of your plant's ERT team, please see an ERT team member, coordinator or Plant Health and Safety professional to fill out an application. Now more than ever our facilities need employees willing to go the extra mile for their fellow workers.