

Regional Directors Monthly Meeting

Wednesday March 13, 2013 11:00AM

GOHSEP 7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge – OverWatch Conference Room

ATTENDEES

Kevin Davis, Christina Dayries, Brandi Janes, Dick Gremillion, John Rahaim, Sandy Davis, Mark Harrell, Harry Foster, Tommy Thiebaud, Rebecca Broussard, Earl Eues, Pat Santos, Chris Guilbeaux, Darrin Guidry, Pam Roussell, Doug Zettlemyer, Teresa Basco, Joe Stewart, Collins Simoneaux, Kevin Breaux, James Smith, Kip Franklin, Veronica Flynn, Christina Stephens, Darryl Delatte

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 12:00PM

Sandy Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A copy of minutes from December 2012 meeting was handed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Becky Broussard made a motion to accept the December minutes and Earl Eues seconded the motion. The December minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis discussed the Elected Officials Summit dates and thanked all RC's and parishes for their assistance with meeting dates and locations..

GOHSEP needs to get the school safety plans and layouts for each parish. If the regional coordinators get the plans and layouts to GOHSEP they will be put into Virtual LA. There is reluctance from some districts to have the plans put into Virtual LA. Chris Gilbeaux explained that it is a secure site due to the fact that the school plans are password protected.

There was discussion about GARS and National Grid System. Earl has agreed to allow an overlay of Gars over the National Grid System for his use.

Kevin suggested that since there has been a few new directors named, that GOHSEP host a directors training event for those new directors.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Guilbeaux

NWS in each region is monitoring the LWIN radios for their respective region but has the capability to switch to any region, also all parishes have channels R1-OHSEP through R9-OHSEP.

The first line of communication is the Regional Coordinators now that GOHSEP has lost its Communications desk.

FEDERAL SEQUESTER

Christina Dayries

Christina explained the ramifications of the Federal Sequester; and that it would result in a 5% reduction across the board.

2013 SHSP money is still available although the sequester would result in a 5% reduction of funding.

A list of Elected Official Summit attendees will be sent to each in attendance.

A reminder that the GOHSEP Annual Report is due March 31, 2013.

EMPG FUNDING-APPROVAL OF PMAC-SCHEDULING TRAINING

Dick Gremillion

General discussion about PEMAC and EMPG.

Would like to see if training courses could be announced 90 days prior to event.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

John Rahaim

Announced Charlie Hudson as Interim Director for Jefferson Parish OEP.

Darryl Delatte noted that the National Hurricane Conference is in New Orleans.

REGION 2

Mark Harrell

Mark deferred to Darren Guidry. Darren reported that the Federal Medical Facility is being relocated to the James G. Clark facility at Southern University due to ongoing remodeling at LSU Field House, the former site.

Also River Bend is in need of another site for its reception center for the same reason.

REGION 3

Earl Eues

Reported on the ongoing sinkhole in Assumption Parish.

Reported on a tug boat/ pipeline accident in Bayou Perot.

Parish Hurricane Coordination meetings went very well with good feedback.

A full scale CRI exercise was held in St. James

Pam Roussell announced that an Active Shooter exercise is set for June 5.

REGION 4

Rebecca Broussard

A portion of the upcoming DRX will be held in Grand Pararie in St. Landry

REGION 5

Dick Gremillion

The recent flood event that impacted the area especially Jeff Davis Parish has received a presidential declaration. Dick also praised the regional participation in assisting Jeff Davis Parish.

A report was given about an exercise at Fort Polk that had 900 role players and a \$4.5 million budget.

Calcasieu will have a full scale transportation drill.

Doug Zettlemoyer reported ther Region 5 has two new OEP directors; Danny Lavergne for Cameron Parish and Sheriff Ivy Woods for Jeff Davis Parish. John Richards in Allen Parish will be under command of the Allen Parish Sheriff.

REGION 6

Harry Foster

Harry deferred to Theresa Basco

Teresa reported that the first Elected Official Summit is set for April 2nd in Winnfield at the Sheriff's Training Complex.

The proposed shelter in Olla can house about 1400 people.

Vernon parish is set to name a new OEP Director.

There is an abundance of training coming up in the region.

REGION 7

Sandy Davis

There is still 3 million pounds of explosives stored outside at Camp Minden out of the original 9 million pounds total.

Caddo-Bossier has a full time instructor for NIMS and they are partnering with Barksdale Air Force Base on training. The hot button issue now is Active Shooter training. Partnering with all schools doing active shooter and other training through a REMS grant. There will be a training exercise on Oct 3rd that will set up a field hospital in case local hospitals get overrun.

Jenny Reynolds stated 4 out of 7 parishes have completed active shooter and search procedures. Kevin asked Jenny to send report of school plans and participation so that he could report to the legislative committee on school security. There will be more ongoing training in the region.

REGION 8

Kip Franklin

Tracy Hilburn will be leaving on the 31st of March.

The Full Medical Station (FMS) shelter at Grambling University has been approved for a grant to install a generator transfer switch.

Joe Stewart stated each parish has 3 satellite radios that they wish to dispose of and will transfer them to another parish at no charge.

Joe also reported about ongoing training in the region.

REGION 9

Tommy Thiebaud

The Region 9 Elected Officials Summit is scheduled for April 4th in

Madisonville. The new Washington Parish EOC/911 building will be opening in June and Tommy extended an invitation to all to attend.

Collins reported on the upcoming DRX exercise at Fountainbleau State Park in conjunction with Belle Chasse and Grang Pararie.

The region hosted a CRI exercise along with DHH and OPH on Feb. 26.

LANG is preparing a RSA site in Roseland to help facilitate the movement of commodities following an event..

Motion by Tommy Thiebaud to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

END OF REPORT