Regional Directors Monthly Meeting
Tuesday August 14, 2012 11:00AM
GOHSEP Office

ATTENDEES

Kevin Davis, Christina Dayries, Mark Riley, Steve Burr, Jerry Monier, Dick Gremillion, John Rahaim, Sandy Davis, Deano Moran, Harry Foster, Tommy Thiebaud, Rebecca Broussard, Earl Eues, Pat Santos, Chris Guilbeaux, Jerry Monier, Wendy Brogdon, Darryl Delatte, Darrin Guidry, Pam Roussell, Doug Zettlemeyer, Teresa Basco, Joe Stewart, Collins Simoneaux, Jennifer Reynolds, Kevin Breaux, Kathyrn McCoy, Clay Rives, Lee John, Travis Johnson, Amy Dawson, James Smith, Thomas Enright, Jim Ballow

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Started promptly at 11:00AM

Sandy Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting
Hard copy of minutes from June 2012 meeting was handed out by Wendy Brogdon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sandy Davis asked that a motion to accept the Minutes from the last meeting (June, 2012) be made. Dick Gremillion made a motion to accept the April minutes and Earl Eues seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

GOHESEP Director Kevin Davis discussed the current state of the budget and budget cuts. The State may issue more cuts, however the word is that we should see a surplus

"OLD BUSINESS" UPDATE

Chris Guilbeaux updated the group on **CMA Polycom Training** – coming to GOHSEP on August 24. Windows Vista has not upgraded to work with Windows 7 which is causing the problems currently experienced by users. (See Attached Powerpoint)
Alert FM – Working on approval letter to the state (should receive this week). Kevin suggested bringing the Alert FM representatives back for a meeting.   **National Grid System** – GOHSEP will set up a meeting with Terrebonne, Calcasieu, GOHSEP, WLF and LANG to discuss

COMMUNICATIONS

Travis Johnson (GOHSEP COMMS) – Discussed "Standard Operating Procedures" for HAM Operators and the Channels that GOHSEP Monitors

SDMI

Brant Mitchell discussed "SDMI Center for Business Preparedness" - Located at the main campus of Louisiana State University (LSU), the Center for Business Preparedness (CBP) was established by the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) to bridge the gap between academic research and business preparedness and continuity of operations. Specifically, the Center will focus on applying proven business management techniques to the challenge of disaster preparedness and community resilience.

The Center for Business Preparedness is dedicated to creating a cultural shift in the value of preparedness by creating a central point of collaboration for research, knowledge sharing, and outreach to address challenges to small businesses while working to enhance and evolve private sector resilience.
Through global collaboration with academic institutions, private sector organizations and public entities, the Center for Business Preparedness offers a central location for the business and academic communities to:

- Connect, collaborate and share smart practices with each other
- Gain insight, knowledge and support
- Download the latest tools and research

Using the Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (Title IX of PL 110-53) as a starting point, four areas were identified to provide an actionable framework for the initiative. These areas are research initiatives, messaging and marketing activities, communications and message delivery, and the development of a business justification for small business preparedness.

CLOSE-OUT; RECOVERY

FEMA wants us to move Close-outs higher on the Priority Chain. We have to be able to show Congress and OMB that we've made progress and how many have been completed.

We have to start pushing closeouts.
We are going to ask you to identify projects that have been completed so we can closeout.
      Alert your Organizations that this is coming down the pipes
      We are prepared to bring additional staff to help closeout process

LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing new to report

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL NOTIFICATIONS

Lee John, GOHSEP Operations discussed with Directors their concerns of not getting all Haz Mat Notifications in a timely manner from COMMS. The chain of Command and process of notification was discussed: COMMS, Louisiana State Police, EQ, Parish LEPC. Lee John to look further into and report back

GRANTS UPDATE

EMPG Award Letters were sent on Monday 8/13
The Grant Award Letter has to now be "Accepted"

Talked to DHS about a break in service / break in grant time (gap between grants) Last year there were changes in terms for FEMA which is why they held out they second half (will be sent out in full) which will help.

DHS GRANTS PROGRAM DIRECTORATE

Dave McCoy and Cory Walz (FEMA EMPG Program Analyst) Region XI discussed "Reporting Requirements' and updating the Website

DHS SPECIAL EVENTS DATA CALL

The Special Events Program (SEP) oversees the interagency Federal initiative led by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to collect event information from across the country. This data is collected and analyzed in a single database to enhance Federal, State and Local Situation Awareness - **(See attached)**

2012 MASS CARE and SHELTER WORKSHOP

August 29-30 State Evacuation Shelter in Alexandria Louisiana. The overall purpose of this meeting is to create a common operation picture of the status of Mass Care in Louisiana **(See attached)**

ELECTED OFFICIALS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

Jim Ballow discussed the Elected Officials Emergency Management Summit to be held at a yet to be determined date (Mid October). Discussed whether or not to combine Regions and Venues of where to have Meetings

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1
Nothing to Report

REGION 2
Nothing to Report

REGION 3
MIAEP Plan Meeting, Low Water Levels, Salt Cavern Issue (Assumption)

REGION 4
Nothing to Report

REGION 5
Full Scale Airport Drill in the fall
Conoco Drill

REGION 6
Nothing to Report

REGION 7
Shreveport Exercise 10/3/12
9/15 White Paper to Tony Robinson (FEMA) Sheltering Initiative

REGION 8
Mississippi River Issue / Lake Providence

REGION 9
GOHSEP Recovery Workshop was very well attended

 END OF REPORT