

## **Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 5:00 PM

Calcasieu Parish – L’Auberge Du Lac Resort

### **ATTENDEES**

Sandy Davis, Dick Gremillion, Kevin Davis, Kevin Breaux, Chris Guilbeaux, Christina Dayries, James Smith, Vernie McNamee, John Rahaim, Lisa Vidrine, Tommy Boyett, Lee John, Kip Franklin, Earl Eues, Joe Stewart, Pam Roussel, Collins Simoneaux, Doug Zettlemoyer, Dawson Primes, Darren Guidry, Harry Foster, Mike Steele, and Casey Tingle.

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### **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting started promptly at 4:35 PM

Sandy Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

John Rahaim made a motion to accept the March 18, 2014 minutes

Earl Eues seconded the motion.

The March 18, 2014 minutes were approved.

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### **GOHSEP UPDATE**

#### **Kevin Davis**

Kevin Davis stated the State’s budget bill, HB 1 was moving through the legislature with a few changes but at this point has not been approved. Additionally, Hurricane Planning scheduled for Regions 1 & 3, 2 & 9, and currently scheduling shelters at 6, 7, & 8.

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### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT UPDATES**

#### **Christina Dayries**

Christina Dayries stated the EMPG application was submitted to FEMA by the deadline, we are now waiting on the Federal award from DHS. Once awarded GOHSEP usually takes about two weeks to issue the sub grantee awards to the parishes. No significant changes in on the grant guidance. The SHSP grant application is due May 23, 2014. The First Responder Subcommittee met and developed four grant investments - protection, prevention, mitigation, and response. The four investments will cover all core capabilities except some identified in the recovery mission area. The Region 1 UASI is required to write their own investments justifications for the \$3 million UASI allocation.

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**Nuclear Detection Program**  
**Chris Guilbeaux**

Chris informed attendees DHS contacted him regarding their Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). DHS provided guidance to provide build capacity inside the state for managed and coordinated response to nuclear threats i.e. “dirty bombs”. The initial team will consist of about 200 wildlife and fisheries personnel, 26 State Police Hazmat technicians and 150 DPS motor carrier division personnel. He stated the State will issue start-up equipment to the team members and establish policy and procedures. Chris stated further updates will follow as the initial process continues with the State.

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**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND WORKSHOP**  
**Casey Tingle**

Casey Tingle stated the Hazard Mitigation Plan funding should be available by the end of this month which enables LSU/SMDI to project an initial timeline for the work they will be assigned for parish plan updates.

Casey advised that FEMA provided a two day Mitigation Planning workshop for parishes as well as SDMI. GOHSEP staff also attended in order to deliver the course in the future.

Casey stated GOHSEP is planning a meeting to provide Parishes feedback on the application process and criteria.

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**OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

Dick discussed two Senate Bills #407 and #537. SB407 is sponsored by Senator Walsworth, the preemption under the Right-to-Know Law. This Bill is a reaction to a series of incidents in Ascension parish; this will involve not notifying local parishes but go directly to the State. SB537 sponsored by Senator Martini provides for electronic notification of hazardous material incidents, which Dick stated is a good thing by enhancing the progress. Dick recommended that Directors look up the bill and he is not making any recommendations but knowledge of the bills would be beneficial to the directors. Mark Harrell stated if you already have an ordinance in the parish, State cannot override local charter law.

Dick commented that Sandy Davis expressed he would like to hold a Regional Director’s Meeting in Caddo. The subcommittee discussed holding a face-to-face meeting in June in Shreveport, subject to any changes. All attendees agreed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Gremillion  
Motion was seconded by Mark Harrell  
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

END OF REPORT