

Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday September 10, 2013 11:00AM

Vermillion Parish 100 North State Street, Abbeville – Conference Room

ATTENDEES

Kevin Davis, John Rahaim, Harry Foster, Rebecca Broussard, Earl Eues, Pam Roussell, Kip Franklin, Christina Dayries, Veronica Flynn, Vernie McNamee, Jenny Reynolds, Mark Harrell, Thomas Thiebaud, Lee John, Darryl Delatte, Carley Vaughan, Robert Jump, Danny LaVergne, Douglas Zettlemayer

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 11:00AM

Earl Eues called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A copy of minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting was handed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robert Jump made a motion to accept the August 13, 2013 minutes

Harry Foster seconded the motion.

The August 2013 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis announced the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Bi-Annual FEMA evaluation exercise was begin held today and included participants from Tensas Parish and activation of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at GOHSEP.

Director Davis briefed everyone on recent staff changes within GOHSEP. He advised that he will have his staff send an updated organizational chart with contact information as soon as all changes are finalized.

FY 2013 GRANT AWARDS

Christina Dayries

Christina Dayries advised the committee that she hosted a conference call regarding the FY 2013 EMPG awards that were sent to all parishes. She took questions from the parishes and asked that any parishes who require further explanation on the grant to contact her directly or the parish's grant specialist.

Christina reminded everyone that the FY 2013 grant project applications are due by January 31, 2014, and if parishes have issues in meeting the deadline to please contact Christina.

Christina announced that GOHSEP received the 2013 SHSP awards on Friday September 6, 2014 and GOHSEP will take one to two weeks to begin issuing the awards.

Christina handed out a copy of the Risk Survey Completion Results outlining the percentages of each Parish that has completed the Risk Survey. Christina reminded the Parishes that if the Risk Survey was not completed by September 30, 2014, the parish would not be awarded FY 2013 funding.

Discussion was held among the Directors regarding allocation of those funds not awarded to the parishes. The Directors recommended reallocating funds within each Region. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting in October.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON GRANTS

Christina Dayries

Elimination of Certain Grant Requirements

Christina contacted the Preparedness Analyst with DHS and they confirmed that the Federal grant guidance and GOHSEP special conditions are required for the Grantee (GOHSEP) and sub grantees (Parish agencies). All exercising, training, planning and reporting required cannot be removed from sub grantee compliance. Other State requirements are based on State law.

Directors asked GOHSEP to ensure all parishes are notified of State exercises so they can participate.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

Meeting on September 17th to go over trial Risk Survey on paper before entering data on website. Other issues are seasonal as football and festivals.

REGION 2

Regional training at GOHSEP next week.

REGION 3

LERN outreach events – October 3rd - 4th all coaches and youth sports awareness of concussions issues. MOU executed for DCFS to utilize the Assumption Parish Community Center for a Medical Special Needs Shelter. EMAP in St. Charles Parish is currently ongoing; and the ribbon cutting for their new Community Center is October 16th, while ribbon cutting for their new EOC is November 14th.

REGION 4

Completing Risk Survey on paper, about 75% complete. Parishes will complete on line soon.

REGION 5

Air Show at the end of the month. The Region 5 Communication Committee is drafting a request for recommendation to the SEIC Committee. The request is

to gain a recommendation for all State Agencies working in Region 5 to have all Region 5 Parishes Interop channels loaded in their radios.

Practicing of communication next week – sending final. Contacting State agencies for more operator channels. There are not enough to utilize for 30-60 days.

REGION 6

Risk Survey on going, all Parishes are involved.

REGION 7

Burn ban in effect and looking for more resources to help. Will perform an exercise in the next couple of weeks. Risk Survey is a work in progress. Completed a Regional meeting this month. Pipeline rupture in rural area for about 24 hours, but was repaired within a week. East Texas had an earthquake, but not felt in the Region. Hosting a Train the Trainer (one badge, one gun) class on October 29th - 31st. State Fair next month.

REGION 8

Burn Bans in effect in most of the Region. C Burn Class 6, 7 8 in Ruston. Ric Moore will give updates. Communication exercise next month.

REGION 9

Directors meeting next week and Ric Moore will attend. Washington Parish held local Shooters classes at Troop L, all went well. September 28th – Blues Festival which was rated #1 in regards to new festivals last year. October 16th Street Fair.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Christina Dayries announced that GOHSEP was conducting a survey among State Universities to determine if they had a need for additional 700MHz radios for their first responders as GOSHEP may have spare radios to transfer to them from the State cache.

Christina Dayries announced that Governor Bobby Jindal declared September as National Preparedness Month and GOHSEP would be issuing a press release and other social media notifications.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Harrell.
Motion was seconded by Tom Thiebaud.
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

END OF REPORT