

Cemetery Response Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2020

Members Present:

Lucy McCann – Louisiana Cemetery Board (LCB)  
Ryan M. Seidemann – Louisiana Department of Justice (LDOJ)  
Henry Yennie – Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)

Others Present:

Christine Halling – Louisiana Department of Justice (LDOJ)  
David Schultz – Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)  
Carol Walker – Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)  
Arbie Goings – Goings Consulting Services (GCS)

Members Absent:

Amy Dawson – Governor’s Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness  
Ginesse Listi – LSU FACES Laboratory  
William “Beau” Clark – EBR Coroner, Louisiana Coroner’s Association Member

**1. Meeting Start time: 10:18 AM**

No quorum present. Because of a lack of quorum, the meeting could proceed, but no votes could be taken and no official actions undertaken. Prior meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and none were found. The minutes will be up for approval at the May 2020 meeting.

**2. Old business:**

Christine Halling (DOJ) provided an update on ongoing GIS efforts to map cemeteries in Louisiana for disaster response purposes.

**3. New business:**

Lucy McCann (LCB) suggested that the Task Force reach out to the Coroner’s Association to gauge their interest in continuing to be a part of the Task Force. The underlying reason for this request is because their past absences have made reaching a quorum difficult.

There was a general discussion among those present regarding the possible trainings proposed at the prior meeting. Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) asked whether this was something that could be done via video. Christine Halling (DOJ) and Lucy McCann (LCB) observed that such video trainings required a level of technical knowledge not possessed by the members of the CRTF. David Schultz (LDH) suggested that even a rudimentary video to let OHSEP directors around the state know that the CRTF exists may be sufficient in the beginning and that we could maybe get assistance from GOHSEP for full trainings later.

Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) and Christine Halling (DOJ) provided a summary of the 2019 tornado response efforts of the CRTF.

Christine Halling (DOJ) discussed the need for meetings and there was general agreement that, outside of emergencies in which the CRTF was activated, only two meetings of the Task Force per year were probably necessary: one just before the start of hurricane season and one right after the end of the season.

**4. Next meeting:**

Ryan Seidemann and Christine Halling will send an email to determine the next meeting dates.

**5. Adjourn**

Because there was no quorum, there was no vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 11:05 AM.