

**Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and
Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee**
State of Louisiana

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Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM
GOHSEP Headquarters
7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

ATTENDEES

John Rahaim, Rick Webre, Earl Eues, Lisa Vidrine, Dick Gremillion, Ellis Boothe, John Stanley, Dawson Primes, Archie Brown, James Waskom, William Rachal, Christina Dayries, Christopher Guilbeaux, Toni Rochelle, Lee John, Pam Roussel, Kevin Breaux, Collins Simoneaux, Doug Zettlemoyer, Darren Guidry, Darryl Delatte, Joe Stewart, Sandy Davis, Mike Steele, Ben Armstrong, Jessica Kayuha.

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 1:00 PM

Earl Eues called the meeting to order, completed roll call and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dawson Primes made a motion to accept the January 12, 2016 minutes and Rick Webre seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The January 12, 2016 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

James Waskom

- FEMA HQ in conjunction with the FCC will be conducting a nationwide test (22 states) of the Emergency Alert System through the IPAWS portal on February 24, 2016 at 1:20pm. Louisiana is one of the 22 states and parishes need to be aware of this national test and let us know if anyone has any issues, concerns or complaints after the test is over.
- GOHSEP has upgraded and rolled out WebEOC version 8.0. The physical update took place on Monday (2/15/16) morning and Melton and staff conducted their first webinar training session Monday afternoon.
- The Shelter Task Force continues to meet to establish additional shelter space which can be used in the point to point fashion with evacuating parishes (beginning to work with Jefferson Parish).
- GOHSEP will meet with Texas officials next week to revisit our State to State sheltering plan. Texas will shelter up to 10,000 of our Critical Transportation Needs (CTN) population.

- Preparedness Section is working through Regional Coordinators to schedule locations and date for School Emergency Management Table Top Exercise (TTX) (to be held April / May time frame). One to be held in each Region.
- Beginning to Schedule Hurricane Coordination Meetings with Parishes and Regions- Region 1 & Region 3 have been scheduled
 - Other Regions should begin choosing dates and locations for their meetings.
- Special Session update; will advise you once we receive further details on the GOHSEP budget. We do anticipate cuts to our State General Fund.

GOHSEP is working on the state to state shelter plan with Texas. They are looking to commit to 10,000 CTNS.

School emergency tabletop exercises will be scheduled (April/May timeframe). Parish hurricane meetings are on-going. Representative Foil is the new chair of the Select Committee on Homeland Security.

2016/2017 Executive Budget Updates

Director Waskom, Will Rachal and Christina Dayries testified before the House Appropriations Committee regarding GOHSEP's FY 2015/2016 and FY 2016/2017 budget. Many legislators (a lot of new representatives) were interested to know where GOHSEP utilizes their funding. The current proposal reflects that GOHSEP will be taking a midyear cut of approximately \$38,000, the final version of the midyear cut must still be approved by the full House and Senate.

For FY 2016/2017 the proposed reduction to GOHSEP's state general fund is a 63% cut. GOHSEP has expressed that FEMA outstanding debts and upgrades to the LWIN system need to be funded.

2016 Special and Regular Legislative Session Updates

Director Waskom

- GOHSEP provided the members with a copy of their internal bill tracker. See *attachment*.

GOHSEP/ LEPA Annual Conference

Christina Dayries

Conference updates: Registration for this event will be online, the conference will be limited to 140 people. Since the conference is being held in conjunction with LEPA there will be a GOHSEP only registration on the GOHSEP website for GOHSEP, parish OHSEP director's and staff.

Homeland Security Grant Updates

Christina Dayries

Christina reminded the members that the 2015 SHSP grant deadline is the end of February 2016 and any funding that is deobligated will be reviewed by the First Responder Subcommittee for their recommendation on reallocation. The funding with DHS will be done with a call on Thursday.

Christina presented President Obama's budget proposal for FY 2017 as it relates to preparedness grants. See *attached DHS budget overview*.

All Hazard Incident Management Team

Darryl Delatte

See attached scan for handouts on training. <http://gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/LA-AHIMT> A new parish director needs to be appointed by the Chairman to the committee due to the Guy Lagaist's departure from Plaquemines Parish. Any previous courses completed in the curriculum will still qualify for training requirements. There are pre-requisites, specifically the ICS 300 and 400 courses then the next course taken should be the 0-305 All Hazards Incident Management Team. These courses are available to all local and state first responders.

Public Service Commission Impact from Major System Outages

Jessica Kayuha

Telecommunication Outage

Specifically spoke about telecommunication outages, anything with voice is regulated, but internet and cable are not. VOIP is a gray area but do regulate with exception of Skype. Any issues during an event can be put into WEBEOC for ESF 2. Ms. Kayuha will gather information she spoke on and send to us.

The following questions were addressed:

1. An update was given on what would happen if there was a outage of communications (landlines, cell, internet, etc.) within the State.
2. Where can the Parish OHSEP go to for communication resources if a major outage occurs?
3. What would the providers do to restore critical services to public response agencies?

Open Discussion

Other discussion included an overview by GOHSEP Chief of Staff, Will Rachal regarding the proposed FEMA deductible concept. He advised GOHSEP will be submitting comments on behalf of the State of Louisiana to both NEMA and the federal registry. He advised that GOHSEP would be conducting a brainstorming session with key state agencies and invited the Chairman Earl Eues to attend on behalf of the Parish OHSEP Directors. More information can be found at the following

link: http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FEMA_FRDOC_0001-4874

Regional Updates (provided by Directors and Regional Coordinators)

Each Region discussed upcoming Training and Current Events.

A motion to adjourn was made by Earl Eues
Motion was seconded by Lisa Vidrine
Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

END OF REPORT