

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

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EARL EUES
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 1:00 PM
GOHSEP Headquarters
7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

ATTENDEES

Patrick Harvey (Designee for John Rahaim), Rick Webre, Earl Eues, Lisa Vidrine, Dick Gremillion, Ellis Boothe, John Stanley, Neal Brown, Dawson Primes, James Waskom, William Rachal, Christina Dayries, Christopher Guilbeaux, Toni Rochelle, Lee John, Pam Roussel, Kevin Breaux, Collins Simoneaux, Doug Zettlemyer, Darren Guidry, Darryl Delatte, Teresa Basco, Jennifer Reynolds, Joe Stewart, Casey Tingle, Sandy Davis, Rick Moore, Ben Armstrong, Gerard Stolar (FEMA Region VI), Donnie Woodyard, and Fabian Blache III.

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 December 8, 2015 minutes and Rick Webre seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The December 8, 2015 minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW DIRECTOR

Earl Eues

Earl introduced new GOHSEP Director James Waskom and welcomed him on behalf of the parish directors.

GOHSEP UPDATE

James Waskom

- Director Waskom gave his Vision / Philosophy for his Administration with GOHSEP
- GOHSEP Staffing Update
 - New Chief of Staff William Rachal will start on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and he will conduct an internal review of GOHSEP staff and operations in addition to other duties.

- River Flooding Updates
 - UCG meeting was held on January 13, 2016 at 8:00 AM
 - Aerial Flight conducted with Governor John Bel Edwards and other staff following the UCG meeting
 - Federal Declaration Request, under FEMA review, the State may need to revise the letter pending initial review by FEMA.

DHS Relative Risk Score Update

Christina Dayries

Christina provided an update regarding Louisiana's draft relative risk score rating received from DHS. Louisiana dropped by one point from a 20 to a 21 and the New Orleans Urban Area increased by one point from a 37 to a 36. GOHSEP will prepare a response to draft score on behalf of Louisiana and the New Orleans Urban Area.

Bureau of EMS, Ambulance Ops Plan Update

Donnie Woodard

Donnie gave an overview of the EMS Plan and EMS DRC position. These positions are currently held by private ambulance or non-government employees. BEMS and GOHSEP are now requiring parishes to request ambulance or EMS type support through WebEOC for each parish's requirements. Parishes can assign their current EMS DRC to act on their behalf, but the request still originates from the parish.

Hazard Mitigation Parish Plan Update

Casey Tingle

Casey provided an update on the status of parish hazard mitigation plans and stated that everyone is on target to meet their deadlines.

Subcommittee Nominations

Earl Eues

Dick Gremillion made a motion to nominate Earl Eues as Chairman and Lisa Vidrine as Co-Chairman. Dawson Primes seconded the motion. The nominations were closed without opposition. Earl and Lisa were chosen as Chairman and Co-Chairman.

Open Discussion

Christina gave a briefing on the FEMA Region VI Monitoring Visit which is scheduled for February 29th through March 4th. FEMA will be reviewing open grant programs for the following: Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Non-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grants, Emergency Management Performance Grants and the Homeland Security Grant Programs.

Christina advised that the State signed a contract with Motorola to guarantee pricing for the LWIN system software and hardware upgrade. The contract is contingent on appropriation of funding.

Regional Updates (provided by Directors and Regional Coordinators)

Region 1:

- Mardi Gras Preparedness the Region is currently working together to be prepared for upcoming events
- New Director changes within the Region
- The Region will be hosting a Full Scale exercise on March 23rd

Region 2:

- November, completed the Full Scale Active Shooter Mask Family Reunification Drill
- Disaster PIO Course at Lamar Dixon
- River Bend Director's Meeting
- Tabletop meeting scheduled for February

Region 3:

- All Parishes are coordinating with Levee Districts concerning River Flooding
- Parishes are working on renewing the MOU point to point with hosting Parishes
- Preparing First Responders Group for upcoming Parades
- Jan. 27th St. Charles Parish Meeting – Director Waskom will attend
- Assumption sinkhole no longer growing
- St. Charles OEP Director will be changing

Region 4:

- River Event Update
- Upcoming Training with elected officials
- Lee John gave training updates
- January 25th Training Course
- Acadia Parish Newly Elected Officials- need new manuals
- Pet Plans and PEMAC due by the end of March

Region 5:

- No New Directors
- March Active Shooter Meeting
- Met with DOTD- 25% Capacity will be lost and I-10 down to two lanes for 2 years

Region 6:

- New Parish Elected Officials
- DHH will be having a full scale exercise on February 16th and 17th

Region 7:

- Minden Tabletop on 01/13/2016, which will lead to a full scale exercise for Active Shooters
- Sabine River came through and flooded Desoto, there was no damage to any homes reported but they did have some cut off access. There was Local Park and a frontage road affected in the city of Logan Point.
- They're working on an Active Shooter Exercise

Region 8:

- Training classes on Feb 10th
- Newly Elected Officials
- Spot classes on Feb. 24th ·Ouachita EOC

Region 9:

- Robbie Miller , New Parish President , Tangipahoa Parish
- Randy Smith, Sheriff, St. Tammany Parish
- MGT 319 Class at the Red Cross Center in Madisonville on Jan. 27th & 28th
- MGT 324 School Emergency Response on Feb. 22nd & 23rd (Tangipahoa Principles) Laser Course to follow in May. Would also like to have a full scale exercise in November.
- Region 9 Learn Meeting on Feb. 2nd
- DHH OPH Risk Communication Course on Feb. 18th
- Disaster Management at EOC in Covington on Feb 23rd

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

END OF REPORT