

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

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CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM
GOHSEP Over Watch
7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

ATTENDEES

Patrick Harvey, Lee John, Neal Brown, Pam Roussel, James Waskom, Casey Tingle, Chris Guilbeaux, Christina Dayries, Rubby Douglas, Collins Simoneaux, Daren Guidry, Tracy Hilburn, Kenneth Moore, Joe Ganote, Veronica Sizer, and Sean Wyatt.

WELCOME

Joe Ganote called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He completed roll call and a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patrick Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes and Kenneth Moore seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The September 2019 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATES

Director Waskom

The director gave a briefing on recent GOHSEP new hires:

- Travis Johnson is the new Interoperability Program Manager
- Trevis Thompson is the new Homeland Security Officer and will focus on school safety
- GOHSEP will be hiring a new Asst. Deputy Director for Homeland Security and Interoperability soon
- Christina Dayries gave an update on the FY 20/21 GOHSEP budget submission
- Cyber Infrastructure meeting in Lafayette

Citizen Corp Program

Rubby Douglas

- Rubby Douglas shared updates for Vicki Travis about Citizen Corps Program (CCP). CCP is revitalizing its council to move forward strategies to invest opportunities for local communities. CERT training by Volunteer LA and the Lt. Governor's Office along with an online training programs will provide a catalyst to get volunteers trained. This will increase capacity and support response and recovery efforts at the local levels. The future vision of the council would be to have deployable teams to respond at the local level. OHSEP Directors have been requested to consider this viable resource as well as providing recommendations to serve on the Council. All recommendations should be sent to Vicki Travis.

Declaration Updates

Casey Tingle

- Hurricane Barry:
FEMA approved the initial major disaster declaration request and the 1st amendment adding parishes not included in the initial. The final add-on request still pending.
- River Flooding:
FEMA approved the initial major disaster request for river flooding. Amendment to move St. Mary Parish from the Emergency Declaration to the Major Declaration along with adding the permanent work is still pending. Discussions ongoing to resolve disagreement with FEMA on the incident period.

Non-Disaster Application

Sean Wyatt

Briefed the group on the general program information from the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) released in August 2019 for FEMA's non-disaster hazard mitigation grant programs, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM).

- \$250M made available for PDM – competitive grant program with a 25% cost share to implement local mitigation initiatives. GOHSEP, acting as the Applicant for the State of LA, receives subapplications to submit that are consistent with FEMA priorities making LA projects as competitive as possible. GOHSEP is limited to the number of subapplications it can submit under this grant program.
- \$160M made available for FMA – competitive grant program aimed to reduce or eliminate risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insurable under the NFIP. The local cost share may be reduced in this program dependent on how a structure is classified. Projects mitigating Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) have no cost share and Repetitive Loss (RL) have a 10% cost share. Other projects are subject to a 25% cost share.
- The FEMA Fact Sheets provide a good overview of each grant program, priorities, and funding limits. The NOFOs provide detailed application and grant requirements. GOHSEP will distribute these to this group via e-mail.
- GOHSEP will conduct conference calls in the coming days/weeks on a statewide basis to provide information to interested subapplicants and answer any questions.
- The application period opened 9/30/19 and will close at the end of January. GOHSEP will have a deadline in December to allow us sufficient time to review applications and work through the request for information process.

Open Discussion

- Regional Director's Updates
- Next Meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the OverWatch

The motion to adjourn was made by Neal Brown, seconded by Patrick Harvey. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM