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Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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Dear Governor Jindal:

In accordance with L.R.S. 29:739, I am pleased to submit this report on the 2015 activities of the Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee (IMAS). The Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) establishes a system of mutual aid between parishes for the response to, and recovery from, emergencies that exceed a single parish's resources.

The IMAC, fortunately, was not utilized to mobilize resources during 2015, but remains a valuable tool to emergency managers and responders throughout the state. It stands ready to provide critical assistance to local political subdivisions whose own resources may be inadequate to provide effective response or overwhelmed by large scale disasters.

A new component is currently in the development stage; several locations around the state are developing Incident Management Teams (IMT). These IMT's consist of highly trained and experienced members who can assist with Command and General Staff functions within the Incident Command System (ICS). These types of teams are heavily utilized in the aftermath of disasters throughout the nation and during prior incidents have been requested from other states because no such capability existed within Louisiana. When completed, these teams will be mobilized utilizing the IMAC.

Continued training is recommended in the coming year; I have urged GOHSEP to continue to offer training on IMAC related topics to the response community throughout the state. The IMAS has also requested that GOHSEP inject IMAC specific scenarios into future disaster exercises for increased recognition, familiarity, and comfort with the process.

It is imperative that Louisiana embrace a collaborative approach to emergency management that provides long term sustainability; IMAC represents just such a collaborative effort. No single city or parish can maintain every resource that may be required in response to an incident; by effective planning and collaboration between parishes, we will be better prepared to meet future challenges. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Boudreaux".

Chief Richard Boudreaux, Chairman
Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee