

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



Dawson Primes
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM
Louisiana Emergency Management Conference
Cypress Room, L'Auberge Casino
Lake Charles, LA

ATTENDEES

Neal Brown, Todd Smith, Lee John, Ashley Beetz, Teresa Basco, John Rahaim, Dawson Primes, Earl Eues, Kenneth Moore, Todd Derrick, Clay Rives, Dick Gremillion, Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Veronica Sizer, Toni Rochelle, Neal Fudge, Wayne Tedesco, Lynne Browning, Sean Wyatt, Meg DeJean, Melton Gaspard, Mike Steele, Ian Snellgrove, Darren Guidry and Denda Ball

Call to Order /Welcome

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Dawson Primes completed the roll call and a quorum was established. Dawson welcomed the group.

| Regions | Directors | Present | Absent |
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| Region One | Patrick Harvey | P | |
| Region Two | Clay Rives | P | |
| Region Three | Earl Eues | P | |
| Region Four | Liz Hill | | A |
| Region Five | Dick Gremillion | P | |
| Region Six | Kenneth Moore | P | |
| Region Seven | Robert Jump | | A |
| Region Eight | Neal Brown | P | |
| Region Nine | Dawson Primes | P | |

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| GOHSEP Director | Casey Tingle | P | |
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Corrections to the minutes

Deano Moran served as Proxy for Region Two

John Rahaim served as Proxy for Region One

There were no oppositions. December 2022 minutes approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from December 2022

Motion by: Earl Eues

Seconded by: Kenneth Moore

January Meeting

John Rahaim served as Proxy for Region One

Todd Derrick served as Proxy for Region Seven

GOHSEP UPDATES\ REPORTS

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- Swap for EPMG and Budget for GOHSEP, if the Budget passes in the Session, with the State appropriation GOHSEP salaries will move from EMPG to State General Funds. This will free up three million of 2022 EMPG dollars. Funding will be available on July 1st 2023 EMPG this will increase the amounts to the parishes
- NOFO Announcement from DHS should come out mid to late February. GOHSEP will start the clock on developing the EMPG application, SHSP, UASI, Stonegarden and nonprofit will come out at that time.
- The 2023 Application process GOHSEP will only retain one million dollars out of the allocation. This will increase the annual allocation for the parishes up to three million dollars
- The Asst. Deputy Director, Emergency Management position will post in February. Chris Guilbeaux vacated position.

Casey Tingle, Director

- Brief the group on the match for Public Assistance for Laura, Delta and Ida. within the CDBG Funding that the Office of Community Development has budgeted cost share for Cat. A&B. the Emergency work for those storms
- Permanent Work Cost State Fund to pay portion of 10% and will compare to funding done in 2016.

Public Assistance Updates

Lynne Browning, ADDGA

- In October, we did blanket permanent work time extension for Ida and Laura to help reduce some of the administrative load. All permanent work projects has been approved through February of 2024.
- Pursued alternate procedures 428 deadline extension for Laura, deadline coming up February 2023 we will have to revisit this project. We are looking to extend deadlines for Laura and Ida as well.
- Public assistance increasing staffing to keep up with reimbursements and other administrative tasks.

Hazard Mitigation Updates

Sean Wyatt, Asst. Deputy Director Hazard Mitigation

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) application periods close with FEMA at the end of January, December 19th was the deadline to submit to GOHSEP, received 76 total sub-applications, 25 under BRIC and 51 for FMA at \$800 million
- DR 1603 Hurricane Katrina HM grant period has been extended to April 2025.
- DR 1792 Hurricane Ike is looking to close at the end of the year.
- DR 4611 Hurricane Ida applications due to FEMA 2/23; active extension request under review with FEMA- asked for extension to 11/21/2023.

Grants and Administration Updates

Wayne Tedesco, Asst. Deputy Director Grants and Administration

- Some parishes decided not to use allocation for Starlink because they did not have it in their budget to accommodate recurring costs.
- Received approval on the Cybersecurity grant December 29th
- Offered grant portal assistance at the conference

Starlink and SLCGP

Neal Fudge, Asst. Deputy Director Homeland Security and Interoperability

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

- With the SLCG, we are going to build a plan; establish a threat analysis center and conduct assessments. Next thing to anticipate is to fill out a consent form.
 - The consent form is to say "I'm consenting to you using this funding on my behalf"
 - If you want the software installed and assessments completed for your entity, you will have to complete an MOU with the state.
- Starlink was meant to provide redundancy during an event; the device can be paused when not in use. If used for emergencies, can be reimbursed through PA.
 - Monthly reminders (emails) will be sent to recipients to make sure they pause the account.
 - There is an option to turn off instead of pausing; will take longer to turn back on if turned off.
 - GOHSEP will have 100 Starlinks on hand for those who need them.
 - Starlinks are not on state contract yet; Looking at 3-4 months for Starlink to make decision between state contract or national contract.
- School Safety-Neal would like to have Regional School Safety Meetings with Superintendents to discuss planning, funding, etc.

Preparedness Updates

Rubby Douglas, Section Chief, Preparedness

- April 21st State Full Scale Exercise; Casey would like to see this be a legitimate STATE WIDE exercise.
- Awarded National Exercise Program Technical Assistance Grant, use to conduct recovery tabletop exercise. Would like Regional Directors to provide focus areas for training.
- Winter Weather Event and Severe Weather Events AARs/Improvement Plans- Really want to make sure improvement plan items are taken to the next level.
- Visit training and exercise website to see all available opportunities.
- Recommend elected officials attend Evacuation training being offered (1 in New Orleans, 1 in BR, 1 in Lake Charles, 1 in Monroe)

Regional OHSEP Directors Updates

- Updates were given by the Regional Directors

Open Discussion

- Next Meeting will be on February 14, 2023

Adjournment

Motion by: Dawson Primes
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM