

First Responders Subcommittee

State of Louisiana

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Honorable John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
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Dear Governor Edwards:

On behalf of the First Responder Subcommittee on Homeland Security and Emergency Management, it is my pleasure to provide this semi-annual report on activities for the second half of calendar year 2016. The subcommittee met as a regular meeting of the First Responders Subcommittee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, in the GOHSEP Executive Overwatch room in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first responder member representation was as outlined by statute.

The First Responder Subcommittee plans and advises on issues identified by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Unified Command Group (UCG) regarding First Responders in their efforts in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from all emergencies and disasters. The subcommittee serves to coordinate a variety of individuals and agencies representing various parts of the First Responder community in order to discuss developments in their areas and review projects that cut across organizational boundaries.

During this reporting period, the sub-committee discussed emergency preparation and current threat issues and topics in detail including:

- Incidents of Islamic Jihadists and radicalized individuals.
- 2017 critical infrastructure list from DHS affecting the DHS relative risk assessment and the possible changes for 2017.
- Educate and train on how the threat level is determined.
- Planning for a civil unrest table top exercise for municipalities due to:
 - Civil war memorial statue removal protests.
 - Increase in minimum wage pay rallies. In particular, those associated with the fast food industry.
 - The New Black Panther Party establishing a chapter in Baton Rouge.

Future Planning:

- Potential protests for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration and other issues causing protests.
- Expand training of response agencies to sustain efforts in case of protests in multiple cities.

No changes to the First Responder Subcommittee by-laws were made during this period.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.
Chairman
First Responder Subcommittee