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Honorable Bobby Jindal
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Dear Governor Jindal:

On behalf of the First Responder Subcommittee on Homeland Security and Emergency Management, it is my pleasure to provide this semi-annual report on accomplishments for the first half of calendar year 2015. The subcommittee met as a regular meeting of the First Responders' Subcommittee at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 23, 2015, in the GOHSEP Overwatch 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. Additionally, this subcommittee is committed to coordinating with boundary states by securing memorandums of understanding (MOU) between first responders during emergencies and disasters. The committee 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 cross-organizational boundaries.

During this reporting period, the sub-committee discussed emergency preparation for all member organizations as well as the following topics:

GOHSEP – Current issues, plans and programs.

- Update to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to include a recap of DHS grant evolution to explain the structure of the grants. Meeting scheduled with the subcommittee-working group to provide guidance on grant investments and allocations.

- Provided members information on a US Department of Education grant administered by GOHSEP for a School Emergency Management Program.
- A Presentation on the Louisiana Public Safety Broadband/FirstNet program related to the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 that created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).
- Presentation on a Defense Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) team regarding their plans for a new preventive radiological program. The program will provide law enforcement entities such as LSP Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU), Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LWLF), Region 2s' JTF-7, and others with the capability to detect higher than normal radiation readings at a location. This capability would support probable cause to investigate possible sources.
- Presentation on an All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Advisory Committee in support of GOHSEP's plan to establish an AHIMT Program in the state of Louisiana. An AHIMT Advisory Committee, under the First Responder Subcommittee, comprised of representatives from key first responder agencies, was established to provide guidance and direction to GOHSEP on the development and implementation of this program. This program allows for the credentialing of AHIMT members, and ultimately the creation of All Hazards Incident Management Teams in the state. In support of this effort, GOHSEP designated an AHIMT program manager from GOHSEP to work with the advisory committee for purposes of coordination, development, and implementation of the program.

LA-SAFE - Briefing on the current threat:

- The widespread threats and growth in the number of citizens being recruited from the groups ISIS and Al-Shabab.
- The ever-increasing cyber threat.
- Heroin use in the state has seen significant increases. Intelligence now shows that Mexican drug cartels are operating across Louisiana.

GOHSEP/LA-SAFE - Update on the 2015 Louisiana CIKR Prioritized List from DHS:

- The CIKR list improvements.
- The list's impact on the 2015 state risk profiles, as well as the metropolitan statistical analysis of the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) cities, and how it affects possible grant amounts.
- GOHSEPs sponsorship of the Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (LA-CBRNE) Working Group workshops was improved to include more hands on experience with mock clandestine labs as well as more realistic explosive effects.

LSP – Current issues:

- The importance of cyber security and emerging threat of “homegrown” terrorists, to include the group “Sovereign Citizens”
- The LSP program that sends Louisiana state troopers to Texas to learn border interdiction techniques.

No changes to the First Responder Subcommittee by-laws made during this period. An annual review of by-laws is scheduled to take place at the next meeting

Sincerely,


Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.
Chairman