January 12, 2015

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 2014 activities of the Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee (IMAS). The IMAS is comprised of stakeholders identified in the legislation that created the IMAC. IMAC establishes a system of mutual aid between parishes for the prevention of, response to, and recovery from, emergencies that exceed a single parish's resources.

The annual workshop for the directors of parish offices of homeland security and emergency preparedness, held in February, provided the platform to further educate and discuss the IMAC with those who are primarily tasked with the movement of local resources by the plan.

Continued training is recommended in the coming year. I will urge the parish directors to train their local agencies on the process and to assemble mission ready packages within each of the nine GOHSEP regions. This action will facilitate quicker response by familiarizing these local officials with the plan and process and providing pre-calculated cost estimates for deployments. It is also advisable to inject IMAC specific scenarios into future disaster exercises for increased recognition, familiarity, and comfort with the process.

No single city or parish can maintain every single resource that may be required in response to an incident, however, by effective planning and collaboration between parishes within a GOHSEP region, the limited grant money available can be utilized for maximum benefit.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Chief Richard Boudreaux, Chairman
Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee