State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 19

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIED COMMAND GROUP AND SUBCOMMITTEES

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:725.6 establishes the state Unified Command Group (UCG) as the strategic decision making body for emergencies in the state and provides that the membership shall be established by executive order;

WHEREAS, the statute further requires that three (3) permanent subcommittees shall be established, namely:

1. An Interoperability Subcommittee;
2. A First Responders Subcommittee; and
3. A Regional Parish OEP Parish Directors Subcommittee;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:739(D) establishes an Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is appropriate to serve as the Deputy Incident Commander.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Unified Command Group (UCG) is hereby established by this Executive Order and shall be composed of seventeen (17) members:

A. The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or the director's designee, who shall serve as the Chair/Deputy Incident Commander;
B. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary's designee;
C. The superintendent of State Police, or the superintendent's designee;
D. The adjutant general, or the general's designee;
E. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or the commissioner's designee;
F. The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or the secretary's designee;
G. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or the secretary's designee;
H. The commissioner of the Division of Administration, or the commissioner's designee;
I. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;

J. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or the secretary's designee;
K. The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, or the secretary's designee;
L. The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, or the secretary's designee;
M. The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
N. The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or the secretary's designee;
O. The executive secretary of the Public Service Commission, or the secretary's designee;
P. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee; and
Q. The chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or the chairman's designee.

SECTION 2: There shall be three (3) permanent subcommittees of the UCG, whose membership is set forth by La. R.S. 29:725.6, namely:
1. The Interoperability Subcommittee;
2. The First Responders Subcommittee; and
3. The Regional Parish OEP Parish Directors Subcommittee.

SECTION 3: There shall be an Intrastate Mutual Aid Subcommittee, whose membership is set forth by La. R.S. 29:739.

SECTION 4: Additionally, UCG may establish such other subcommittees as it deems advisable and feasible under the authority granted in La. R.S. 29:725.6.

SECTION 5: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the UCG in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of June, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE