

**Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and
Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee**
State of Louisiana

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Honorable John Bel Edwards
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Dear Governor Edwards:

In accordance with L.R.S. 29:725.6, and on behalf of the Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) Directors' Subcommittee (Regional Directors' Subcommittee), it is my pleasure to provide this report.

The Regional Directors' Subcommittee held monthly meetings during the time period covering July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and discussed a myriad of homeland security and emergency management activities as listed below.

GOHSEP Updates:

- GOHSEP conducted educational / outreach programs for Public Assistance (PA) in July 2016 and FirstNet/LWIN training in September/October 2016.
- The Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) system upgrade began by replacing consoles and workstations in local and state agency dispatch center.
- Louisiana Department of Health presented methods for the prevention of contracting the Zika virus.
- Louisiana Department of Health presented the latest efforts regarding Louisiana mosquito control / abatement efforts.
- An orientation for the newly appointed parish OHSEP Directors was held providing a briefing on all aspects of preparedness, prevention, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- Parish OHSEP Directors were encouraged to schedule Elected Officials briefings from GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom to provide education on roles and responsibilities as it relates to emergency management.

DHS Grant Updates:

GOHSEP received and issued subgrants for the FY 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) that includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). The performance period began on September 1, 2016 and is a 36 month period of performance. The SHSP award amounts for the 64 parishes remained the same as FY 2015 grants, and seven parishes received an OPSG award.

Unified Shelter Plan:

After a comprehensive update by GOHSEP to the Louisiana Unified Shelter Plan with input received from State and parish agencies, the updated Draft plan has been forwarded to the parishes for their final review. GOHSEP has scheduled a mass care seminar to exercise to test the plan in January 2017.

Emergency Events:

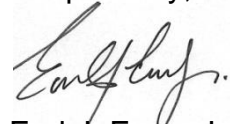
- 10 WebEOC missions were created for various events including:
 - EBR Shooting 5 July
 - Severe Weather 17 July
 - Collapsed Building Orleans 4 August
 - Severe Weather 10-14 August
 - Tropical Depression August
 - Explosion Camp Minden September
 - Severe Weather 28-30 November
 - Dow Chemical Plant Release 2 December
 - Diesel Spill MS River 3 December
 - Severe Weather 4-8 December

Annual Statewide Exercise:

State and local agencies began the initial planning phase for the annual statewide exercise is scheduled for April 27-28, 2017. This event will allow agencies with key disaster responsibilities to exercise their capabilities as well as refine their interagency coordination skills.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully,



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Chairman, Regional Directors' Subcommittee