July 1, 2012

Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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Dear Governor Jindal:

In accordance with L.R.S. 29:725.6, and on behalf of the Regional Directors, I am pleased to submit this report on the activities of the Regional Parish OEP Parish Directors Subcommittee (Regional Directors Subcommittee). The Regional Directors Subcommittee scheduled monthly meetings during this time period cover January through June 2012. A brief description of topics covered follows:

Parish Director’s Annual Meeting:
- The second Annual Parish OHSEP Directors’ Conference was successfully conducted between 17-20 January at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans. The OEP directors discussed best practices, ideas and initiatives used in their parishes to be successful managing emergencies.

Grant Updates:
- The GOHSEP Homeland Security Section discussed new forms pertaining to PEMAC.
- Grant conference calls with parishes to be held at least once a month to address any concerns or questions.
- The border states grant known as “Operation Stone Garden” was discussed. Louisiana has not been successful in securing these grant funds.
- FEMA conducted site visits pertaining to grants between January and May of this year.
- Parishes were advised of the importance of sending in their applications 30-60 days before the close out of a grant.

Homeland Security Strategy Update:
- The goal of the Counter Terrorism Branch is to support the state’s strategy, and do so in a tactical manner.
• The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiative, the "See Something Say Something" campaign continues to be discussed, along with the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Suspicious Activity Report (SAR). This is a National SAR Initiative which establishes a unified approach at all levels of government to gather, document, process, analyze, and share information about terrorism-related suspicious activities.

• Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) A Promulgated Rule for IMAC was published in the State Register on the 20th of April and became effective immediately. This was the Final notice that made the rule effective. As no opposing comments, public or otherwise, were received after the publishing of the official notice, it became effective in April.

• State/Federal Tribal affairs: Director Davis received briefings/updates from Parish Directors that have State or Federal tribes within their jurisdictions. Directors discussed the various plans and coordination they have with the tribes for emergency events.

• Parish to Parish Incident Management Teams: These teams are comprised of Parish emergency management personnel that work to assist fellow emergency managers when their parish staff is overwhelmed by an event. Preliminary use of these teams, as well as the enthusiasm for them, is promising. The process of formalizing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for these teams is ongoing.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts!

Respectfully,

Sandy Davis, Chairman
Regional Directors Subcommittee