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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 Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) Parish Directors Subcommittee (Regional Directors Subcommittee). The Regional Directors Subcommittee scheduled monthly meetings during this time period, which covers July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. A brief description of topics covered follows:

Parish Director's Annual Meeting:

- The 2013 Annual OHSEP Directors' Conference was discussed. The conference dates were published as February 19-21, 2013 and the event will take place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The OHSEP directors will be discussing best practices, new ideas, and initiatives to better manage parish-level emergencies. Legislative and budgetary issues will be highlighted as well.

Grant Updates:

- GOHSEP staff announced that the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) award letters were sent out on August 13, 2012.
- Changes to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) project period for the EMPG grant was discussed and OHSEP Directors were advised that if they had issues, to contact the grant staff.

Homeland Security Strategy Update:

- The Special Events Program (SEP), led by DHS, was discussed. This program oversees the interagency Federal initiative to collect and analyze data from events that occur in various parts of the country. This data is collected in a single database to enhance Federal, State, and Local situational awareness.

- The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) survey was discussed. This survey is done at the local and regional levels to assist in facilitation of the FEMA requirement for a state-level THIRA.
- The Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives (LACBRNE) Working group was discussed. This group is a partnership between State and local officials designed to assist State and local governments with response plans and practices

Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC):

- The Subcommittee was briefed on the newly created IMAC Subcommittee.

Elected Officials' Emergency Management Workshop:

- Director Davis discussed a new initiative he developed for elected officials. He has directed staff to put together user manuals for elected officials to better advise them of their emergency management responsibilities, as well as available assistance, during an emergency and he will host several workshops in the spring of 2013 to deliver manuals and training.
- **State/Federal Tribal affairs:** Additionally, Director Davis implemented a program, similar to the before-mentioned Elected Officials' Workshop, for the benefit of Federal and State recognized Indian Tribes educating them on various emergency management programs and the mechanism to request emergency management assistance.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully,



Sandy Davis