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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 OEP Parish Directors Subcommittee (Regional Directors Subcommittee). The Regional Directors’ Subcommittee scheduled monthly meetings during this time period covered July 1st, 2013 through December 31st, 2013. A brief description of topics covered follows:

**Integrated Public Alert & Warnings System (IPAWS):**

* IPAWS is a system that enables parish officials to send alerts to the other officials or the public via various handheld devices. Cell towers can be specifically chosen to narrow or expand the message distribution. GOHSEP has purchased the software that allows parishes to utilize the IPAWS system. A number of parishes have completed the required application and can begin using the system to alert to such occurrences as HAZMAT events, etc. at no charge.

**Grant Updates:**

* Christina Dayries confirmed that the requirements included in the various Homeland Security Grants Special Conditions and Federal Terms and Conditions are required by DHS for the grantee (GOHSEP) and the sub grantee (parish agencies), to include exercises, training, planning, and reporting. These requirements will not be removed.
* Regional Directors were given documents detailing grant deadlines, extensions, and deobligation regulations and procedures for FY 2013.

**Training & Exercises:**

**Active Shooter Training:**

* In ongoing preparation against incidents of shootings in schools and places of business, Regions 4 & 7 have conducted a number of Active Shooter training events. These events were carried out successfully and were well attended.

**Training & Exercise Planning Workshop:**

* A workshop was conducted at GOHSEP for all parish OHSEPs to discuss both required and requested training and exercises for the next two years.

**The Sandy Act:**

**Debris Management:**

* Information was disbursed to parish officials concerning the updated debris management requirements as a result of the Super Storm Sandy legislation. The parish officials were advised of the importance of having an updated and compliant debris plan on record.

**Obtain & Maintain Insurance Requirements:**

* Regional Directors were briefed on the importance of obtaining and maintaining insurance on all facilities that have received FEMA funding. Emphasis was placed on the fact that failure to do so could result in a de obligation of an existing grant and loss of potential future funding.

**Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosives (CBRNE) Workshops:**

* CBRNE workshops were conducted in Regions 7 & 9.

**Portable radios to Universities:**

* GOHSEP transferred 140 radios to 10 Louisiana universities for use by their First Responders.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts!

Respectfully,

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