

LSU Center For River Studies Visit

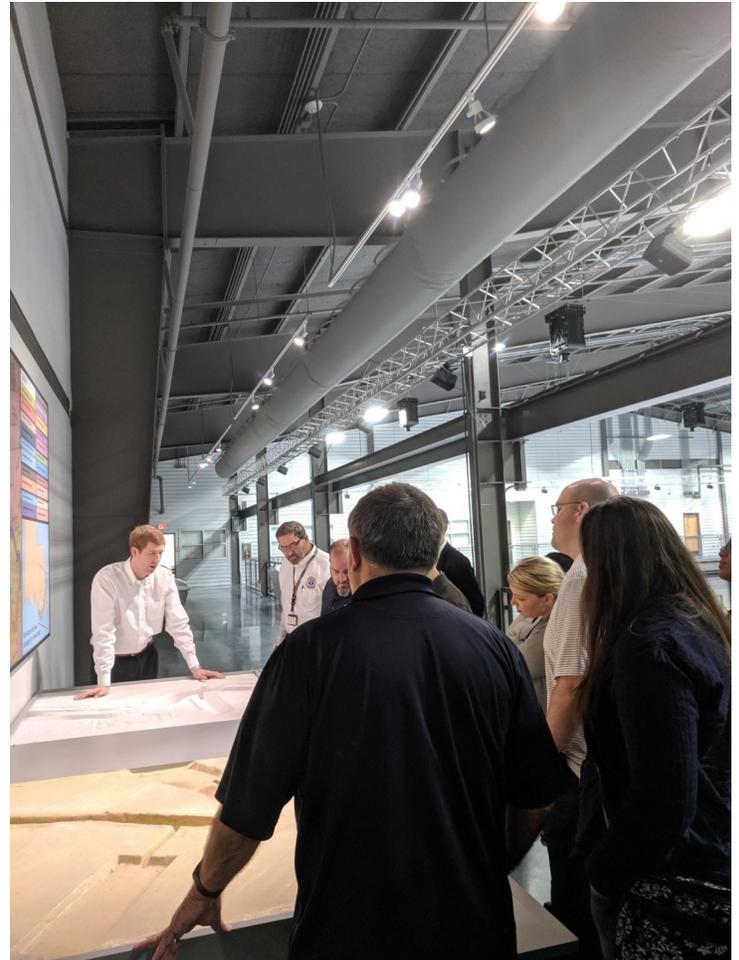
In November GOHSEP's Emergency Management Division toured the LSU Center for River Studies and conducted a strategic planning session on outlining priorities to enhance state and local capabilities.

LSU Center for River Studies is located on the Baton Rouge Water Campus near the banks of the Mississippi River. It houses one of the world's largest movable bed physical models - the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model.

The river model is 10,000 square feet and based on the topography and bathymetry of the Mississippi River Delta covering southeast Louisiana. Pumps are used to control the water and sediment injection. More than 18 acoustic sensors coincide with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers river gages on the Mississippi River and measure water levels in the model river. Twenty high-definition projectors illuminate the model and bring the river and coast to life.

The model is able to replicate the flow, water levels and sediment (sand) transport of the river, where one year of the Mississippi River is simulated in one hour. Scientists, engineers and students can see, experience and conduct research using this state-of-the-art model.

www.lsu.edu/river/



From The Director



Happy Holidays!

I would like to congratulate Governor John Bel Edwards on his runoff victory carrying him to second term in office. GOHSEP will continue operating with the high standards the governor and his administration expect in our work to assist the people of Louisiana with preparing for, responding to and recovering from an emergency. Chief of Staff Mark Cooper indicated that Governor Edwards' election night win is a reflection of the hard work the men and women in each agency.

Almost immediately after the election, we faced our latest emergency. Louisiana once again faced a ransomware attack, but this time it targeted state agencies. The state's cybersecurity experts managed to stop the attack very early, but it will take several weeks for things to begin to return to normal. As with any emergency, GOHSEP assisted in the coordination of the response and recovery from this attack. No ransoms were paid as a result of this attack. While some state services and operations have been temporarily impacted, our cybersecurity teams managed to stop the attack from growing by taking down network systems before they were infected. Many thanks to our ESF 17 partners that have worked diligently.

Finally, the holiday season is upon us. I hope each of you has a wonderful time with friends, family and loved ones. I look forward to sharing our Holiday decorating event with our staff and hope each of you enjoy the fellowship.

Thank you for all you do for the people of Louisiana.

- James Waskom

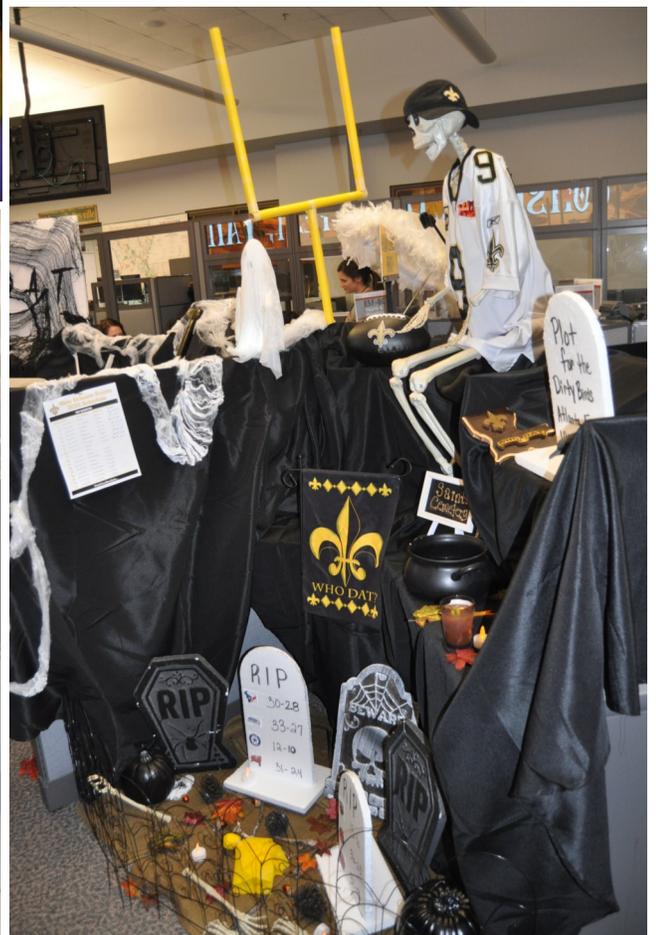
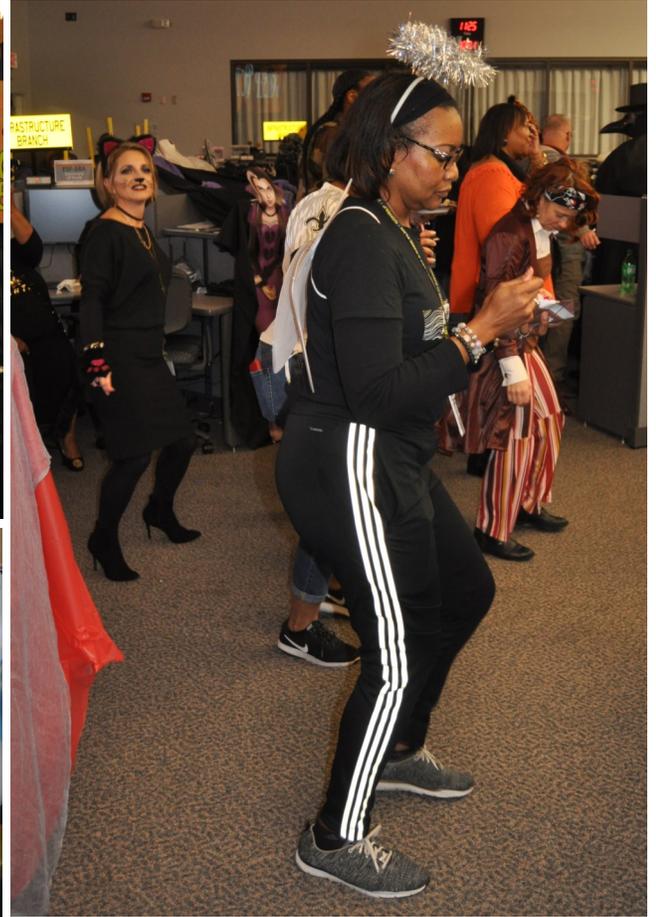
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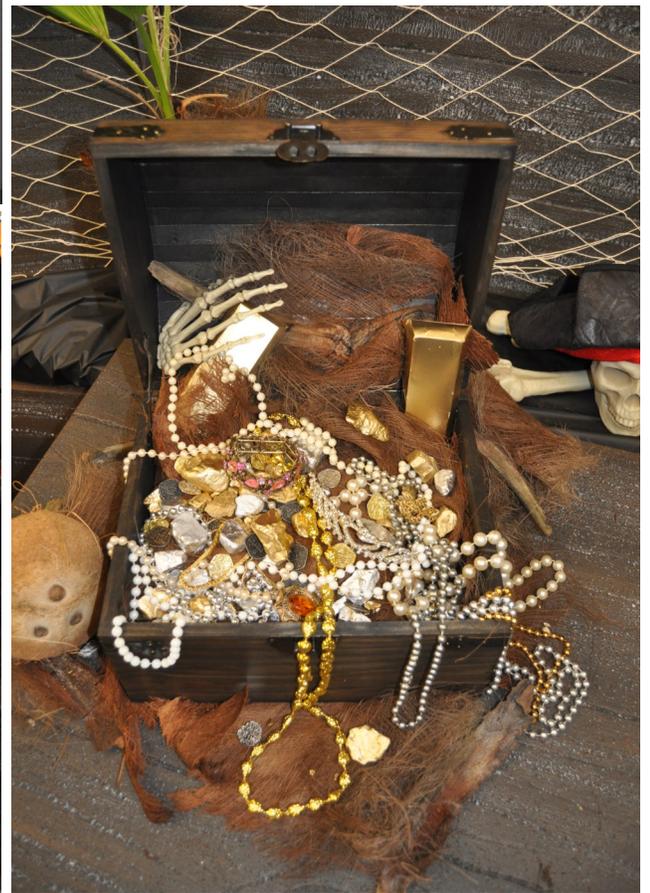
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The Latest GOHSEP Get A Game Plan Podcast is Available



Pat Santos

Another episode of The GOHSEP Get A Game Plan Podcast is now available! GOHSEP is marking a special occasion with our November podcast. This marks our **second anniversary** for this unique resource. Thank you for helping us grow this resource which has reached thousands of people in nearly every state and territory, along with others in roughly 30 countries. **Pat Santos**, the Governor's Recovery Liaison for Governor John Bel Edwards, will join us to talk about recent events in Louisiana, recovery and how the lessons learned can help others in different regions. Plus, an expert from

the National Weather Service will recap the 2019 hurricane season and give us insight on the forecast for the late fall and winter months.

For questions or comments, please contact Mike Steele at mike.steele@la.gov.



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Parish Profile - East Baton Rouge

All-Hazards Recovery Plan Formally Adopted

East Baton Rouge Parish continues ongoing recovery efforts from August 2016 Floods. It was during the subsequent Parish After Action Review that subject matter experts determined there was a need for a Parish-wide Recovery Plan expansion of the current Recovery Annex within the East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

During the 2018 State of the City-Parish Address, Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced her initiative to develop and adopt an All Hazards Community Recovery Plan for East Baton Rouge Parish. The Mayor-President's vision for recovery planning is to follow guidelines set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF). Planning efforts incorporate all four East Baton Rouge Parish Municipalities as well as the unincorporated areas of the Parish.

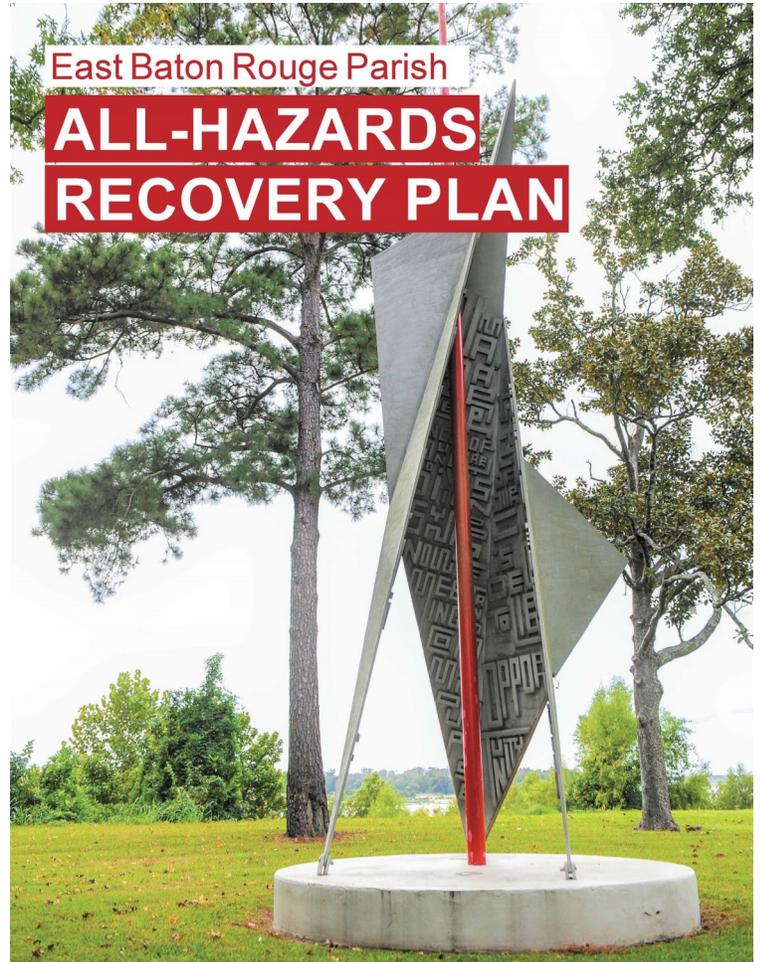
East Baton Rouge Parish's Mayor-President with The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP) hosted the initial "East Baton Rouge Parish All-Hazards Recovery Plan" Kick-Off Meeting at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport on April 4, 2018 with East Baton Rouge Parish Community Stakeholders.

The Mayor's office along with MOHSEP identified community partners for the Recovery Support Functions (RSF) Subcommittees and hosted numerous planning meetings for the All-Hazards Recovery Plan.

As a part of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome's All Hazards Recovery Plan Initiative, MOHSEP hosted a series of public meetings as an opportunity to promote 'Whole Community' efforts to discuss resiliency plans and identify the needs of East Baton Rouge Parish.

The East Baton Rouge Parish All-Hazards Recovery Plan was formally adopted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council on November 13, 2019. This plan was modeled after FEMA's National Disaster Recovery Framework and will be used to ensure the Parish has an efficient, proactive, and comprehensive disaster recovery plan.

To view the East Baton Rouge Parish All-Hazards Recovery Plan visit: www.brla.gov/EBRPRRecovery



Founded:	1812
Largest City:	Baton Rouge
Total Area:	470 square miles
Population (2010):	440,171



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New OHSEP Director Named For Concordia Parish



The Concordia Parish Police Jury recently named Vidalia firefighter Timothy Paul Vanier as director of the Concordia Parish Office of Homeland Security.

Tim Vanier

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GOHSEP Attends MOHSEP's PEMAC Meeting

GOHSEP attended East Baton Rouge MOHSEP's Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) in November. During the meeting, discussion topics included hazard mitigation, water shed initiatives and Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) training for Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA).

The purpose of PEMAC is to offer advice and counsel to the Parish or Police Jury President on homeland security and emergency management issues. It is also intended to ensure that planning between the State, Parish administration, Parish counsel and all municipalities and agencies involved in emergency management is sustained in a consistent manner.

For more information you may contact Rubby Douglas at rubby.douglas2@la.gov.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

For questions or comments about the birthdays, contact: Tiffany Johnson - tiffany.l.johnson@la.gov

Kristal Craig (Hazard Mitigation SALs)	12/01	Melanie Schmidt (Facility Management)	12/19
Heather Sullivan (Preparedness)	12/02	Cheryl Russell (Public Assistance Grants)	12/21
Catesha Williams-Smith (Preparedness)	12/05	Sandra Dugas (Hazard Mitigation Closeout)	12/21
Tia Dawson (Public Assistance Grants)	12/06	Chris Keene (Operations)	12/23
Dana Michelli (Homeland Security Grants)	12/07	Dianne Bennett (Public Assistance Grants)	12/25
Jacquelyn Watts (Legal)	12/07	Khrist Douglas (Homeland Security Grants)	12/25
Meg Owen (Public Assistance Tech Services)	12/09	Allisha Thomas (Hazard Mitigation Grants)	12/26
Kennon Clayton (Public Assistance Closeout)	12/10	Kristen Mauldin (Public Assistance Grants)	12/27
Toni Rochelle (Executive)	12/14	Frederica Toussant (Public Assistance Closeout)	12/28
Camilla Medina (Preparedness)	12/16	Sophia Adams (Recovery Grants Administration)	12/29
Noel Franklin (Public Assistance SALs)	12/18	Kevia Bolds (Recovery Grants Administration)	12/30
Venita Johnson (Public Assistance Grants)	12/18		

UPCOMING EVENTS

To sign up or for more information about the training, visit: gohsep.la.gov/resources/training-events-schedule

TRAINING

Dec 9-11, 2019	PER 229 Intro to Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) - Lake Charles, Louisiana
Jan 14-16, 2020	L0705 - Fundamentals of Grant Management - Metairie, Louisiana
Jan 28-29, 2020	MGT 343 - Disaster Management for Water & Wastewater Utilities - Chalmette, Louisiana
May 7-8, 2020	DMP 480 - Introduction to Disaster Recovery Public Assistance - New Orleans, Louisiana
May 7-8, 2020	DMP 580 - Disaster Recovery for Senior Officials - New Orleans, Louisiana

NEW AGENCY HIRES

Peter Catrambone
State Applicant Liaison (Hazard Mitigation SALs)

Jason Lachney
Asst. Deputy Director of Homeland Security & Interoperability

PROMOTIONS

Dwayne Manogin
Facility Manager (Facility Management)

Chad Laborde
Team Lead (Public Assistance Grants)

UPCOMING STATE HOLIDAYS

Declared Holiday - Dec. 24, 2019 **Christmas** - Dec. 25, 2019

Request For Articles

If you would like to include an article in future issues of *The GOHSEP Focus*, please contact: Your designated Agency Representative or

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Holiday Contest

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

December 19, 2019, 11 am - 1 pm

Independence & LIRO Locations

Teams & Individuals

Decorate Your Work Area

Share Your Favorite Foods & Sweets

Awards For Food & Decorations

Setup Begins December 2nd

Decorations Must Be Completed By December 17th

RSVP Entries Via Email

Erica Thigpen

Toni Rochelle

