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Honorable Bobby Jindal  
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Dear Governor Jindal:

On behalf of the First Responder Subcommittee on Homeland Security and Emergency Management, it is my pleasure to provide this semi-annual report on accomplishments for the first half of calendar year 2014. The subcommittee met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 1, 2014 at the GOHSEP Headquarters building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first responder member representation was as outlined by statute.

The First Responder Subcommittee plans and advises on issues identified by The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Unified Command Group (UCG) regarding First Responders efforts in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from all emergencies and disasters. Additionally, this subcommittee is dedicated to coordinating with boundary states by securing memorandums of understanding (MOU) between first responders during emergencies and disasters. This committee strives to coordinate individuals and agencies representing various parts of the First Responder community in order to discuss issues relevant to their areas and review projects that cross organizational boundaries.

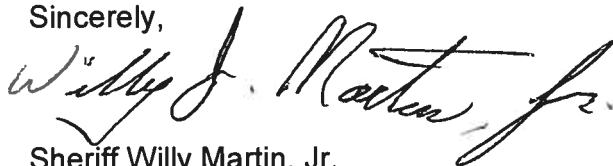
During this reporting period, the sub-committee discussed emergency preparation for all member organizations and other topics in detail including:

- **GOHSEP - A Homeland Security Grant update on FY-14 including a recap of DHS grant involvement to explain the structure and distribution of the grants:**
  - Grant extensions and de-obligations of the Homeland Security Grants.
  - Report on FY2011 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), FY2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) de-obligation amounts were discussed.
  - Verification that funds de-obligated from EMPG will be used for Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) enhancements as recommended by the Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Subcommittee.

- Information was provided and discussed regarding the national allocations of EMPG, SHSP, UASI, Port Security and Operation Stone Garden funds for 2014.
- **LA-SAFE - Briefing on the current threat:**
  - Discussed the growing numbers of radicalized Islamic U.S. citizens travelling or attempting to travel to the Middle East (Syria or Yemen).
  - Discussed the threat of Heroin drug use in the state. A Fusion Center study reveals that Heroin use initially started to increase in the New Orleans area; however, statistics have shown it to be moving west and north across Louisiana.
- **GOHSEP - Update information on Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and ALERT FM:**
  - The IPAWS system was confirmed to be available at no cost to parish and local governments.
  - Procedures to utilize the IPAWS system were discussed.
  - Discussed ALERT FM usage as well as smart phone applications available to citizens free of charge.
- **GOHSEP/LA-SAFE - Update on the 2013 survey for the Louisiana Risk Assessment and results of the 2014 DHS Relative Risk Profile:**
  - Reviewed components of the 2014 DHS Relative Risk rankings and how the DHS profile affects the amount of grant funds the state receives.
  - Discussed GOHSEP sponsorship of the Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (LA-CBRNE) Working Group workshops.
- **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies (ULL/NIMSAT) - Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS):**
  - A PowerPoint briefing of the "Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS)" was offered. It was explained that this system is currently used as an incident management tool by wild land firefighters in California and is available for use at no cost.

No changes to the First Responder Subcommittee by-laws made during this period. An annual review of by-laws is scheduled to take place at the next meeting

Sincerely,



Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.  
Chairman, First Responder Subcommittee