

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee  
State of Louisiana

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JOE GANOTE  
CHAIRMAN

**Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

State Over watch

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Attendees**

Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Neal Brown, Patrick Harvey, Ellis Boothe, Dick Gremillion, Kellie McGaha, Joe Ganote, Lee John, Dawson Primes, Tracy Hilburn., Norman Pineda, Teresa Basco, Darren Guidry, Catesha Williams-Smith, Toni Rochelle, Amy Dawson, Jason Tastet, Veronica Sizer, Steve Burr, and Denda Ball.

**WELCOME**

Joe Ganote called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He completed roll call and a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone.

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**Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022**

**Motion by:** Patrick Harvey

**Seconded by:** Dawson Primes

There were no oppositions. The February 2022 minutes were approved.

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**GOHSEP UPDATES**

Casey Tingle, Director

- Legislative Session began on March 14, 2022. The following Bills were discussed:
  - **HB 291 Representative- Francis C. Thompson-Nursing Homes:** requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans approved by the LA. Department of Health.
  - **HB 933 Representative- Joe Stagni- Nursing Homes:** Provides relative to emergency preparedness among licensed nursing homes
  - **HB 167 Representative- Phillip DeViller- Tax/Severance Tax:** reduces the severance tax rate for oil over a certain period of time and specifies the severance tax rate for oil produced from certain wells
  - **HB 606 Representative- Brett Geymann - Legislative Committees:** Creates a legislative oversight committee to oversee and set priorities for the expenditure of federal monies received by the State for Emergencies and Disaster Recovery
  - **HB 759- Clay Schexnayder- Emergency Preparedness:** Provides relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness  
HB 759 Bill will go before the committee on April 28, 2022

- **HB 1052 Representative- Mandie Landry-** Funds/Funding: Establish the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund
    - Moves out of the House Appropriation to Full House
    - \$500 million funding over a 5-year period
  - **GOHSEP Budget for FY23 and FY22 Supplement Request**
    - \$1.5 million for an LWIN tower in Thibodaux added in the budget
    - Two additional positions have been added
    - Current year FY22 Supplemental Budget
      - FEMA Cost Share for IA Events and Mission assignments that we have bills for and need to pay
      - PA Cost Share for older events
    - The additional \$6.9M for the LWIN Ethernet project has not yet been added. We anticipate an amendment in the Senate.
  - **New FY23 Ear Marks** from Congress for Pre Disaster Mitigation and Emergency Operation Center grants. Deadline ends this week.
  - Shift Current -FMA funding take homeowners that was impacted by Ida that need mitigation.
    - \$60 million in funding was allocated nationwide and \$40 million of the funds would awarded to Louisiana
    - Substantial Damage Properties
    - Deadlines for round one is May 1, 2022 and round two will be July 2, 2022
    - Cost Shares in the President's bill. The Cost share for 2020-2021 disasters has been changed to 90-10.
    - Working with OCD on CBDG for use as a match for PA cost share for Laura and Ida. OCD is putting together their action plan.
    - GOHSEP currently has about 5,200 in temporary housing. FEMA has set the current deadline for Temporary housing for the beginning of September.
  - **New GOHSEP Personnel:**
    - Denda Ball, Regional Support Section Chief
    - Jason Lachney, Facility Manager
    - Lee John, Area Manager Regions 2, 4, and 5
    - Tracy Hilburn, Area Manager Region 6, 7, and 8
    - Area Manager for Region 1, 3 and 9 – OPEN
    - Regional Coordinators Updates
      1. Region 2, OPEN
      2. Ashley Beetz, Region 3
      3. Darren Guidry, Region 4
      4. Cade McLemore, Region 5
      5. Todd Derrick, Region 7
      6. Region 8, Upcoming interviews
      7. Matthew Hammons - Region 9
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## **2022 Regional Hurricane Preparedness Workshop**

Amy Dawson, Planning Branch Manager

- The committee was briefed on the upcoming workshop (please refer to handout attached)

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## **2022 LEMC**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- The LEMC will be held at the Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, LA
- May 16 – 19, 2022
- Hotel is sold out
- Exhibitor booths are sold out
- Looking to be a full and exciting learning opportunity.

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## **2022 Non-Disaster Preparedness Grants**

Catesha Williams- Smith, Section Chief Non-Disaster Grants

### **EMPG FY22**

- Louisiana Amount to receive \$6,415,373
- This is a one-time increase for FY22 by \$792,021
  - Note: The increase is a onetime supplemental, not expected in FY23.
- Application Period: April 13 - June 13, 2022
- The new national priorities for the FY 2022 EMPG Program are
  - Equity
  - Climate Resilience
  - Readiness
  - These should be factored into investments across national priority areas but are not a mandatory requirement until FY23.
  - The State is looking at the same priorities as last year for FY22:
    - Planning
    - Operational Coordination
    - Emergency Communications/Operational Communication
    - Logistics Distribution Management/ Logistics and Supply Chain Management
    - Organization
    - EMPG Other Investments

**HSGP FY22** includes SHSP, UASI, OPSG, and NSGP:

- NOFO will be released no later than May 13<sup>th</sup>
- FY22 SHSP Risk Changes
- (6) Priority Areas –
  - Soft Targets/Crowded Places
  - Intel Sharing
  - DVE, Cyber Security
  - Community Preparedness

- Resilience
- Election Security
- (3%) minimum of spending is required towards these areas (totaling 12%)
- Remainder (18%) can be re-allocated toward the other priority areas
- IJ is not required for Cyber Security & Election Security unless allocation being made toward these priorities
  
- **LETPA** is being increased to (30%)

**NSGP FY22:**

- Overall increase to Grant from \$90 million to \$125 million so Louisiana anticipate an increase
- NOFO will be released no later than May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Expect only a State grant, not a UASI

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**Open Discussion**

- Regional OHSEP Director's Updates
  
- Next Meeting will be on May 16, 2022 at the LEMC, Lake Charles, LA

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Primes. Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.