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Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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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 second half of calendar year 2013. The subcommittee met as a regular meeting of the First Responders Subcommittee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, in the GOHSEP Overwatch room 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 in their efforts in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from all emergencies and disasters. Additionally, this subcommittee is committed to coordinating with adjacent states by securing memorandums of understanding (MOU) between first responders during emergencies and disasters. The committee serves to coordinate a variety of individuals and agencies representing various parts of the First Responder community in order to discuss developments in their areas and review projects that cut across organizational boundaries.

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

- Information on the changes to response and recovery efforts and funding effected by the Sandy Recovery Act:
 - Reimbursable expenses for regular personnel hours when the response effort has individuals working outside their normal duties.
 - Reimbursable expenses for overtime in debris removal efforts.
 - Procedures required for Parish-to-Parish requests for assistance and use of agreements, e.g. IMAC that affects 75% versus 100% reimbursement.
- FY 2013 Grant Awards and issues of deadlines/de-obligations of other Homeland Security Grants:
 - FY 2013 Grants (EMPG and SHSP) awarded to the Parishes or Sheriff's Offices.
 - EMPG and SHSP deadlines for completed grant award acceptance documents; Parish grant project applications with project allocation forms; and Parish requests for reimbursements for all expenditures.
 - Status of de-obligated funds from FY 2010 SHSP and FY 2011 EMPG grants.

- Deadline and extensions on FY 2011 SHSP and FY 2013 EMPG grants.
- Prioritize de-obligated SHSP funding project expenditures by presenting to the First Responder Subcommittee for guidance.
- Current threat issues:
 - Sovereign Citizen issues remaining in Louisiana and the fact that the numbers are growing in certain areas due to greater law enforcement awareness and more reporting.
 - The current cyber-threat and continued efforts of GOHSEP in the Fusion Center.
- Threat and Hazard Identification, and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the State Preparedness Report (SPR) issues:
 - Discussed the parish requirement for identifying local capability estimations as it relates to the THIRA core capabilities.
 - Discussed the 2013 Louisiana Risk Assessment mission and preliminary results in the present survey.
 - A review of the components of risk and initial data analysis in parish and region profiles and a comparison of preparedness results and incident risk analysis indicates a repeat of the findings in the 2012 assessment.
- GOHSEP sponsored the Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (LA-CBRNE) Working Group workshops held in November 2013 in response to the Risk Assessment findings that show a direct correlation of low preparedness, low threat, and high vulnerability in CBRNE arena. These workshops addressed the lack of local awareness of federal and state agencies available to assist in hazardous material incidents.
- Current Issues and Future Planning:
 - Efforts with DHH regarding the current Amoeba Incident continue.
 - Discussed the Hurricane Exercise scheduled for April 2014.

No changes to the First Responder Subcommittee by-laws were made during this period.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.

Chairman

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