

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

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Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM
7667 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
GOHSEP Over Watch Meeting Room

ATTENDEES

Neal Brown, Todd Smith, Lee John, Ashley Beetz, Teresa Basco, Earl Eues, Kenneth Moore, Todd Derrick, Clay Rives, Danny Lavergne, Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Veronica Sizer, Toni Rochelle, Wayne Tedesco, Lynne Browning, Sean Wyatt, Sandra Dugas, Meg DeJean, Melton Gaspard, Mike Steele, Darren Guidry, Jacie Maples, and Denda Ball.

Call to Order /Welcome

Earl Eues called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Earl Eues completed the roll call and a quorum was established. Earl welcomed the group.

Regions	Directors	Meeting Designee	Present	Absent
Region One	Collin Arnold		P	
Region Two	Clay Rives		P	
Region Three	Earl Eues		P	
Region Four	Liz Hill			A
Region Five	Dick Gremillion	Danny Lavergne	P	
Region Six	Kenneth Moore		P	
Region Seven	Robert Jump			A
Region Eight	Neal Brown		P	
Region Nine	Dawson Primes			A
GOHSEP Director	Casey Tingle		P	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 2023

Motion by: Kenneth Moore

Seconded by: Neal Brown

There were no oppositions. January 2023 minutes approved

GOHSEP UPDATES\ REPORTS

Casey Tingle, Director

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- Feedback from LEMC Winter Educational Workshop was really good in terms of content, presenters, length of time. This workshop is something we would like to do every year. We will likely host in the fall to space out better.
- May Conference canvas is wide open for content, agenda, etc. Working through various ideas for content such as: What's developing? What's emerging? Emerging threats. Climate trends. Current trends in insurance. Emerging tools. Emerging partners, and how private sector can do business with local/state/federal partners.
- FY 2024 proposed budget:
 - Include a funding request to grant more of the EMPG funding to local parishes.
 - There will be a significant investment about the state's investment in cyber preparedness and assessments. GOHSEP will go from one cyber position to seven (7).
 - Investment in school safety; creation of the LA Center for Safe Schools, addition of funding for a grant program, and an increase in GOHSEP positions for school safety to assist school districts with planning, training, and exercises.
- Schedule a follow up meeting with LA Dept. of Health to address the nursing home bill to clarify roles and responsibilities and a path forward.

Public Assistance Updates

Lynne Browning, Asst. Deputy Director, Public Assistance

- FEMA announced the end of the COVID incident period: May 11, 2023.
 - FEMA is pushing out guidance on disposition of PPE
- FEMA increased small project threshold to 1 Million dollars; FEMA rolled out at the same time their policy on simplified procedures—how they are going to try to take the bureaucracy out of formulating small projects.
 - Self-certification for work that is complete-emergency protective measures. Relying heavily on certifications and summary information without a lot of back up documentation. You will still have to keep all documentation for your records, but FEMA should not be asking for it.
 - Construction estimates prepared by a licensed professional engineer; for permanent work they will accept these construction estimates from the professionals.

Hazard Mitigation Updates

Sandra Dugas, Executive Officer, Hazard Mitigation

- The HMGP application period for DR-4611, Ida, closes February 25, 2025; however, we have requested an extension through November 21, 2023. (FEMA has since approved an extension through August, with the condition that we submit 40% of the lock-in, then they will then extend to November 21st)

- The BRIC and FMA grant application cycle just closed. GOHSEP submitted a total of 81 projects for \$509m: 31 projects in BRIC for \$340m and 50 projects in FMA for \$170m.
- GOHSEP will be conducting outreach Statewide informing eligible entities that they can apply towards a competitive \$40m pool under Ida, regardless of whether they received a previous allocation or not.

Grants and Administration Updates

Wayne Tedesco, Asst. Deputy Director Grants and Administration

- Now that the FY 2022 annual grant applications have been submitted in the GOHSEPGrants.la.gov Portal, this should make next year's application process easier.
- Starlink and Office of State Procurement meeting went well, it should be fairly painless to get a Louisiana State Contract. If there is not too much negotiation, state contract could be completed relatively soon.
- On February 27, DHS will announce NOFO's for the 2023 grant programs.

Preparedness Updates

Rubby Douglas, Section Chief Preparedness

- The Medical Institution Evacuation Planning (MIEP) Meeting occurred at GOHSEP 2/14-15/23. This meeting includes local, state and federal partners to review the process of medical evacuations of hospitals. This effort requires a multitude of processes, partnerships and resources. Biggest barrier with collaboration of with MSY to review, problem solve and work through issues.
- GOHSEP will be supporting LANG for the State Exercise the week of April 17; Parishes are welcome to participate to test their own capabilities and four (4) parishes (Calcasieu, Rapides, Plaquemines, and Pt. Coupee) have already committed in the play of these exercise.
- Boomerang Recovery Exercise will be April 25-27. This exercise is supported by the FEMA National Exercise Program to provide technical assistance focused on recovery. Proposed objectives will focus on processes to develop plan to jump-start and position agencies/jurisdictions for recovery assistance, i.e., DRC, outreach to most vulnerable, information sharing to maximize recovery funding/programs and specifics for temporary housing, etc.
- The Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) Drill will be May 4th at the State EOC. This drill is with FEMA and GOHSEP to review processes, resources, plans, etc. in preparation for upcoming Hurricane Season.
- Three tabletop exercises for Pre-Storm capabilities is being considered and include reviewing Commodities Staged, POD Sites and DRC Sites. GOHSEP will be researching data collected on these elements to see how we can test capabilities from a local, regional and state level. As soon as research and planning can be completed, more details will follow>
- Evacuation Planning and Strategies Training will be implemented in four areas in the state and is available on STEMS. This training will review solutions on evacuation, which will be followed up with planning workshops with local and

state leadership to consider alternatives for evacuation/sheltering due to rapid intensification of storm systems.

- Preparedness Section working to revamp the Annual Report. The goal is to look at meaningful reporting that can be use by GOHSEP, region and parishes for planning, etc.

Homeland Security & Interoperability Updates

Euclid Talley, Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch Manager

Cyber

- The Louisiana Cyber Assurance Program (LCAP) is presently working to implement programs to improve local government agency cybersecurity posture.
- Please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNNN3Q5> to participate.
- Cyber Incident Management and Response Workshops
 - conduct incident response planning workshops with local agencies
 - finalizing plan templates to distribute
 - will conduct regional workshops later in the year
- Cyber Incident Responses
 - 18 cyber responses in 2022 (16 local government, 2 private critical infrastructure)
 - 2 ongoing
- SLCGP
 - currently awaiting final DHS/FEMA/CISA approval of LCAP plan

Interoperability

- GOHSEP has provided funding for parishes to purchase multiple Starlinks Satellites to ensure connectivity following a significant weather event, or disaster.
- Phase 2 of the statewide Ethernet upgrade to replace all the T1 lines from copper lines to fiber significantly upgrading connectivity.
- The state is about to finalize its new Alerts & Warnings Standard Operating Procedures. This will clarify the states expectations of using the new system while maximizing how to operate IPAWS by RAVE Mobile Safety.

Critical Infrastructure

- Top 10 CIKR facilities from each of the 16 sectors has been identified from the parish OHSEP state Critical Infrastructure weight criteria requirement that was entered into HSIN
- GOHSEP will be contacting ESF state agency leads to validate the Top 10 CIKR by sector
- GOHSEP will be contacting facility management for each of the Top 10 facilities to offer cyber and physical assessments to improve response plans

Regional OHSEP Directors Updates

- Updates were given by the Regional Directors
- Region 8 -Neal Brown has 89 days left as the OHSEP Regional Director.
- Region 1- Collin Arnold will be replacing Patrick Harvey as Regional Director

Open Discussion

- Auction for Ida Travel Trailers have begun.
- Next Meeting will be on April 11, 2023

Adjournment

Motion by: Neal Brown
Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM