

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

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Dawson Primes
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 10:00 am

Over Watch Meeting Room

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

ATTENDEES

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, Mark Ward, Melton Gaspard, Lynne Browning, Dean Davis, Ryan Martin, Kelly Feet, Mark Fontenot, Dawson Primes, Earl Eues, Chad Sonnier, Ian Snellgrove, Kenneth Moore, Rodger McConnell, Raymond Guedry, Jared Maze, Teresa Basco, Todd Smith, Ashley Leblanc, Darren Guidry, Kim Beetz, Meg Dejean, Matt Hammons, and Jamie Coley

Call to Order /Welcome

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

Regions	Directors	Meeting Designee	Present	Absent
Region One	Raymond Guedry		P	
Region Two	Clay Rives	Jamie Coley	P	
Region Three	Earl Eues		P	
Region Four	Brandon Miques	Chad Sonnier	P	
Region Five	Jared Maze		P	
Region Six	Joey Frank	Kenneth Moore	P	
Region Seven	Ian Snellgrove		P	
Region Eight	Rodger McConnell		P	
Region Nine	Dawson Primes		P	
GOHSEP Director	Brig. Gen. Jason Mahfouz		P	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 2026

Motion by: Rodger McConnell

Seconded by: Earl Eues

There were no oppositions. June 2026 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP Updates/ Reports

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, GOHSEP Director

- **Federal and Legislative Updates**

- Bob Fenton remains acting FEMA Administrator after Cameron Hamilton's confirmation hearing failed to result in a vote.
- David Arnold has replaced Greg Phillips as acting Chief of the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR); has reached out to state directors to confirm no changes to current plans.
- House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) reviewing H.R. 4669, a FEMA reform bill aimed at changing the Stafford Act to reduce administrative burdens; Parish President Lee Chang testified regarding this legislation.
- Recovery efforts for Arthur include a PA add-on request to include Avoyelles, Pointe Coupee, Winn, and St. Charles parishes; pending FEMA review.
- FEMA conducted a monitoring visit with GOHSEP the week of July 13th; visit focused on 2 CFR compliance, policies, and payment procedures.
- Counter-UAS: public comments on interim final rule for state and local enforcement counter UAS authorities are open through September 4.

Preparedness Division Updates

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, GOHSEP Director

- **Preparedness Grants**

- Modernization of the preparedness grant portal is ongoing in coordination with SDMI, with multiple feedback sessions scheduled for input.
- Ongoing 20% hold on FY26 HSGP funds related to election security, which is currently subject to litigation and an injunction.

- **Plans, Training, and Exercises**

- 16 parishes collaborating with SDMI to update and rewrite their EOPs are currently in 'final revision' phase.
- FY 27 Statewide Exercise (SWE): planning underway; Matt or Dee are the primary contacts for parishes or regions wishing to synchronize their local exercises with the state level.

- **School Safety**

- Louisiana Center for Safe Schools moved under the Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement following recent legislation.
 - Robby Martin is new POC, effective August 1.

- **Cyber Security**

- Two cyber incidents are currently being supported.

Response Division Updates

Mark Ward, Response Division Director

- **Logistics**

- Supporting response to TS Arthur.
- FEMA and GOHSEP logistics plan remains unchanged; commodities can be staged pre-storm and deployed after a Stafford Act declaration.

- **Operations**

- Monitoring following events/incidents:
 - Tropical Storm Arthur- caused significant flood in Avoyelles Parish; received 29 inches of rain in 12 hours, necessitating nursing home evacuation.
 - TS Arthur AAR- July 17th
 - TX requested EMAC support for swift water teams due to severe weather; SFM is coordinating deployments.
- Hurrevac: software will remain available this hurricane season; new vendor will assume management following the recent RFP process.

- **Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC)**

- PowerPoint presentation given; for more information, reach out to a member of the ICC team.
- Special Events Data Call- scheduled for August 13-September 11; expect spreadsheet from Jacie soon.
 - Emphasis placed on accurate attendance numbers as they determine SEAR scores.
 - Anticipating FEMA will require Lat/Long coordinates for event locations.
- ICC provided support for FIFA games in Texas, detecting over 1,200 drones and identifying issues with fraudulent credentials and human trafficking.
- In-depth briefing on Nihilistic Violent Extremists (NVEs) provided.
- ICC and Fusion Center offering to provide detailed briefings on NVE indicators and warnings to School Resource Officers and school administration.

- **Homeland Security & Interoperability**

- Counter-UAS: public comments on interim final rule for state and local enforcement counter UAS authorities are open through September 4.
- LWIN hardware system approaching end-of-life cycle (2029-2030); GOHSEP working with OTS & LSP to develop a plan going forward.

- “Louisiana SHIELD” signal chat established for real-time information sharing; members were encouraged to join via QR code.
- **Regional Support**
 - Supporting TS Arthur response efforts, including DRC operations.
 - PEMAC- asked parishes to ensure PEMAC meeting minutes and signature pages are uploaded to WebEOC as soon as possible.
 - IPPWs were due in WebEOC by June 30th

Recovery Division Updates

Lynne Browning, Recovery Division Director

- **Recovery Operations**
 - FEMA R6 and GOHSEP held Hurricane Recovery Preparedness meeting on July 8.
 - FEMA conducted Joint Monitoring Site Visit on July 14-July 15.
- **Public Assistance**
 - DR-4927 (TS Arthur): request for add-ons submitted July 13; request included PA for four parishes (Avoyelles, Pointe Coupee, Winn, and St. Charles) DFA, expanded incident period through June 24, and HMGP eligibility for declared parishes.
 - Considering this disaster to be ‘State lead’ once declared.
 - Jim Richard working with Avoyelles and St. Landry pertaining to debris operations.
 - EM 3638 (Severe Winter Weather) ahead of targeted goals; DR-4900 progressing satisfactorily.
 - Several upcoming meetings and trainings.
- **Individual Assistance**
 - DR-4927 (TS Arthur):
 - Continuing to coordinate with FEMA and IA-declared parishes on DRCs.
 - Conducted PDAs in Pointe Coupee and Lafourche on July 13 to support original request.
 - Coordinating with LHC and OCD to provide rental assistance for individuals in non-congregate shelters in Avoyelles.
 - Crisis Counseling Program Immediate Services Program application submitted July 14.
 - FEMA IA Data (cob 7/13/26): 1,515 total registrations; \$7.9M paid out.
 - SBA loan applications: 99 received; \$933K in loans offered; \$50K disbursed.

- **Hazard Mitigation**

- BRIC:
 - Sub-applicant submission deadline to GOHSEP was June 25.
 - GOHSEP submitted application July 17.
- FMA:
 - Sub-applicant submission deadline to GOHSEP was July 8.
 - GOHSEP will submit final application to FEMA July 31.

Financial Operations and Administration Updates

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, GOHSEP Director

- State Emergency Response Fund is gradually being replenished.

OHSEP Directors Updates

- Updates given by the Regional Directors.

Next Meeting

- Date: August 11, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Tangipahoa EOC- 114 N Laurel St. Amite, LA 70422

Adjourn

- Motion by: Earl Eues
- Seconded by: Ian Snellgrove
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.