

## GOHSEP Mission, Vision & Goals

#### AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT

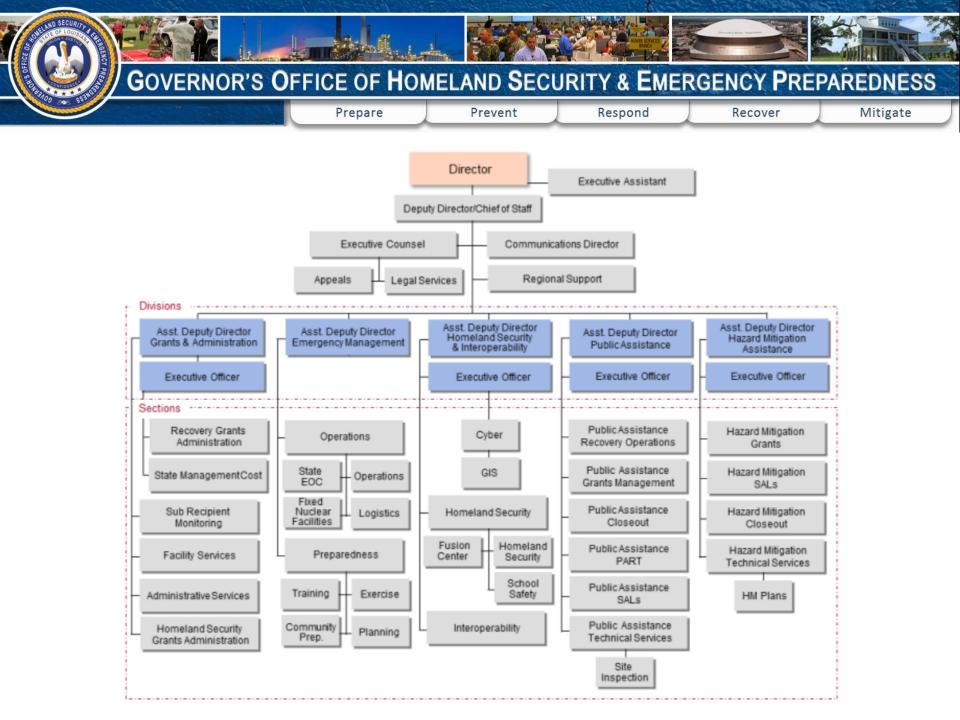
It is GOHSEP's mission to lead and support Louisiana and its citizens in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from all emergencies and disasters.

Reference: GOHSEP Strategic Plan FY 2017-2018 through FY 2021-2022

#### AGENCY VISION STATEMENT

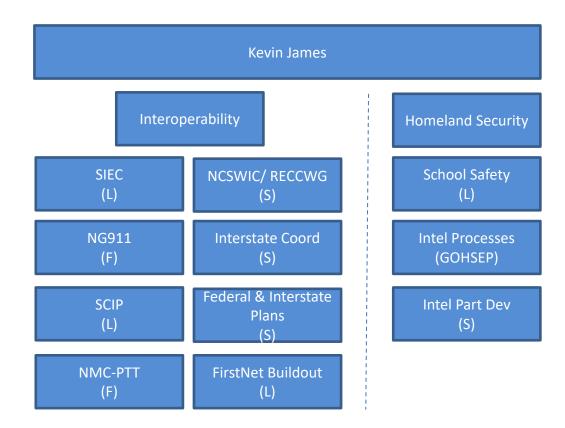
To be a center of excellence for emergency management and homeland security known for leadership, innovation and service for the benefit of Louisiana, its citizens and all other stakeholders.

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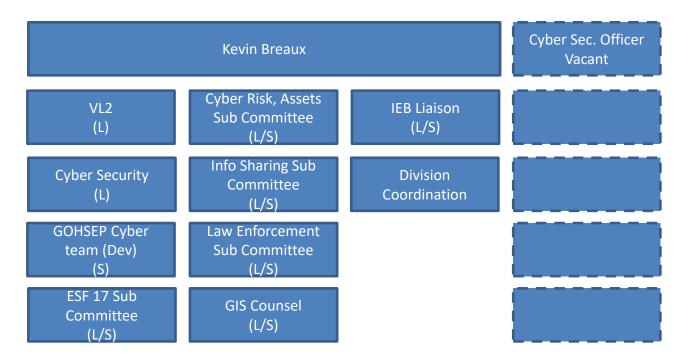


## Assistant Deputy Director



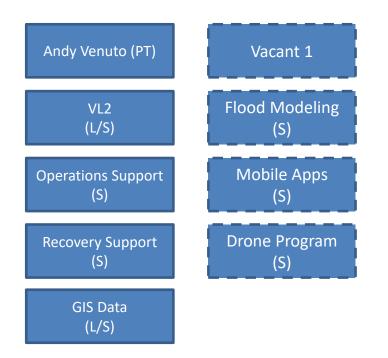


## **Executive Officer**



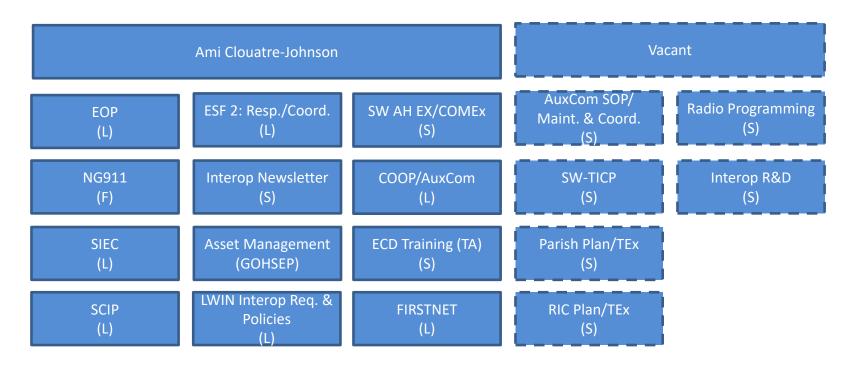


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## Interoperability Disaster Response

- §726. Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; authority and responsibilities
- (15)(a) Include a proposed post-disaster response and recovery component in the homeland security and state emergency operations plan that
  includes specific regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes intergovernmental coordination of post-disaster response and recovery
  activities.
- (b) This proposed component shall provide for post-disaster response and recovery strategies according to whether a disaster or emergency is minor, major, or catastrophic.
- (c) The proposed post-disaster response and recovery component shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
- (i) Establishment of the state's plan for post-disaster response and recovery.
- (ii) Establishment of procedures for activating the state's plan.
- (iii) Establishment of policies used to guide post-disaster response and recovery activities.
- (iv) Description of the initial and continuous post-disaster response and recovery actions.
- (v) Identification of the roles and responsibilities of each involved agency and organization.
- (vi) Establishment of a comprehensive communications plan.
- (vii) Establishment of procedures for monitoring mutual aid agreements.
- (viii) Provision for rapid impact assessment teams.

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- (ix) Procedures to ensure the availability of an effective statewide urban search and rescue program coordinated with fire and emergency responders.
- (x) Procedures to ensure the existence of a comprehensive statewide medical care and relief plan directed by the Louisiana Department of Health.
  - (xi) Establishment of systems for coordinating volunteers and accepting and distributing donated funds and goods.



## **GOHSEP** Office of Interoperability

#### LA RS 29:725.3 Office of Interoperability, legislative findings, declarations of intent

- §725.3. Office of interoperability; legislative findings; declaration of intent
  - + A combination of law enforcement, public safety leaders, health and emergency medical staff interests, technology and communication managers and technicians, vendors of communication systems, public officials, and state and federal agencies are all needed to address the complexities of communications interoperability in this state. The creation of **the office of interoperability is not to identify a single solution, but to identify and implement interoperability solutions** that are always available and can be accessed statewide. Solutions are needed for a secure and interoperable communications system accessible to public safety agencies and personnel, first responders, decision makers, and the public, **allowing for clear and efficient exchange of voice, data, image, and video information during day-to-day operations, natural disasters, emergency response situations, and terrorist attacks.**

#### LA RS 29:725.4 Office of Interoperability; Creation and Authority

- §725.4. Office of interoperability; creation and authority
  - + The office of interoperability is established within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The office shall have the authority to oversee, direct, and manage interoperability programs and efforts identified in the statewide communications interoperability plan in coordination with local, state, and federal officials. The office shall address critical interoperability issues relating to public safety and emergency response, including communications, spectrum, networks, equipment, training, and other areas as needs are identified.

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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#### LA RS 29:725.6 State of Unified Command Group

#### http://legis.la.gov/legis/LawPrint.aspx?d=630904

+ (a)(i) An "interoperability subcommittee" is hereby established and shall be composed of the following members:

- + (aa) Assistant deputy director of interoperability, or his designee.
- + (bb) Commissioner of the division of administration, or his designee.
- + (cc) Adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, or his designee.
- + (dd) President of the Louisiana Sheriffs Association, Inc., or his designee.
- + (ee) President of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., or his designee.
- + (ff) President of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, or his designee.
- + (gg) Chair of the regional parish homeland security and emergency preparedness directors committee, or his designee.
- + (hh) The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, or his designee.
- + (ii) Executive director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, or his designee.
- + (jj) A representative of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials.
- + (kk) A representative of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance.
- + (II) One representative from each of the nine GOHSEP regions. The initial representatives shall be designated by the executive order. Thereafter, the representatives shall be designated pursuant to a selection procedure determined by the interoperability subcommittee.
- + (ii) The roles, duties, and activities of the subcommittee shall include but are not limited to:
- + (aa) Designing, constructing, and assisting in administering and maintaining a statewide communications interoperability plan for first responders with the ability to transport and receive voice, data, image and video information during day-to-day operations, natural disasters, emergency response situations, and
  - terrorist attacks.
- + (bb) Leveraging the technical expertise of the committee and third-party resources to develop and approve procedural requirements and technical requirements to implement the statewide communications interoperability plan for first responders.
- + (cc) Coordinating interoperability issues with emergency alert services, 911 services, 211 services, integrated criminal justice systems, as well as identifying other systems which may need to be addressed by the committee.
- + (dd) Establishing advisory subcommittees for specific issues.
- + (ee) Submitting a semi-annual report to the governor and to the UCG by January first and July first of each year which includes a copy of the current or revised statewide communications interoperability plan for first responders.
- + (ff) Repealed by Acts 2018, No. 713, §3.
- + (iii) The chairman of the subcommittee shall be the assistant deputy director of interoperability. All remaining officers shall be elected by and from the membership of the subcommittee.
- + (iv) Members of the subcommittee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for actual expenses for travel consistent with allowances for state classified employees and approved by the chairman of the subcommittee, if funding is available.
- + (v) The subcommittee shall meet at regular intervals at the direction of the chairman.
- + (7) The UCG may recommend additions or deletions to the interoperability subcommittee on the statewide communications interoperability plan, but shall have no authority to change the system.

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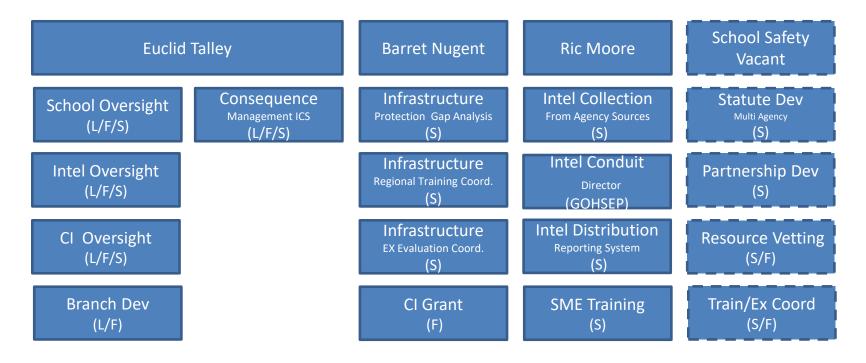
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## Interoperability

- §725.5. Assistant deputy director of interoperability
- A. The office of interoperability shall be headed by an assistant deputy director of interoperability who shall be in the unclassified service. The assistant deputy director may delegate authority to such designees or to any governmental body as the assistant deputy director may deem appropriate within the limitations of state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. The assistant deputy director of interoperability may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of R.S. 29:725.1 through 725.5.
- B. The assistant deputy director of interoperability shall work in conjunction with the state Unified Command Group and interoperability subcommittee to develop, implement, and maintain a secure interagency communication across jurisdictional and geographic boundaries to enable end users to access authorized information when and how they need it as identified in the statewide interoperability plan and statewide communications interoperability plan for first responders.
- C. The assistant deputy director of interoperability shall perform the following functions:
- (1) Serve as chairman of the interoperability subcommittee.
- (2) Serve as the state liaison for interoperability.
- (3) Administer the statewide communications interoperability plan in coordination with the chief information officer or his designee.
- (4) Partner with local, state, and federal officials to achieve emergency response interoperability in every parish throughout the state.
- (5) Leverage existing local, state, and federal efforts, including assets and resources, to ensure better coordination and accountability for activities including but not limited to research and development, testing and evaluation, standards, technical assistance, training, and funding for interoperability.
- (6) Support the creation of interoperability standards.
- (7) Submit recommendations to the legislature relative to any changes in state law necessary to remove barriers to achieving communications interoperability.



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