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## State of Louisiana First Responder Subcommittee

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### First Responders Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2015 - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

GOHSEP Overwatch

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### Call to Order

Chairman Sheriff Willy Martin called to order the regular meeting of the First Responders Subcommittee (FRSC) at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2015, in the GOHSEP Overwatch room in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

After a roll call it was determined a quorum of the statutory members of the subcommittee was present.

The following First Responder Subcommittee members were represented: Louisiana Sheriffs Association - Sheriff Willy Martin, DPS/Louisiana State Police - Colonel Mike Edmonson, GOHSEP - Kevin Davis, Louisiana Fire Chief's Association - Mark Stewart, Office of State Fire Marshal - Butch Browning, and Regional Parish OHSEP Director Subcommittee - Rick Webre. Listed as absent from the roll call: Member Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police and Ex-officio member Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

Also present were Ex-officio member from the Louisiana National Guard - SFC Anthony Gomez.

The following additional individuals were present: LSA Chuck Hurst; LSP Captain Chuck McNeal; GOHSEP Christina Dayries, Chris Guilbeaux, Darryl Delatte, Collins Simoneaux, Jeya Salvaratnam, David Schultz, John Callahan, and Ric Moore; OTS Allison McLeary; and LSFM Lt. Lorre Claiborne.

#### Approval of Minutes

After review of last meetings minutes, motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous First Responders Subcommittee meeting. Other members seconded motion. The minutes were adopted.

#### Presentations to Committee

**GOHSEP** - GOHSEP Chief of Staff, Christina Dayries presented an update on status of the Homeland Security Grants. She also provided the members with information on a Department of Education grant being administered by GOHSEP for a School Emergency Management Program that was given to LA Dept. of Education.

**GOHSEP/FirstNet Update** – Jeya Selvaratnam presented an overview of the Louisiana Public Safety Broadband/FirstNet. He began by explaining the history and terminology of 2G, 3G, 4G, etc. He then discussed the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation

Act of 2012 that created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to provide emergency responders with their first nationwide, high-speed, broadband network dedicated to public safety. State Planning Funds up to \$135 million State and Local Implementation Grant program (SLIGP) have been provided by the NTIA to help State planning efforts in support of FirstNet consultation and the states have an Opt In/Out Provision where States have the opportunity to opt-out of the nationwide build-out and develop its own interoperable system with FCC approval. The Louisiana FirstNet/SLIGP Structure was shown. He explained that although the program for us is not urgent due to our present well developed infrastructure, we are moving ahead with education and planning.

**LSP/LA-SAFE** – Captain Chuck McNeal gave a threat brief on the current threat issues. He discussed the nationwide issue of the growing numbers of citizens being recruited and the advertised threats from the groups ISIS and al-Shabab. CPT McNeal also covered the ever-growing Cyber threat. He then spoke on the threat of Heroin drug use in the state. A Fusion Center study reveals that Heroin initially started to increase in use and associated overdose deaths in New Orleans but statistics show that the Mexican Drug Cartels are moving across Louisiana.

**GOHSEP/LA-SAFE** – GOHSEP Intel Officer/Fusion Center Liaison Ric Moore gave an update on the 2015 Louisiana CIKR Prioritized List from DHS and explained some shortcomings of the list and how the list affects the 2015 State Risk Profiles and the MSA of the UASIs that in turn affects the amount of grant funds we may receive. He presented some elements that we are working hard to improve upon. GOHSEPs sponsorship of the Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (LA-CBRNE) Working Group workshops scheduled at the LSP JESTC in Zachary May 6-8, 2015 along with plans for another in Rapides Parish in August of this year was discussed. He mentioned that the workshops are being revamped to include more hands on and interaction with mock clandestine labs and actual explosive effects.

**GOHSEP** - Chris Guilbeaux presented update information on the planning for a preventive radiological program from Defense Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). He revealed that the plan is to provide law enforcement entities such as LSP Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU), Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LWLF), Region 2s' JTF-7, etc. with the capability to detect higher than normal radiation readings at a location. This capability would allow for probable cause to fully investigate to determine the source.

**GOHSEP** - GOHSEP Chief of Staff, Christina Dayries, and Regional CoOrdinators Collins Simoneaux and Darryl Delatte provided a presentation on the All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Advisory Committee. A white paper had been emailed earlier to the members and a hard copy was supplied to each for information on the issue. It was explained that GOHSEP is working to establish an All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Program in the State of Louisiana. This program will allow for the credentialing of AHIMT members, and ultimately the creation of All Hazards Incident Management Teams in the State. The proposal is to establish an

AHIMT Advisory Committee under the First Responder Subcommittee, comprised of representatives from key first responder agencies, to provide guidance and direction to GOHSEP on the development and implementation of this program. In support of this effort, GOHSEP has also designated an AHIMT program manager of GOHSEP to work with the Advisory Committee to coordinate the development, implementation, and day-to-day operation of the program. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the proposal. All members voted in the affirmative to adopt the proposal and continue planning for the Advisory Committee that will coordinate the development, implementation, and day-to-day operation of the program.

**AGENCY UPDATE** – Discussions occurred between the members on the importance of Cyber security and Homegrown terrorists to include Sovereign Citizens. Col Edmonson spoke on the LSP program that sends Troopers to Texas to learn interdiction techniques first hand at the border.

**New Business**

None discussed.

**Adjournment**

Chair Sheriff Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. on a motion from Rick Webre; seconded by Mark Stewart.

*NOTE: Minutes will be approved at next FRSC meeting.*