

**Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee**  
State of Louisiana

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GOVERNOR



**EARL EUES**  
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM  
GOHSEP Headquarters  
7667 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ATTENDEES**

Joe Stewart, Pam Roussel, Collins Simoneaux, Lee John, Darren Guidry, Brian Spillman, Teresa Basco, Neal Brown, Dick Gremillion, Dawson Primes, Kevin Breaux, John Taylor, Earl Eues, James Waskom, Ken Moore, Casey Tingle, Toni Rochelle

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**WELCOME \ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting started at 1:05 PM. Earl Eues called the meeting to order completed roll call and welcomed everyone.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dawson Primes made a motion to approve the minutes and Ken Moore seconded the motion. There were no opposition. The June 13, 2017 minutes were approved.

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**GOHSEP UPDATES**

Jim Waskom, Director

- Operations and Planning Staff members are in New Orleans reviewing the 5 steam turbines for their pump system. These pumps provide drinking water, get rid of waste water and also pump out storm water. There was a fire that caused some damage and they are now looking at the capacity of the pumps, volume of water, surrounding neighborhoods and evacuation plans the city has order 26 new generators have been ordered.
- The Governor is in the process of putting out an Executive order to appoint a Cybersecurity Task Force. There will be more to follow
- Met with Dr. Ben Carson HUD Secretary and Senator Kennedy, Congressman Garrett Graves, Bill Doran, and others discuss Federal Assistance Programs and Problems accessing the programs with individuals. Casey Tingle gave an update on Resilience Project.
- First Net Regional meetings are being held in all 9 Regions. The Primary Priority will focus on LE, FD, EMS, 911 and EM. Second Priority will be Hospitals, PW, Transportation, and Individual First Responders

- Voice and Data – Government and Local can opt in or out. AT&T will have to provide rural coverage. There will be 2 Cybersecurity centers that will monitor the network and develop.
- EMAP recertification is in process, there are 5 areas that need improvement to continue. GOHSEP has 30 days to fix and resubmit to be reaccredited.

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### **Legislative Change of Title 29**

Danielle Aymond, Executive Counsel

- EMAC Law was passed
- Currently working to update the Title 29 to benefit all parties. Summary and new law needed by October for 2018 Session. IMAC will be getting updated.
- Title 29 – Immediate response but there is a lot going into long term recovery. Please review Title 29 give comments and revisions to Earl by Sept.5<sup>th</sup> to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Danielle gave an overview of the GOHSEP Legal website
- The Legal Team has a new member Clayton Revere.
- Danielle also informed us as the Procurement Toolboxes, showed us the new binders for State, Local\Tribal and PNP's. Legal is also available to conduct training in person.

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### **HM Updates**

Casey Tingle, Asst. Deputy Director Hazard Mitigan

- Governor has made announcements in several areas about HM grant funding 4277 and the August Flood .HM Funds and Additional funding for the March flood. August Projects will be extended to February and March projects will go until mid-September.
- Gustav and IKE received \$40 million for drainage projects that was pre-events
- Flood Mitigan FMA \PDM application period open on August 14, 2017 and would end in the middle of November.
- Long term recovery for March and August FEMA is in the process of doing water shield studies.
- FEMA wants to help gather data on water sheds into one place. Communities, infrastructure, participation, oil & gas infrastructure (private info can be requested), soil type, etc. This is a starting point on thinking about flooding issues.
- Apart of Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> resiliency recovery pilot, Vermilion water shed, lower Ouachita, and Amite.
- Responsibilities of state agencies will all come into play either helping or hurting. Land use ordinance building codes looking at existing authorities. The goals learn from those 3 water sheds and take it elsewhere.

- HM plans a few plans are done, small number need finalizing. Turned out well. State HM plan up in two yrs. Jeffery G. starting the process. Using the parish plans and will need regional participation from across the state.
- Expressed interest in river gauges and rain gauges, possible project under HMGP, to increase monitoring capacity and coordinate info with each other for better planning and use. Priority areas to see coverage. What parishes are interested in this? Pre-event public awareness, triggers to plan by, post event data will already be captured and will not have to seek it from other agencies. Want to see this as a state wide effort. Must include NWS in this effort. Gauge synchronization. Need to identify funding and maintenance.
- HMGP March and Aug 2016 determination based on individual assistance, flood claims, and public assistance.

#### Open Discussion

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- Regional Directors gave briefing on upcoming events
- Lisa Vidrine will no longer be the Regional Director of Region 4 once the term ends on November 1, 2017.

Next Meeting September 12, 2017

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Primes

Motion seconded by Brian Spillman

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM