

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

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JOE GANOTE
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

State Over watch

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Attendees

Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Neal Brown, Patrick Harvey, Ellis Boothe, Dick Gremillion, Kellie McGaha, Joe Ganote, Lee John, Dawson Primes, Tracy Hilburn, Norman Pineda, Teresa Basco, Darren Guidry, Catesha Williams-Smith, Toni Rochelle, Amy Dawson, Jason Tastet, Veronica Sizer, Steve Burr, and Denda Ball.

WELCOME

Joe Ganote called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He completed roll call and a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022

Motion by: Patrick Harvey

Seconded by: Dawson Primes

There were no oppositions. The February 2022 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATES

Casey Tingle, Director

- Legislative Session began on March 14, 2022. The following Bills were discussed:
 - **HB 291 Representative- Francis C. Thompson**-Nursing Homes: requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans approved by the LA. Department of Health.
 - **HB 933 Representative- Joe Stagni**- Nursing Homes: Provides relative to emergency preparedness among licensed nursing homes
 - **HB 167 Representative- Phillip DeViller**- Tax/Severance Tax: reduces the severance tax rate for oil over a certain period of time and specifies the severance tax rate for oil produced from certain wells
 - **HB 606 Representative- Brett Geymann** - Legislative Committees: Creates a legislative oversight committee to oversee and set priorities for the expenditure of federal monies received by the State for Emergencies and Disaster Recovery
 - **HB 759- Clay Schexnayder**- Emergency Preparedness: Provides relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
HB 759 Bill will go before the committee on April 28, 2022

- **HB 1052 Representative- Mandie Landry-** Funds/Funding: Establish the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund
 - Moves out of the House Appropriation to Full House
 - \$500 million funding over a 5-year period
 - **GOHSEP Budget for FY23 and FY22 Supplement Request**
 - \$1.5 million for an LWIN tower in Thibodaux added in the budget
 - Two additional positions have been added
 - Current year FY22 Supplemental Budget
 - FEMA Cost Share for IA Events and Mission assignments that we have bills for and need to pay
 - PA Cost Share for older events
 - The additional \$6.9M for the LWIN Ethernet project has not yet been added. We anticipate an amendment in the Senate.
 - **New FY23 Ear Marks** from Congress for Pre Disaster Mitigation and Emergency Operation Center grants. Deadline ends this week.
 - Shift Current -FMA funding take homeowners that was impacted by Ida that need mitigation.
 - \$60 million in funding was allocated nationwide and \$40 million of the funds would awarded to Louisiana
 - Substantial Damage Properties
 - Deadlines for round one is May 1, 2022 and round two will be July 2, 2022
 - Cost Shares in the President's bill. The Cost share for 2020-2021 disasters has been changed to 90-10.
 - Working with OCD on CBDG for use as a match for PA cost share for Laura and Ida. OCD is putting together their action plan.
 - GOHSEP currently has about 5,200 in temporary housing. FEMA has set the current deadline for Temporary housing for the beginning of September.
 - **New GOHSEP Personnel:**
 - Denda Ball, Regional Support Section Chief
 - Jason Lachney, Facility Manager
 - Lee John, Area Manager Regions 2, 4, and 5
 - Tracy Hilburn, Area Manager Region 6, 7, and 8
 - Area Manager for Region 1, 3 and 9 – OPEN
 - Regional Coordinators Updates
 1. Region 2, OPEN
 2. Ashley Beetz, Region 3
 3. Darren Guidry, Region 4
 4. Cade McLemore, Region 5
 5. Todd Derrick, Region 7
 6. Region 8, Upcoming interviews
 7. Matthew Hammons - Region 9
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2022 Regional Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

Amy Dawson, Planning Branch Manager

- The committee was briefed on the upcoming workshop (please refer to handout attached)

2022 LEMC

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- The LEMC will be held at the Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, LA
- May 16 – 19, 2022
- Hotel is sold out
- Exhibitor booths are sold out
- Looking to be a full and exciting learning opportunity.

2022 Non-Disaster Preparedness Grants

Catesha Williams- Smith, Section Chief Non-Disaster Grants

EMPG FY22

- Louisiana Amount to receive \$6,415,373
- This is a one-time increase for FY22 by \$792,021
 - Note: The increase is a onetime supplemental, not expected in FY23.
- Application Period: April 13 - June 13, 2022
- The new national priorities for the FY 2022 EMPG Program are
 - Equity
 - Climate Resilience
 - Readiness
 - These should be factored into investments across national priority areas but are not a mandatory requirement until FY23.
 - The State is looking at the same priorities as last year for FY22:
 - Planning
 - Operational Coordination
 - Emergency Communications/Operational Communication
 - Logistics Distribution Management/ Logistics and Supply Chain Management
 - Organization
 - EMPG Other Investments

HSGP FY22 includes SHSP, UASI, OPSG, and NSGP:

- NOFO will be released no later than May 13th
- FY22 SHSP Risk Changes
- (6) Priority Areas –
 - Soft Targets/Crowded Places
 - Intel Sharing
 - DVE, Cyber Security
 - Community Preparedness

- Resilience
- Election Security
- (3%) minimum of spending is required towards these areas (totaling 12%)
- Remainder (18%) can be re-allocated toward the other priority areas
- IJ is not required for Cyber Security & Election Security unless allocation being made toward these priorities

- **LETPA** is being increased to (30%)

NSGP FY22:

- Overall increase to Grant from \$90 million to \$125 million so Louisiana anticipate an increase
- NOFO will be released no later than May 13th
- Expect only a State grant, not a UASI

Open Discussion

- Regional OHSEP Director's Updates

- Next Meeting will be on May 16, 2022 at the LEMC, Lake Charles, LA

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Primes. Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.