

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, October 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
7667 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Over Watch Meeting Room

**ATTENDEES**

Dawson Primes, Todd Smith, Megan DeJean, Jacie Maples, Lee John, Darren Guidry, Ashley Beetz, Clay Rives, Neal Brown, Tracy Hilburn, Neal Fudge, Wayne Tedesco, Veronica Sizer, Jonathon McLemore, Dick Gremillion, Liz Hill, Jared Maze, Todd Derrick, Toni Rochelle, Earl Eues, Casey Tingle, Christina Dayries, Christopher Guilbeaux, Steve Burr, Norman Pineda, Sandra Dugas, Daniel Crothers, and Denda Ball.

**Call to Order /Welcome**

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Dawson Primes completed roll call and a quorum was established. Dawson welcomed the group.

Regions	Directors	Present	Absent
Region One	Patrick Harvey		A
Region Two	Clay Rives	P	
Region Three	Earl Eues	P	
Region Four	Liz Hill	P	
Region Five	Jared Mazes, Designee	P	
Region Six	Kenneth Moore		A
Region Seven	Robert Jump		A
Region Eight	Neal Brown	P	
Region Nine	Dawson Primes	P	
GOHSEP Director	Casey Tingle	P	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES from September 2022**

**Motion by:** Earl Eues

**Seconded by:** Liz Hill

There were no oppositions. September 2022 minutes approved.

**GOHSEP UPDATES\ REPORTS**

Casey Tingle, Director

- The state created a Cybersecurity Planning Committee and their first meeting was held on October 6, 2022. Thirteen Local and Parish Representatives and twelve state entities attended the meeting.
- The committee chose to have the State retain 100% of the first year of funding for the FY 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program funding, but spend it on behalf of

local and parish entities across the state. This option was selected to make grant application and submission process more manageable for year one of the grant.

- GOHSEP submitted its FY 23-24 Budget Request, which includes a request for funding to remove GOHSEP staff from EMPG, Cybersecurity and School Safety new personnel in addition to other items.
- Expedite Temporary Housing Assistance link is now live. Maps of those agencies who have opted in or out are listed on the website. [ETHAWaiver2022 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com/webapp/viewer/index.html?appid=ETHAWaiver2022)
- Florida EMAC
  - National Guard had four missions, which included a Blackhawk and Movement Control Team. All teams have returned to the State.
  - A three member Shelter Support Team from DCFS onsite. They will be wrapping up their mission soon.
  - Incident Management Team supported by the Fire Marshalls Office and local fire departments. Some team members have returned and others agreed to stay until the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Two-person TERT team from Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office, they will demob on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mike Steele, GOHSEP Communications Director will be assisting in the State EOC until October 20<sup>th</sup>, as a PIO.
  - Potential Recovery Support is in discussion, which will include NCS and Direct Housing.
  - EMAC requests are coming in as NQS position types. Those interested will need to be I, II, III credentialed to EMAC. It is now a requirement to be credential in your NIMS typed job description, if you want to EMAC in the future.
- Director Tingle met with Southwest Louisiana Officials to discuss Public Assistance Challenges during Hurricane Laura.
- We are looking for feedback from those who have participated in the Elected Official Training.
- Director Tingle will be attending NEMA October 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>
- Tracy Hilburn as Area Manager for Region 6, 7, and 8 last day will be October 28, 2022.

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### **2023 LEMC Winter Educational Workshop**

- January 9<sup>th</sup> - Half Day
- January 10<sup>th</sup> - Full Day
- January 11<sup>th</sup> Half Day
- Directors will be responsible for their Registration Fees and Lodging.
- Registration opens on October 12, 2022.
- \$50 registration fee
- \$99 hotel per night fee

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### **Hazard Mitigation Updates**

Sandra Dugas, Executive Officer

- BRIC (\$2B) and FMA (\$800M) annual grant cycles opened 9/30 and will close 1/27.
  - GOHSEP will be setting an interim deadline for application submission sometime in early December
  - We will be doing statewide conference calls with all potential subapplicants in the next couple of week, sharing all this information.

- HMGP Application Period Close:
  - Delta closes tomorrow, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Zeta closes Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Winter Weather closes 10/20, following Thursday
  - Laura closes 11/21. GOHSEP is going to communicate out that we will have a cutoff date of October 31<sup>st</sup> to give us time to process all applications and get everything to FEMA by the November deadline.
  - Urge everyone to get applications in as soon as possible.
  - Have until February for Ida, and will likely request another extension beyond that.
- Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS):
  - EO signed 5/20/21
  - Any disasters declared after 8/27/21, all elevation and reconstructions in a SFHA would be required to elevate to BFE plus 2' freeboard.
  - Full implementation will require update to 44 CFR part 9.

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### **Public Assistance Updates**

Daniel Crothers, Section Chief, Public Assistance Technical Services

- Getting ready for next hurricane season, make sure you have a good relationship with your state applicant liaison.
- When there is a disaster, you will need your UEI#, formerly the DUNS. Each entity has their own UEI#. Twelve number and letter combination.
- Make sure all of your contacts are up to date, so that PA can get information to you.
- Federal fiscal year PA thresholds updated; based off of population numbers.

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### **Grants and Administration Updates**

Wayne Tedesco, Asst. Deputy Director Grants and Administration

- Due to errors with funding agreements in grants portal, deadline to submit has been pushed back to October 31.
- Authorized agent has to complete funding agreements—parish presidents, police jury presidents, etc.
- Quarterly reports due October 31st.
- 2020 SHSP grant closes February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- All parishes with additional allocations for Starlinks need to allocate those funds properly as a separate cost line in your project application. Starlink is a sole source provider.

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### **School Safety\ Cyber Security**

Neal Fudge, Asst. Deputy Director Homeland Security and Interoperability

#### **Interoperability**

- The State has purchased and received 100 Starlinks. We are trying to purchase 50 more, which should hopefully happen this week.
- We are also still working to get it on contract but is taking some time to get set up.

#### **School Safety**

- The Planning and Assessment working committee has been meeting weekly to try to standardize the assessments Statewide and to make some changes to our templates.
- School safety team is working on how to develop the assessments for all 1800 schools.

- Asst. Deputy Director Neal Fudge ask the group to assist with pushing out some type of anonymous reporting and putting a notification system in place. We currently use Crime Stoppers and Rave for communication. Crime Stoppers contract will be expiring in January. We are in the process reviewing all vendor solutions for anonymous reporting.
- The next School Safety working group will meet on October 27, 2022

### **Cybersecurity**

- October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- Information is being putting out on Social Media. PSA's on the radio and local television stations. We have also update the website.
- There are two Cybersecurity courses this week:
  1. Responding to a Cyber Event
  2. Resiliency in Industrial Control systems
- The Cybersecurity Planning Committee met and voted on the distribution of funds.
- There will be a survey coming soon and we are asking everyone to fill out.
- GOHSEP continues to work open cyber events
- Topics at The First Redhibition Taskforce meeting included:
  1. How to create a new mechanism for the state to recover cyber incident recovery costs from faulty
  2. Manage Service Provider (MSP)
  3. Manager Security Service Provider (MSSP)

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### **Nursing Homes Updates**

Christopher Guilbeaux, Asst. Deputy Director Emergency Management

- No changes to Rules\Law or guidance from LDH
- LDH Memo- Ascension Parish template can be used or you may create your own.
- Region Four has asked for another conference call.

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### **Regional OHSEP Directors Updates**

- Updates were given by the Regional Directors
- New Directors:
  - St. Charles Parish- Jason Tastet
  - Ascension Parish- Thomas Long

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### **Open Discussion**

- Next Meeting will be on December 13, 2022

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### **Adjournment**

Motion by: Earl Eues

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.