# *First Responders Subcommittee Meeting Minutes-DRAFT PENDNG APPROVAL*

Thursday, May 23, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

GOHSEP Media Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Call to Order**

Chairman Sheriff Willy Martin called to order the regular meeting of the First Responders Subcommittee (FRS) at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the GOHSEP Classroom One 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 or their designees were present: Louisiana Sheriffs Association - Sheriff Willy Martin, DPS/Louisiana State Police - LT Steven McGovern, GOHSEP – Asst. Deputy Director Kevin James, Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association - Chief Mark Stewart, Office of State Fire Marshal - Fire Marshal Butch Browning, and Regional Parish OHSEP Director Subcommittee – Vermillion Parish OHSEP, Rebecca Broussard.

Others attending were GOHSEP - Asst. Deputy Director of Grants and Administration - Christina Dayries, OSFM – Dean Smith, Brandt Thompson, Tim Wilkerson, Pat Aronstein, Region 1 UASI - Collin Arnold, Private Nonprofit/Catholic Charities of Acadiana - Tony Credeau, LA DOA Neal Underwood, GOHSEP Preparedness – Rubby Douglas, LSP CCU – Devin King, and GOHSEP Intel Officer/Fusion Center Liaison - B. Ric Moore.

**Approval of Minutes**

After review of last meetings minutes, VPOHSEP Broussard made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 2018 meeting. Chief Mark Stewart seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The minutes were approved.

**Relative Risk Profile**

**GOHSEP Intel Officer/Fusion Center Liaison** – B. Ric Moore gave a brief on the 2019 DHS Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Relative Risk Profile and the changes from 2018 to 2019. He discussed the analytical findings that are used to rank the states by risk, i.e., consequence, vulnerability, and threat. A discussion of the changes to the formulas that are used for the index scores and how certain rules were applied by FEMA. It was pointed out that we engage with FEMA to increase our understanding with this years’ formula changes. It was pointed out that Louisiana and the New Orleans UASI through the process have risen to our highest ever national rankings in the indexes of Critical Infrastructure and Special Events. It was pointed out that this was not enough to raise the overall rankings of the State or our two UASIs but the issue of combining the two UASIs to substantially effect the population is being investigated.

**FY 2018 Preparedness Advisory Committee/Grants:**

**GOHSEP –** Asst. Deputy Director of Grants and Administration - Christina Dayries covered information on FY16 SHSP funds that were being deobligated or extended. She also presented information of the various grants that will be available to the State in 2019 and explained the process with options that could be used to allocate the funding to local parishes in addition to approving the overall grant projects. The Subcommittee received a motion to by Regional Parish OHSEP Director Subcommittee Rebecca Broussard and seconded by Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association Mark Stewart to recommend Option 2. The subcommittee voted unanimously to support Option 2.

**Threat Briefing**

**LA-SAFE –** LT McGovern gave a threat brief. He discussed the current issues concerning cyber crime unit and school safety issues. He also discussed intelligence being received on the growth of and relationships between the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs) in the State. LSP CCU – Devin King presented information on the current legislation reference cybersecurity, SB 46.

**GOHSEP Homeland Security and Interoperability**

Homeland Security Branch Manager Euclid Talley discussed the GOHSEP School Safety program and its partnership with LSP/LA-SAFE. Talley and Moore presented information on the new Bomb Material Awareness Program (BMAP) from Office of Bombing Prevention (OPB) that GOHSEP and its state and local First Responder partners are planning to institute in 2019. The Subcommittee members from LSA, OSFM, and LFCA voiced support to this program. Asst. Deputy Director James discussed planned programs but tabled an indepth discussion on Interoperability until next meeting.

**Public Comments/ New Business**

**OSFM:** Marshal Browning voiced concerns on the issues that training and operations for ICS/USAR need to identify subject matter experts to both train others and serve in emergencies. The emergency types mentioned in particular were school threats or active shooting incidents and weather related. No new business discussed.

**Adjournment**

Chair Sheriff Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Chief Stewart’s motion to adjourn with OHSEP Director Broussard second.