

Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday November 12, 2013 1:00AM

Baton Rouge Parish – GOHSEP – OverWatch

ATTENDEES

Sandy Davis, Dick Gremillion, Lisa Vidrine, Kip Franklin, Harry Foster, Earl Eues, Kevin Davis, Kevin Breaux, Chris Guilbeaux, Christina Dayries, James Smith, Vernie McNamee, Thomas Thiebaud, Mark Harrell, Lee John, Melanie Rasmusson, Joe Stewart, Darren Guidry, Pam Roussel, Collins Simoneaux, Amy Dawson, David Schultz, Darryl Delatte, Doug Zettlemoyer, Jason Lachney, Teresa Basco, Mark Riley

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 1:00PM

Sandy Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A copy of minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting was handed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Harrell made a motion to accept the September 10, 2013 minutes

Kip Franklin seconded the motion.

The September 10, 2013 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis announced GOHSEP's staff changes and additions. David Schultz Section Chief, Preparedness, Jason Lachney Assistant Section Chief, Operations, Melanie Rasmusson Radiological Program Manager, and the transfer of Arianne Deruise as Operations Officer, Operations. All SAL and DRS positions in Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation have been filled.

Lisa Vidrine is the newly appointed Region 4 – Regional Director.

Director Davis briefed everyone on the Water Task Force weekly calls regarding the Naegleria Fowleri Ameba incidents and that the Emergency Rule has been executed.

Director Davis also mentioned that the Bayou Corne sink hole is still being monitored.

Director Davis reminded everyone about the upcoming GOHSEP Procurement Workshop on November 12th and 13th and the CBRNE Workshop on November 20th - 21st in West Monroe.

LEPA / OHSEP Director's Workshop
Christina Dayries

Christina Dayries gave a quick overview of the annual Directors Conference and asked that if anyone had any suggestions or topics to please let her know. We had originally scheduled a three (3) day workshop but some Regional Directors had suggested a two (2) day workshop. GOHSEP's Regional Coordinators did a poll of their Directors and the majority wanted to maintain a three (3) day workshop. Christina advised that all venue bids were sent out and GOHSEP received only two bids, one from Holiday Inn and the other from Crowne Plaza. Crowne Plaza was the lowest bid for the dates of February 24th – 26th. Christina handed out draft Group Session Schedules as well as the draft Agenda for the Director's Workshop. Christina mentioned that the first day would be co-hosted by the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) and focus on LEPC's issues for the morning session and Public/Private partnerships for the afternoon sessions.

Days two and three target OHSEP Directors and staff and Recovery Managers. Both days will be divided between plenary sessions and round robin breakout sessions. Christina stated she has divided up the 64 parishes into five groups in order to complete all five breakout sessions. The breakout session topics include public and individual assistance, preparedness, mitigation, VOAD and Volunteer Cross Tracking and technical tools covering WebEOC, mapping, IPAWS- CMAS and LWIN, etc.

Christina advised that the plenary sessions would include the following topics; recent events within the last year, National Disaster Recovery Framework/Biggest Waters Act and Citizen Corp Programs.

Christina announced that GOHSEP met with the Citizen's Corp Council last week at the State level and they asked for about 30 minutes to speak to the Directors. Christina mentioned GOHSEP did not schedule a Homeland Security Grant Session this year as there had not been many changes in the program. She will instead give an update on the grant programs during a plenary session. The majority Regional Directors stated that the draft Agenda and Group Sessions were acceptable as well as the dates of February 24th – 26th at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge. Christina advised that GOHSEP would issue an invite to the Directors soon.

2013 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS UPDATES
Christina Dayries

Christina stated she emailed the Regional Directors a copy of the handouts given to the First Responders Subcommittee regarding grant deadlines, extensions and deobligations, and if anyone had questions to please get with her. She also commented that GOHSEP gave the First Responders Committee the updated deadline for the 13-grant cycle and reminded them the grant project applications

are due to GOHSEP by the end of January. She reminded everyone that the next de-obligations will be for the FY12 EMPG and the FY11 SHSP. These de-obligation will be brought to the Regional Directors Subcommittee for EMPG and First Responders Subcommittee for SHSP for their recommendation on projects for funding. The subcommittee discussed having input into what projects the First Responders Subcommittee would consider for SHSP funding, and they were reminded that they have two OHSEP members who sit on the grant working group who will make that recommendation. Christina reminded the Directors that GOHSEP would work hard to try and get all parishes to identify and expend their funding by the established deadline therefore, no de-obligations would be necessary.

Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS)

Jason Lachney

Jason announced there has been a recent update with the IPAWS system. Jason confirmed that GOHSEP has received the certification by FEMA to use the IPAWS system and it is free of charge for GOHSEP and all Parishes. The following parishes are approved: Tangipahoa, Calcasieu, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Bernard and Plaquemine. Jason distributed handouts "How to Sign Up for IPAWS" Fact Sheet and an example application form showing the criteria that should be checked when applying. Jason reiterated that IPAWS system is free of charge from FEMA but can only be utilized with a selected compatible software program which GOHSEP has already purchased with the rights through GSS NET (Alert FM). The GSS NET software can be used by the Parishes free of charge. Jason indicated the importance of filling out the application with all the required signatures and the need to take the two hour training course. He stressed the importance of turning in the required documentation and once completed the Parish will have access to IPAWS. IPAWS will integrate public alert systems such as EAS (Emergency Alert System), wireless Emergency Alerts, and National Weather Service. IPAWS cannot send out weather alerts but can send out Hazmat Alerts via NOAA Radio. IPAWS will also allow direct communication from Parish to Parish. On wireless phones every phone that is on that tower will receive a message and not all phones will get a message. Chris Guilbeaux clarified that WEA is a wireless alert system, some Samsung since the beginning have been WEA enabled phones and iPhone 4 or 5 is a WEA compatible phone you just have to go in there and enable or disable the setting and you will be getting the alerts including from GOHSEP and other Parishes can send an emergency message. SEMAS will be the next commercial mobile alert system which regardless which phone you have and is pinging off that tower will receive an emergency alert. That way GOHSEP can pick any tower that needs to get an emergency alert and asked to move away from that city. The alert may not be right in your area but it will be somewhere near your area. No charges are incurred with this system. Chris Guilbeaux remarked it is a good tool to have so sign up and use the system.

TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKSHOP (TEPW)

David Schultz

David announced that the next scheduled Training, Exercise, and Planning Workshop would be November 19th at the EOC. David stated they sent out an Exercise Worksheet to all Regional Coordinators to get input from the parishes to list all training and exercises for the next two years. GOHSEP will take the information and roll it up on one calendar. The date of the calendar release has not been determined yet and will be put with the Exercise Plan for the next two years.

David responded that if anyone has any suggestions or questions, to please contact him or Katy McCoy.

Capabilities Estimation

David Schultz

David reminded the Directors of the required capabilities estimation needed to comply with DHS grant requirements and that GOHSEP would have the tool to them by January 2014. The tool would capture all parish resource requirements. Each parish will have through March 31, 2014 to complete the form. Chris Guilbeaux asked that the Parishes begin collecting their resource assets such as police cars, boats, etc. now in preparation for the capabilities estimation tool.

Dick Gremillion commented that most of the resources do not change and if they could get a form already filled out from the previous year and just get it updated the task would be easier to accomplish. Christina and Chris confirmed that after the initial completion of this requirement, GOHSEP could use the existing data and have the parish provide edits each year.

Obtain and Maintain Requirements

Mark Riley

Mark Riley briefed the Regional Directors on the importance to obtain and maintain insurance on all facilities that have received FEMA funding. He emphasized that failure to do so will result in a de-obligation of existing grants funding and loss of future grants funding. He described the process of obtaining an Insurance Commissioners Certification if the cost of insurance is not reasonable for a facility and that such a certification will satisfy the requirement to obtain and maintain.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

Meeting in New Orleans – Israel Symposium on Emergency Medicine (doctors and professionals regarding emergency medicine) next week
Meeting with Backpage regarding Human Trafficking.

Full calendar in 2014 – 62 events to date.

The Fall of 2014 will be a full exercise – concept with four parishes and support from the State.

REGION 2

WebEOC training in December

Participated in Active Shooter Exercise on October 15th and 21st.

Waterford 3 Dress Rehearsal

REGION 3

St. James Parish – Chemical plant task force. Plant expecting Parish to provide emergency response, no ordinance to have to provide the plant facility with our resources. Will call Dale to discuss further. Dick commented that the Fire District is paid for protection with the tax free zones and certify their supplies for fire and want protection. The Parish does not have the training required to handle plant chemicals.

St. Charles – Active Shooter Exercise.

WebEOC training after the first of the year.

Massive evacuation exercise and prepared for Waterford #3 Exercise.

Terrebonne Parish received Storm Ready Award on Wednesday.

REGION 4

TEWPA about 300-400 training sessions set, books in-house.

New Director updating by-laws as required.

CBRNE workshop on November 6th & 7th in Leesville.

REGION 5

Dick commented nothing going on in Region 5.

REGION 6

No updates.

REGION 7

Training in DeSoto with new OHSEP Admin

Working on Airport extension

Active Shooters Exercise in Caddo/Shreveport area

State Fair Event in Shreveport

IED Training

CBRNE in Ouachita Parish next week

REGION 8

There was a Regional Communications Exercise in October held in Ruston at La. Tech. Local Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMS, and Region 8 OEP Directors participated as well as some State Agencies.

REGION 9

CBRNE training was done completed in Region 9.
GOHSEP Debris Course in Amite very successful.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Christina Dayries mentioned that GOHSEP's Hazard Mitigation staff was working on a training workshop to be held in three or four regions for the spring of 2014, in order to assist applicants in developing mitigation projects and educating them on grant compliance requirements.

Darryl stated the Insurance Commissioners Certification (make sure correct) deadlines good until the next disaster, Federal disaster that affects that piece of property

Kevin Breaux announced that GOHSEP will transfer portable and mobile radios to State Universities for their First Responders. The Universities that received the radios is as follows:

Grambling	-	8 portable
LA Tech	-	8 portable
ULL Monroe	-	8 portable
Nichols	-	15 portable
SE University	-	15 portables and 5 radios
McNeese	-	40 portable and 10 radios
Southern University (BR)	-	15 portable and 5 radios
LSU of Alexandria	-	4 portables
UNO	-	8 portables
Southern University (NO)	-	6 portables

Sandy announced that next Regional Director's meeting scheduled December 10th at the GOHSEP Joint Field Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Davis
Motion was seconded by Mark Harrell
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

END OF REPORT