

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

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Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM
Magnolia Meeting Room
1500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA

ATTENDEES

Neal Brown, Brian Spillman, John Rahaim, Dick Gremillion, Earl Eues, James Waskom, Christina Dayries, Toni Rochelle, Chris Guilbeaux, Kevin Breaux, Darren Guidry, Lee John, Pam Roussel, Teresa Basco, Collins Simoneaux, Casey Tingle, Danielle Aymond, Kimberly Poorbaugh, Rebecca Broussard, Amy Johnson

WELCOME \ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Rahaim made a motion to approve the minutes and Dick Gremillion seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The October 10, 2017 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATES & FirstNet

James Waskom, Director

- Casey Tingle has been appointed as the new Deputy Director, Chief of Staff for the Agency.
- FEMA wants to see 100% proof of payments or substantial compliance with payment of the Promissory notes; our deadline is set for March 31st to provide contract information
- Deloitte has been hired as a strike team to help with legacy project worksheets in close out. Within the first month they have closed out about 30 projects.
- We were invited along with twelve other states to offer ideas for disaster improvement for Legislation on the Federal Level. Several items that was offered up was placed in bill HR4460.
- FirstNet/AT&T has added nine (9) new sites that is now on air which include: Orleans, Plaquemine, Zachary, Iberville, Nicholls, Youngsville, Sulphur, Caddo and Franklin. There are 56 subscriber units that have signed up for FirstNet with most of them from GOHSEP. AT&T will provide a monthly report on new sites and subscribers.

- GOHSEP has submitted a budget request for FY18/19 for LWIN totaling \$4.7 million, which will complete the software/hardware upgrade, increase the repeaters on the four (4) mobile sites and provide software and licenses to allow cell phones to use LWIN for redundant connectivity.

2018 Director's Conference

Christina Dayries

- Our Annual Director's Conference will be January 16th -18th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. The guest speaker is Mark Cooper, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office.
- Christina gave an overview of the Agenda and encouraged everyone to register.
- EMPG exercise credit will be given to those that attend the Conference.

Proposal Legislation

Danielle Aymond, Executive Counsel

- Danielle gave an overview of proposed changes to State law for the upcoming 2018 Regular Legislative Session.
- Specific details of *The 2016 Flood Improvement Act – 2018*, which will include a handout, will be incorporated as part of the Annual GOHSEP Conference.

Open Discussion

Parish Directors gave brief updates on training and other events with their respective regions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca Broussard. Motion was seconded by Dick Gremillion. There was no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM