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First Responders Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2012 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
LA-SAFE (Fusion Center)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Call to Order

Chair Sheriff Willy Martin called to order the regular meeting of the First Responders Subcommittee at 10:20 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012, in the LA-SAFE (Fusion Center) conference room in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

After a roll call it was determined that a quorum of the statutory members of the subcommittee was present. The following First Responder Subcommittee organizations were present: Louisiana Sheriffs Association, DPS/Louisiana State Police, GOHSEP, Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, State Fire Marshall's Office, and Parish OHSEP Director Subcmt. Ex-officio members present were Louisiana National Guard and LA Wildlife and Fisheries. Listed as absent from the roll call: Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

The following individuals were present: Sheriff Willy Martin, Col. Mike Edmonson, Pat Santos, Christina Dayries, CPT Paul Edmonson, Lt. Chuck McNeal, SGT Len Marie, Col. Stuart Burruss, Tommy Thiebaud, Mark Stewart, Spencer Cole, Brant Thompson, Chris Guilbeaux, Jerry Monier, Scott Van Keuren, and Ric Moore.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the previous minutes of First Responders Subcommittee meeting. Tommy Thiebaud seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes.

Presentations to Committee

GOHSEP – GOHSEP Chief of Staff Christina Dayries presented a Homeland Security Grant update on FY-12. She gave a recap of DIIS grant involvement to explain the structure of the grants will remain to be itemized and that the state continues to be looking at reduction of federal funds. It was pointed out that in 2011 and 2012 a 59% reduction of grant funding has occurred. She also explained the plan that intended to combine all grants had run into opposition last year and had not come to fruition. Ms. Dayries affirmed that State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants were still earmarked for 25% to go to Law Enforcement (LE). In addition, the Fusion Center project was still being funded and would receive as much as possible. She discussed the FEMA Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and the capability gaps evidenced would be the target of funding.

LSP/LA-SAFE – Lt. Chuck McNeal gave a threat brief concentrating on the current threat. He discussed the current potential threat of Cyanide being used in attacks and the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) on international terrorist recruiting efforts in the homeland with the recent Alabama and Florida arrests on terrorism charges. He mentioned that the internet continues to be an important recruiting tool not only for jihadists but also for funding. The cyber threat was discussed in that Hezbollah with Iranian backing had pushed 9 recent attacks against critical infrastructure. Lt. McNeal also identified one of the major threats as Sovereign Citizens and explained that we were seeing more reports in the state with 85 known in Louisiana and

presented the committee with a map depicting the locations of the known sovereigns in the state. He explained that many of the sovereigns feel disenfranchised by the re-election of President Obama. LA-SAFE is working on a Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) database on sovereigns that will be similar to the existing gang database in order to make information available to LE on HSIN.

GOHSEP - Chris Guilbeaux presented information Intrastate Mutual Aid Compacts and the Alert FM communications system. He discussed the issue of state agencies requesting assistance from the parishes as opposed to the normal parish to state requests that are the norm. An example was given of LSP requesting assistance from the Sheriff's Office. The process to ensure funding from FEMA in this instance is being worked on to establish a pre-planned system. On the Alert FM system, it was shown that over 95% of state has coverage during initial testing. Tommy Thiebaud suggested that the state push development of applications that allow various work groups could be added to the system.

GOHSEP – Scott Van Keuren and Jerry Monier covered information on the FEMA requirement of the THIRA. They briefly described the scenarios with cascading effects that were used to establish our core capabilities to achieve expected outcomes and thereby producing the gaps in capabilities that exists. The reduction of these gaps is the aim of funding.

GOHSEP/LA-SAFE – Ric Moore briefed the committee on the risk assessment initiative that is in progress to support the THIRA and explained the importance of both the gap analysis and the establishment of a prioritized risk base. He also explained how the risk assessment survey had shown that subjectively the vulnerabilities and low preparedness levels were directly related. It is an assumption that this is due in part to a lack of situational awareness on the availability of state and federal assets to assist. He discussed the 2013-planned training from GOHSEP that will include the Louisiana Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosive (LA-CBRNE) Working Group and other partners that will be directed at this lack of awareness in the parishes.

LDWF – CPT Spencer Cole presented updates on the Search and Rescue mission of his agency. As LDWF continues to work to make the training more available and affordable to our partners on the water in Louisiana, the marine support training currently is in support of the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans.

LANG – COL Stuart Burrass discussed Hurricane Isaac after action meetings including the DSNP response and that LANG was addressing the current requests to support 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans.

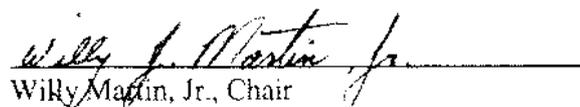
New Business

It was determined that the next meeting will be near March 2012 but exact date will be decided later and confirmed via email. There was no other new business.

Adjournment

Chair Willy Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. on a motion from Tommy Thiebaud; seconded by et.al.

Minutes approved by:


Willy Martin, Jr., Chair