

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana

Jeff Landry
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Dawson Primes
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 10:00 am

Over Watch Meeting Room

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

ATTENDEES

B.G.Jason Mahfouz, Neal Fudge, Mark Ward, Melton Gaspard, Stephen Durel, Sandra Gaspard, Matthew McKey, Mark Fontenot, Nathan Gary, Allison Saari, Dawson Primes, Clay Rives, Terry Guidry, Rodger McConnell, Kenneth Moore, Jared Maze, Ian Snellgrove, Todd Smith, Melvin Jackson, Darren Guidry, Todd Derrick, Ashley LeBlanc, Amy Michiels, Matt Hammons, Meg Dejean, Dean Davis, Jacqueline Gazzea, Jamie Coley

Call to Order /Welcome

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Dawson completed the roll call and a quorum was established. Dawson welcomed the group.

Regions	Directors	Meeting Designee	Present	Absent
Region One	Patrick Harvey		P	
Region Two	Clay Rives		P	
Region Three	Earl Eues	Dean Davis	P	
Region Four	Terry Guidry		P	
Region Five	Jared Maze		P	
Region Six	Kenneth Moore		P	
Region Seven	Ian Snellgrove		P	
Region Eight	Rodger McConnell		P	
Region Nine	Dawson Primes		P	
GOHSEP Director	Brig. Gen. Jason Mahfouz		P	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 2025

Motion by: Kenneth Moore

Seconded by: Terry Guidry

There were no oppositions. October 2025 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP Updates/ Reports

Brig. Gen. Jason Mahfouz

- GOHSEP/LMD merger updates:
 - Phase 2 of the merger beginning this week; GOHSEP staff will be briefed individually.
 - GOHSEP will reorganize into three primary divisions- Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, effective February 1, 2026.
 - Phase 3 will be subsequent to the FEMA Reform.
- FEMA updates:
 - FEMA Review Council report will be available for public comment on 12/11.
 - NEMA is hosting a state director's call with the FEMA Review Council on 12/12 to review the findings.
 - Anticipating cost share will change to 75/25 and an increase in thresholds for states.

Public Assistance Updates

Nathan Gary, Assistant Director of Public Assistance

- GOHSEP met with the Native American Commission last week to discuss their role in PA PDAs.
- Jim Richard will begin outreach this spring to discuss debris plans.
- FEMA is updating its Grants Portal/Grant Manager system. In order to login into their site, all users must now have a login.gov account with the same email address associated with their Grants Portal/Grants Manager account. This will be required by December 21, 2025 or you will be unable to login to Grants Portal. Users should have received an email from no-reply@louisianapa.com.

Recovery Operations Updates

Allison Saari, Asst. Director of Recovery Ops

- Crisis Track- requesting that each region select one parish to participate in a pilot; Please email your selected parish to Allison by January 5th.
- Currently have six SBA disaster declarations ongoing.
- Non- congregate sheltering- down to 2 trailers in the State of Louisiana
- Direct housing mission (FEMA)- down to 5 in the State of Louisiana

Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness Updates

Sandra Gaspard, Assistant Director of Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness

- FY25 has been awarded but is currently on hold due to ongoing litigation. RFIs are expected once the litigation hold is lifted, though the timeline remains uncertain and it is unclear whether extensions will be offered.

- DR-4817, Hurricane Francine: GOHSEP to submit to FEMA by December 16th.
- FMA NOFO holds are still in place.
- No movement on additional SHSP allocation from UASI funds.
- Beginning to see some movement on FEMA approvals; however, most application approvals or amendment requests exceeding \$100K remain delayed due to the additional DHS approval layer that was recently implemented.

Financial Operations and Administration Updates

- N/A

Emergency Management Updates

Mark Ward, Asst. Director of Emergency Management

- Current incidents:
 - Smitty's Oil Explosion
 - Salt-water intrusion on the Mississippi River
 - Sulphur Mines in Calcasieu
- Statewide Exercise- April 2026
- State EOP being updated to reflect new laws and ESF tasks and responsibilities.
- New Orleans Mardi Gras adjudicated to SIER 1 event.

Security and Interoperability Updates

Mark Fontenot, Director of Protective Intelligence

- Provided intel regarding current threats:
 - Nihilistic Extremist (Group 764)
 - Islamic Extremist
 - Operation Catahoula Crunch
- For more information on these topics, please reach out to Mark Fontenot.

Cybersecurity Updates

Matthew McKey, Director of Cyber Assurance Program

- State and Local Cyber Grant program
 - Competitive program with a \$200K cap per application, offering nearly \$12M in federal funds from the past three years for local government entities to enhance their cybersecurity posture.
 - Detailed email will be sent to all Parish Directors.
- Cyber attacks continue to primarily target public safety, education, and other large, high-value sectors.

OHSEP Directors Updates

- Updates given by the Regional Directors.

Next Meeting

- Date: January 13, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Lafayette OHSEP (tentative)

Adjourn

Motion by: Clay Rives

Seconded by: Jared Maze

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.