LEADING THE STATE IN

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mitigation

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GOHSEP)
GOHSEP plays a significant role in planning + training + exercise, ensuring Louisiana citizens are prepared to respond and recover from emergency events and disasters.

**PLANNING**
Local and State planning prior to an emergency event or disaster is a State and Federal requirement. GOHSEP provides plan review + coordination + technical assistance to local, State and Tribal authorities.

GOHSEP develops *Emergency Operations Plans* (EOPs) with local and State partners. Staff also serve as emergency management support to numerous State partners such as the Governor’s Advisory Council on Disability Affairs, State 211 Coordinating Council, Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LA BEOC) and State Legislature.

**TRAINING + EXERCISE**

For more information on GOHSEP training + exercise opportunities please visit [gohsep.la.gov/events-calendar.aspx](http://gohsep.la.gov/events-calendar.aspx).

**LOGISTICS**
GOHSEP’s *Unified Logistics Element* (ULE) validates Parish logistical compliance with FEMA guidance, to ensure the availability of pre-positioned commodity inventories, in-state stocks of commodities and staging areas when needed.

**LWIN**
Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) is the largest statewide radio system in the country, providing daily voice communications to more than 73,073 first responders + key decision makers from local, State, Federal and other entities. GOHSEP leads and coordinates LWIN and chairs the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) that oversees LWIN.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**
GOHSEP administers a host of Federal preparedness grant programs for first responders and emergency managers.

**LA BEOC**
GOHSEP and the LA BEOC work with businesses and industry to improve preparedness and improve communications before + during + after an emergency event or disaster.

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Proactive intelligence efforts are the key to inhibiting criminal activities and networks. The Louisiana State Analytical + Fusion Exchange (LA-SAFE or Fusion Center) is a central point within the State to identify threats, prevent acts of terrorism and promote deterrence.

LA-SAFE and its Cyber Fusion Unit (CFU) is a collaborative effort that lawfully gathers + analyzes + disseminates information. It provides resources and expertise to maximize the State’s abilities to detect + prevent + investigate + respond to threats. Teams of local, State and Federal law enforcement officials — within a framework of all crimes/all hazards — promote interoperability, provide situational awareness and disseminate information important to making informed decisions regarding suspicious activities. GOHSEP is one of its original partners. GOHSEP’s Cyber Security Officer (CSO) serves as a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Cyber Task Force (CTF). Through the CTF, GOHSEP assists the FBI with Louisiana-based cyber intrusion cases.

LA-SAFE day-to-day operations are under the administration of the Louisiana State Police (LSP). The Director of GOHSEP is appointed by the Governor as the State’s Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and acts on behalf of the Governor in managing LA-SAFE.

GOHSEP also co-chairs — with the FBI — the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) Working Group. The Working Group provides awareness training in State protocols for identifying + responding to + transporting + testing hazardous materials, and builds awareness of CBRNE threats.

6 Employees
6: TO 0: Non-TO

Funding
20% General Fund 80% Federal
GOHSEP’s role is to:
• **Lead + manage + coordinate** local and State response actions during an emergency event or disaster.
• **Activate + coordinate** the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
• **Coordinate** State + Federal Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).
• **Manage + respond to requests** from local + State + Tribal authorities + other entities for needed resources.

**LOUISIANA SEOC**
• State-of-the-art **command + control center**.
• Serves as **central operations** for emergency response + provides support for local governments + other State agencies.
• **Assists + coordinates**:
  >> All actions during an incident.
  >> Requests for resources when local capacities have been exceeded.

**ALERT FM + IPAWS**
ALERT FM is an emergency notification system that delivers messages from local and State officials to citizens + schools + businesses + first responders using the radio data system of local FM radio stations. Messages are transported from a secure web-based portal to a satellite delivery system. Alerts are then received on ALERT FM receivers or the ALERT FM cell phone app. Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) provides officials an integrated gateway to send alert + warning messages to the public using the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio (NWR) and other alerting systems, all from a single interface.

**WebEOC®**
WebEOC® is GOHSEP’s secure Internet-based emergency information management application. It provides operational details to an imminent threat, and is the State’s official emergency management software system. WebEOC® is used by all 64 Parishes, State agencies, FEMA and non-governmental organization (NGO) partners for reporting and sharing information and is where local governments request emergency assistance.

**IMAC + EMAC**
GOHSEP provides guidelines and procedures for the development of Parish Intrastate Mutual Aid Compacts (IMACs). It also coordinates State requests and responses to Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMACs) that enable states to share resources during an emergency event or disaster response.

**Virtual LA**
Managed + administered by GOHSEP, Virtual Louisiana (Virtual LA) provides the State a common operational picture for day-to-day planning and during emergency response.

**Funding**
- **14 Employees**
  - 14: TO
  - 0: Non-TO
- **20% General Fund**
- **80% Federal**
Recovery requires resources. GOHSEP helps Louisiana Subgrantees request + manage recovery resources.

**GRANT RESOURCES**

While not all emergency events or disasters rise to the level of a Federal declaration, a *Presidential declaration opens the door* for Federal assistance through:

- **Public Assistance (PA) grants**
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
- **Individual Assistance (IA) grants**

**RECOVERY HAPPENS IN PHASES:**

+ **PROJECT FORMULATION**
+ **GRANTS MANAGEMENT**
+ **PROJECT CLOSEOUT**

PA and Hazard Mitigation (HM) recovery grants are subgrants to local + State + Federally recognized Tribal entities + private nonprofits (PNPs) through GOHSEP. GOHSEP administers those subgrants in a highly regulated environment, helping to ensure compliance with complex and sometimes confusing Federal grant requirements to protect against de-obligation of funds.

Currently, GOHSEP is managing 10 open Presidentially declared disasters, representing more than $15 billion in recovery assistance (PA + HM) authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), to Louisiana citizens.

**GRANT CYCLE**

GOHSEP is organized to help Subgrantees comply with all Stafford Act recovery assistance for which they are eligible. GOHSEP works with disaster-impacted communities to:

- Identify eligible damages.
- Apply for FEMA recovery assistance through both the PA + HM programs.
- Formulate + implement + closeout eligible recovery projects.

**LAPA**

The GOHSEP-operated Louisiana Public Assistance (LAPA) web platform provides online grants management assistance for PA Subgrantees. The system handles more than 78,500 Project Worksheets (PWs) and amendments from application through closeout.

**STATEWIDE IMPACT**

Through recovery activities, education and outreach initiatives and grants management assistance to areas impacted by emergency events or disasters, GOHSEP touches every Parish in the State.
BUILDING/REBUILDING STRONGER + SAFER COMMUNITIES
Hazard mitigation (HM) strategies help us build safer + stronger + smarter + more resilient communities. GOHSEP creates + maintains the State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP); provides leadership, technical assistance and oversight to local governments in the preparation of local HM plans; and oversees and administers Federal grant funding to local, State and Federally recognized Tribal entities through Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs.

The Federal government pays up to 75% – sometimes as much as 90% and 100% – of eligible HM project costs.

For every $1 spent on mitigation, $4 are saved in future reduced losses.


84 Employees

5: TO 79: Non-TO

Funding

1% General Fund 99% Federal
who we are

Louisiana is a high-risk State for emergency events and disasters. In addition to the numerous hurricanes, floods, high-wind events and other natural disasters our State has experienced, we are home to critical supply routes and energy production resources that are attractive targets for man-made disruptions. The State — through GOHSEP — has a significant responsibility to protect communities, citizens, property and assets in the event of an incident.

- We prepare – through planning + training + exercise – emergency management professionals and community stakeholders to increase the State’s readiness.
- We work with local + State + Tribal + Federal law enforcement in the prevention of man-made emergency events or disasters.
- We coordinate with local + State + Tribal + other entities to manage local/State emergency response + recovery.
- We help local communities + State agencies + Federally recognized Tribal authorities + certain private nonprofits (PNPs) reduce risk through mitigation.
- We help local authorities identify + get + keep Federal assistance through grant funding.
- We administer Federal grants + programs, helping to ensure Louisiana subgrant recipients are in compliance with Federal requirements.

MISSION
To lead and support Louisiana and its citizens in the preparation for, response to and recovery from all emergencies and disasters.

GOHSEP FIVE (5) FOCUS AREAS: prepare // prevent // respond recover // mitigate

gohsep.la.gov is the official GOHSEP website.

getagameplan.org is a dynamic one-stop web portal that houses information for Louisiana citizens regarding emergency events and disaster preparation + prevention + response + recovery + mitigation for individuals, families and businesses.

Numbers noted are programmatic totals as of the date of this publication or are FY2012 – 2013 unless otherwise noted.
GOHSEP annually . . .

PLANNING
• Reviews 16 Parish and State-agency Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) and maintains + updates the State EOP every 2 years.
• Conducts at least 4 Parish planning workshops.

TRAINING
• Maintains a statewide 143-member cadre of certified instructors teaching 160 courses, including the Incident Command System (ICS).
• Conducts multiple CBRNE + decontamination (DECON) technical and functional training sessions for first responders.
• This past year, at minimal cost to the State, provided training for:
  » 1,722 first responders in ICS 300/400 courses.
  » 43,152 first responders/preparedness stakeholders.
  » 1,802 elected officials and emergency + recovery stakeholders.

EXERCISE
• Coordinates/facilitates 12 regional + statewide exercises, 1 Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) workshop and the Rehearsal of Concepts (ROC) drill with State ESF Leads and FEMA Region VI.
• Provides offsite planning + training + communication + exercise operability and calibration of radiation survey/detection meters and dosimetry devices for 3 nuclear power plants.
• Recently completed 5 Threat + Hazard Identification + Risk Assessment (THIRA) exercises.

LITERATURE
This year, GOHSEP . . .
• Produced and distributed 67 different public information + training tools.

COMMODITIES
• GOHSEP maintains 6 warehouses stocked with Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) + water + sandbags + tarps.

LOUISIANA WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK (LWIN)
• 123 sites • 1,148 channels • Up to 11+ million push-to-talks (PTTs) monthly

CURRENTLY ADMINISTERS
• $33 million in Homeland Security (HLS) and Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPGs).
INFORMATION

This year, GOHSEP . . .

- Issued 133 infected Host Notification Alerts (IHNA) to Louisiana-based networks.
  - Issued 406 IHNAS to other state Fusion Centers.
- Conducted 28 cyber presentations to Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CJIKR) groups.
- Published 37 Cyber Situational Advisories (CSAs).
- Published 2 Joint Cyber Situational Advisories with other state Fusion Centers.
- Issued 12 Cyber Security Block Lists for network defense.
- Acted as a primary source for 35 Intelligence Information Reports (IIRs).
- GOHSEP also:
  - Developed 10 significant See Something Send Something reports.
  - Reported 7 significant Tac Trend calls.
  - Issued 451 Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs).

LA-SAFE issues Daily Information Summaries (DISs) to more than 1,200 contacts.
Emergency Action Levels

Parish

Assets

IV

III

II

I

Potential or Actual Threat
Incident requiring activation of Crisis Action Team (CAT) with potential augmentation from selected ESFs.

Normal Operations
Staffing is in accordance with authorized manning levels and may include the CAT.

This year, GOHSEP . . .

EVENTS

- Participated in 46 State events.
- 2 Federal + 6 State declarations were issued.

PARTNERS + STAFFING

- Conducted 4 quarterly meetings to coordinate with 16 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), managing a day-to-day staff of 7.
- During an activation, GOHSEP manages:
  - 150+ -person staff for 24/7 operations.
  - 40+ -person Unified Logistics Element (ULE) staff.

WebEOC® RESOURCE REQUESTS

GOHSEP — through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) — reviews and approves requests for assistance + resources.

- Small event: 20 or less
- Medium event: 800+ – 1,400+
- Large event: 3,000+

VIRTUAL LA

- 4,028+ users

In Progress - Response Activities Required
Incident requiring full augmentation of EOC with all ESFs, supporting organizations and FEMA as needed.

Event in Progress - Major Impact
Incident requiring full augmentation of EOC with all ESFs, supporting organizations and FEMA as needed.

Potential or Actual Threat
Incident requiring activation of Crisis Action Team (CAT) with potential augmentation from selected ESFs.

Normal Operations
Staffing is in accordance with authorized manning levels and may include the CAT.
GOHSEP helps local Louisiana governing authorities, the State and other eligible entities secure and administer billions of dollars in Federal assistance, making us better prepared to prevent, respond to, recover from or mitigate against future emergency events or natural and man-made disasters.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA)
This year, GOHSEP conducted 9 disaster-related Applicant Briefings and is currently administering:

- PA grants for the recoveries of 64 Parishes...
  - Totaling more than $13.1 billion.
  - Including 2,031 unique Subgrantees, 1,590 have projects obligated from 10 Presidential declared disasters.
  - 34,662 projects + 44,232 amendments to those projects.
- Processing $24+ million in reimbursements weekly.

GOHSEP has assisted or is assisting Louisiana local governmental entities in managing grants to repair or replace disaster-damaged facilities:

- 765 pre K-12 school facilities
- 147 healthcare facilities
- 194 fire stations
- 160 police + sheriff + criminal justice facilities
- 62 libraries
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APPEALS + ARBITRATION + AUDITS
Since 2007, as a result of technical assistance received from GOHSEP, Subgrantees have kept in excess of $1.7 billion in PA grant funding which either FEMA or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Office of Inspector General (OIG) refused to pay or recommended for de-obligation — ensuring those dollars stay in Louisiana supporting ongoing recovery initiatives.
HAZARD MITIGATION (HM)

GOHSEP is currently managing more than $2 billion in Stafford Act HM funding — and 607 approved projects — across all 64 Parishes. Projects include hardening/retrofitting of critical facilities, improved drainage and flood control, and the elevation of individual homes damaged by flooding events through:

- 9,571 elevations
- 144 retrofits, including 566 structures
- 77 drainage projects
- 132 plan development projects
- 48 flood control projects, representing 91 structures
- 600 generators
- and MORE!

GOHSEP OVERALL RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)

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