# LSU Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Brief Overview by D'Ann Morris



# LSU Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- LSU EOC operational since June 1, 2006
- Although born out of response to hurricanes...
  - The LSU EOC is a 24/7 "all hazards" center:
    - Equipped to respond to the full spectrum of:
      - Natural Disasters
      - Manmade Disasters
      - Acts of Terrorism
      - No notice events



#### LSU EOC Mission

- The LSU EOC is a force multiplier, providing situational awareness and improved coordination of public safety activities in order to enhance the safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the LSU campus.
- Additionally, the LSU EOC will coordinate support with external agencies and internal LSU departments for:
  - Medical triage, staging, special needs shelter, and other facilities
  - Continuity of operations
  - Transition to normal operations

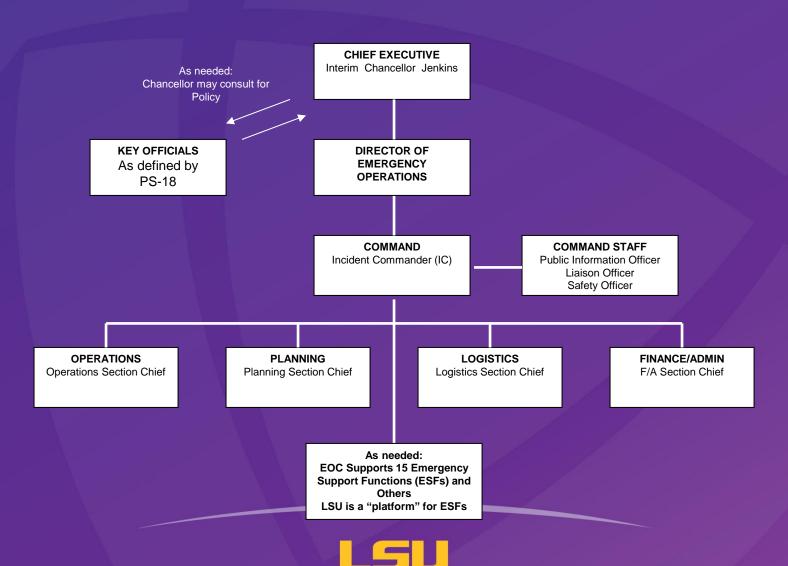


# **LSU EOC Concept of Operations**





#### LSU EOC – Chain of Command



#### **EOC Core Committee**

- D'Ann Morris, Student Health Center
- Lawrence Rabalais, LSU PD
- Bart Thompson, LSU PD
- Kevin Scott, LSU PD
- Brian Nichols, CIO, and Risk Management
- John Borne, ITS
- KC White, Student Life
- Kristine Calongne, CUR
- Tony Lombardo, Facility Services
- Glynn Cavin, Special Assistance



#### **EOC Core Committee**

- Meets every two weeks
- Wide range of topics, including:
  - Campus Safety Initiative
  - Communications
  - Team Training Topics
  - Relationships with other agencies
  - Building Coordinators
  - Departmental Plans



### **EOC Personnel Requirements**

- Three teams for EOC Operations:
  - Purple Team
  - Gold Team
  - Tiger Team
- Allows 3x8 hour shifts for 24/7 operation
- Unity of Command structure and roles for personnel from "Incident Command System" (ICS)



#### **EOC Personnel - Teams**

Incident Commanders: UAS, Risk Mgt, and Student Life

Public Info. Officers: CUR

Liaison Officers: LSU PD and Student Life

Operations Section Chiefs: LSU PD

Planning Sections Chiefs: ORED, Student Life, and NCBRT

• Logistics Section Chiefs: Academic Affairs and Unv Stores

Facilities Unit Leaders: Facility Services

Admin/Fin. Section Chiefs: FAS

IT Specialists: ITS





**Partnerships** 

**Communications** 

**Dining** 

**Volunteers** 

Housing

Location

Security

#### **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)s**

THRESHOLDS/TRIGGERS: What events may lead to the activation of the EOC?

NOTE: Activation of EOC is not "automatic" – EOC is activated only when ordered by the Chancellor or Director of Emergency Operations

- 1. Chancellor may activate EOC before or during an event
- 2. Director of Emergency Operations may activate EOC before or during event
- 3. Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive (C,B,R,N,E) event occurs in the Region
- 4. Credible warning of imminent C, B, R, N, E event is received
- 5. Catastrophic earthquake occurs in the region
- 6. The Louisiana coast falls within a Hurricane Watch area or Hurricane Warning area, 72 hours or less out from the coast
- 7. Announced evacuation of nearby cities, <u>along with the expected arrival of evacuees</u>
- 8. State or Federal agencies begin to arrive or stage equipment at LSU or a request by an agency to stage equipment at LSU has been accepted
- 9. Dept. of Health and Hospitals/Dept. of Children and Family Services notifies LSU that they will activate: (a) Medical Special Needs Shelter at LSU and/or (b) Federal Medical Station at LSU
- 10. Intelligence from Federal/State/Local Government
- 11. No notice event prompts need for EOC activation



- In addition, SOP has procedures for:
  - Communication of Decision to Leadership
  - Communication of Decision to Teams
  - Team Rotation Schedule
  - Key Contacts
  - Checklists
  - Parking plans
  - Logistics plans for buses, cars, aircraft
  - Power Chart
    - Relationships FEMA, City Parish EOC, State Officials



## LSU EOC – Status of Development

- Hurricane Response Procedures
  - MSNS
  - FMS
  - Forward Bus Triage
  - Housing
  - Dining
  - Communication Protocols



## LSU EOC – Status of Development

- Pandemic Planning
  - SHC: Dr. Tim Honigman
  - POD: Office of Public Health
  - Communication Protocols: In Progress
  - Pandemic SOP: In Progress
- No Notice Events
  - SOP: In Progress
  - Shaped by lessons learned from former tragedies
  - More defined communication protocols



#### LSU EOC – Lessons Learned

- Communication Protocols
  - Eight ways to communicate:
    - Text message
    - LSU.edu
    - Broadcast e-mail
    - Broadcast voicemail to subscribed LSU telephones
    - Media Release
    - Social Media: facebook, twitter, etc.
    - Desktop Alert
    - Newsletter (inspired by SG during Hurricane Gustav)



#### **Lessons Learned from Activations**

- Test all systems regularly
- Review, evaluate, and revise communication protocols overall and with individual departments
- Increase campus awareness of role and function of EOC
- Create information sheet (FAQ's) regarding hurricane season (academic calendar should be adjusted; Co-Gen does not operate the entire campus, etc.)



# Questions?

Interested in having this EOC Briefing presented to your department?

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