

Mark Harrell

Biography

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I, Mark Harrell, was the Director of the St. Helena Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for four years. I ran the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Hurricane Gustav and DR1668. Also during that time, I assisted Livingston Parish and Washington Parish in several incidents. I taught all first responders in St. Helena Parish ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800; and, was responsible for the facilitation of FEMA Disaster Public Assistance (PA), and DHS grant funding, including the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), as well as State grant funding, including the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Capital Outlay Program.

I went to work for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) where I responded to most incidents statewide including the flooding in GOHSEP Region 7, tornados in Regions 5 and 8, a major hazmat fire in Region 2 and the BP Oil Spill. Most recently, I responded to the Mississippi River flooding, assisting Vidalia and Concordia Parish in their response. I was also GOSHEP's Problem Resolution Officer for a year, where I assisted in resolving grant and mitigation issues as well as public assistance and political matters.

Currently, I am the Director of the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. In this role, I ensure that all emergency essential personnel have completed all mandatory ICS courses and are provided training and exercises in preparation of any emergency activations of the EOC. I also respond, when necessary or requested, to any emergencies parish or statewide and am, again, responsible for the facilitation of FEMA Disaster PA, and DHS grant funding, including SHSP, EMPG, HMGP, as well as State grant funding, including LGAP, CDBG and the Capital Outlay Program.