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GOHSEP DISTRIBUTING RADIOS TO UNIVERSITY POLICE

BATON ROUGE (November 22, 2013) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is providing nearly 150 radio devices to police departments at 10 universities across the state. The transfer involves portable radios which can be used by individual officers in the field and mobile radios which can be mounted inside vehicles. The radios were made possible through a homeland security grant at a cost of \$305,000.

The radios contain the technology needed for officers to communicate with other first responders and government offices during an emergency. GOHSEP has helped the state establish a communication network allowing easier flow of information after an event like a hurricane.

"In recent years, we've seen the importance of emergency communication during a crisis on our nation's campuses," says GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis. "Here in Louisiana, there is also the constant threat of weather emergencies in each region. GOHSEP is glad to provide this valuable equipment to the men and women charged with keeping our young people safe."

"One of the top priorities of Southeastern is to maintain and protect the safety and security of our faculty, staff and students," says Southeastern Louisiana University President John L. Crain. "The radios presented to us by the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will greatly enhance our communication capabilities and help allow us to continue to provide a safe campus environment."

McNeese State University Police Chief Robert Spinks says, "These radios will ultimately enhance safety and security at McNeese State University by enhancing the backbone of the police department's radio communications network."

GOHSEP is providing the following equipment:

Grambling:	8 portable radios
Louisiana Tech:	8 portable radios
University of Louisiana at Monroe:	8 portable radios
Nicholls State University:	15 portable radios
Southeastern Louisiana University:	15 portable radios, 5 mobile radios
McNeese State:	40 portable radios, 10 mobile radios
Southern University (BR):	15 portable radios, 5 mobile radios
LSU Alexandria:	4 portable radios
University of New Orleans:	8 portable radios
Southern University (NO):	6 portable radios

"The Southeastern University Police Department is very appreciative for receiving 20 new 700 MHz radios from GOHSEP," according to Southeastern Police Interim Director Carmen Bray. "These radios will help bridge a communications gap we currently experience when hosting major events here at Southeastern."

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service. Go to www.getagameplan.org to download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide. You can also find the Get a Game Plan app to help you and your family plan for an emergency.

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