



CITY OF KENNER

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KENNER ACQUIRES COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO BOLSTER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Kenner, LA. – Kenner’s Emergency Operations Center has been significantly enhanced with the recent acquisition of more than \$38,000 in public safety radio and satellite phone/radio equipment at no cost to the city, said Douglas Dodt, Kenner’s Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

The advanced communications equipment will allow Kenner’s EOC to better support emergency-based communications for police, fire and public works departments in the city as well as other first responders throughout the region, Dodt said.

Equipment acquired by the City includes a Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) capable portable radio dispatch console. The radio equipment, valued at approximately \$18,000, allows the City to better monitor emergency situations, coordinate multi-agency response, and provide communications contingencies in the event of infrastructure failure or service disruption.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants provided funding for the equipment. Kenner’s application for the equipment was approved by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) after being submitted through the Jefferson Parish Homeland Security Committee. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sets funding priorities and guidance for the grant programs.

In addition, GOHSEP recently provided several portable satellite phone / radio kits valued at approximately \$20,000 at no cost to the City.

“Working closely with our parish, state and federal partners, Kenner’s administration continually seeks out resources to better serve our community and support our first responders in time of crisis” said Mayor Michael S. Yenni.

“Our local emergency preparedness planning initiatives and facilities are recognized by state and federal agencies as worthwhile investments, good examples of a local effort that is contributing to a stronger, more comprehensive national preparedness capacity.”

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