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KENNER TO RECEIVE STATE GRANT TO ASSIST EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Kenner, LA. – Kenner’s Emergency Management Department has been approved for more than \$10,000 in equipment from the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

The city will receive security cameras for the Emergency Operations Center, operation aids for incident managers, two laptop computers, a video conference camera, a computer network router and a weather station.

In April, 2016, at the urging of Acting Mayor Michael Sigur, the City Council approved the creation of an emergency management department. The department continually seeks out funding opportunities to acquire specialized equipment for our police and fire departments, improve planning and response capabilities and protect critical infrastructure.

“Kenner’s ability to secure grant funding for local emergency management programs clearly demonstrates the importance of establishing a permanent department and the confidence that our federal, state and parish partners have in our efforts” said Sigur.

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant provided funding for the equipment while the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sets funding priorities and guidance for this specialized grant program. All of the equipment comes at no cost to the city.

Doug Dodt, Kenner’s Emergency Management Director, said the equipment will provide important upgrades to the department.

“This equipment enhances the ability of our first responders - police and fire, as well as incident managers, to respond quickly to emergencies and disasters.”

Dodt and Officer Louis Linn of the Kenner Police Department represent the city on the Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee, also known as the Homeland Security Committee. Working closely with Jefferson Parish Emergency Management officials, Kenner’s representatives work year round to identify local emergency management and first responder needs.

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