

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law defines "first responder" as a volunteer engaged in activities involving the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and includes medical personnel, emergency and medical technicians, volunteer firemen, auxiliary law enforcement officers, state agency essential workers, emergency service dispatchers, emergency response operators, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.

New law includes "public works employees" as first responders only during emergencies declared by the governor. Defines "public works employee" as an employee of a municipal or parish public works department who is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of municipal or parish infrastructure.

New law authorizes the term "first responder" to be displayed on the uniform of a public works employee.

Effective May 29, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:739(C); adds R.S. 29:723(21))