

Maj. Doug Cain: Good Afternoon, I'm Major Doug Cain of the Louisiana State Police. We're here today to give you an overview of what occurred today in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Today with us that will be speaking; State Police Superintendent Colonel Mike Edmonson, He's going to give a rundown of what we can provide, what info we have now. Following the Colonel will be East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, to speak about his deputies that were lost today, followed by Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie who will speak to his officers that were lost today. U.S. Attorney Walt Green will give a comment on the Federal perspective, followed by remarks by Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden and our governor, John Bel Edwards. We will not be taking questions in the end, we will provide you everything we know up to this point. The briefing will conclude with Governor Edwards' remarks. Thank you.

Col. Mike Edmonson: First of all, thank y'all for being here, I'm Colonel Mike Edmonson, Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police. First of all, let me tell you something. We have been getting phone calls from around the nation and around the world, we want and need your prayers. Baton Rouge is in need of those prayers right now. We thank you for those and we want everyone to know we appreciate every single one of them at this time. We're not going to take question at the end of this because it is an active, ongoing investigation. We have a lot of moving parts with multiple agencies. The Louisiana State Police is the lead agency in regards to the investigation itself. We will be working very closely with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office and the Baton Rouge Police Department from a local perspective, and we will be joined by our Federal partners as we pursue the many, many leads we have right now. We will give you a 1-800 number for the public to have as we move forward. Let me make something clear right now, you're getting a lot of information, you're interviewing a lot of people. If it does not come from myself, the Chief of Police Carl Dabadie, or the East Baton Rouge Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, if it does not come from these individuals we cannot confirm it as being factual. So just know that up front. We're going to have another press conference tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. We will give you complete updates as we have them at that time, but we want to allow our detectives and our investigators time. The crime scene is very large. We're going to tell people in the Baton Rouge area, if you do not absolutely need to be in that area of Airline Highway and Old Hammond Highway, stay out of that area. We're going to be working that throughout the evening, throughout the night, as we are working those specifics. Please also know, that there is not an active shooter scenario in Baton Rouge, no active shooter in the city of Baton Rouge. We do believe base off of the information that we have, again this is ongoing, the person who shot and killed our officers that he is the person who was shot and killed at the scene. So that's what we know right now. We do not believe, nor do we have reason to believe that there is another shooter held up in any other area in Baton Rouge. But understand, this investigation has got a lot of moving parts and pieces. We will be moving and going on and following each one of those. Once again, there is no active shooter scenario going on in Baton Rouge. I'll tell you this...I'm going to read it to make sure you have the right information. Today at approximately 8:40 a.m. several Louisiana Law enforcement officers responded to reports of a man carrying a rifle, walking in that particular area at Airline and Goodwood. That was the information that came into us. Multiple officers were transported to local hospitals for treatment, i will tell you that three officers have died from injuries; two from the Baton Rouge Police Department, and one from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office. One East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Deputy is in critical condition, he just got out of surgery a short time ago. The Sheriff and the Chief are going to speak on those. Two additional officers suffered non life threatening

wounds, they are in stable condition at the hospital. At approximately 8:40 a.m., Baton Rouge PD officers at a convenience store observed an individual, he was wearing all black, standing behind a beauty supply store holding a rifle. At approximately 8:42 a.m. reports were received of shots fired. At approximately 8:44 a.m. reports were received of officers down on the scene. At 8:45, reports were received of more shots being fired. At 8:46 a.m. reports were received of the suspect once again, wearing all black, standing near a car wash located right next to the convenience store. At 8:48, our emergency EMS units started arriving at the scene and were staging so they could approach and remove the bodies from the scene. Officers engaged the subject at that particular time, and he ultimately died at the scene. State Police and multiple agencies secured the area and identified possible potential suspects and further threats in the area. We in law enforcement ask that the public stay vigilant. If you see something that is suspicious, and you know what is out of the ordinary and suspicious in your particular area, call your local police department. If you see suspicious activity and don't call your local police department, call this number 1-800-Call-FBI-1-800-225-5324. Again, we do not have an active shooter scenario in the City of Baton Rouge, we are working the investigation, its going to take us in multiple directions, a lot of leads out there we are following. You, the public, can help us if you see something please call us. We will have a 1:00 p.m. press conference tomorrow afternoon and we will completely update you on everything that is going on then.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux: Thank you, Colonel. As the Colonel just stated, we had six officers who were shot today in East Baton Rouge Parish. Three of which are Baton Rouge city police, two of which are deceased, one of which is still alive. Chief Dabadie will speak to those individuals in a minute. We've had three East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Deputies who were shot as well. One is deceased, one is in critical condition fighting for his life as we speak...41 year old, one with non life-threatening injuries, he is in surgery right now...he is 51 years old. Each one of these individuals are married, each one of these individuals has a family. We're grieving as a law enforcement community. We're grieving for each other, we're grieving for our loss, we're grieving for our families. We ask for your prayers. Not only for us, for our deputies, and their co-workers. As law enforcement we are a family, and we stand here together as you can see. Our number one priority is the safety of the community, the safety of the people, and the safety of law enforcement. We've activated the Louisiana Sheriff's Association Task Force, as you can see behind me several of my fellow sheriffs are here. We want you to know that we have a coordinated effort to protect the safety of everyone in this Parish. With God's help we will get through this. To me, this is not so much about gun control, as it is about what's in men's hearts. Until we come together as a nation, as a people to heal, and this madness continues, we will perish as a people. So I would just ask for your prayers and support for the families of everyone involved, this city, this state, and this nation.

Chief Carl Dabadie: It is with a heavy heart that I stand here today. As the others have said, we've had six officers shot today. Three of those officers were BRPD officers. Two were killed in the line of duty. One was 41 years old and has just under a year of service. The other is 32 years old and has ten years of service. Our one non life-threatening injury, officer is 41 years old and has nine years of service. We would ask for prayers from this community for our officers, for the families who have been affected by this senseless shooting that went on this morning. Prayers for all law enforcement, not just BRPD. As the Sheriff and the Colonel have said, we stand united, this is a united front. Make no mistake about that, this is very united. Public safety

remains our priority, and we will continue to do our job in light of what has happened. We have several agencies from outside that are coming to lend support and help. Officers have been depleted for the last 12-14 days. So there are other agencies coming in to help us out and back us up. That is for this community's safety. As the Sheriff said, we've activated the Sheriff's Task Force, and it is a coordinated effort going forward. We will get through this as a a family, we will get through this a community. I want every BRPD officer to know that I stand with you and beside you. We're going to get though this and get through this together. This is not going to tarnish this city or this department. Thank You.

U.S. Attorney Walt Green: This is indeed a tragic day of the city of Baton Rouge. On behalf of the Attorney General of the United States and myself, I want to offer my condolences to the families as well as the officers who were involved in this shooting. I can promise you with the backing of the Department of Justice and the Attorney General, all Federal law enforcement assets that will be needed will be given to this investigation. We will go wherever it takes us to conclude this investigation. I would tell you that our continued support with federal, local, and state law enforcement in this matter has been great. We have agents from the ATF, the FBI, as well as the United States Marshal Service and people from my office currently assisting in this investigation and will continue to do so until justice is served. Thank You.

Mayor Kip Holden: Let me tell you what, this is truly a sad day in Baton Rouge. As we now meet again behind senseless killings, we continue to ask the question and we continue to ask the statement "let peace prevail" in Baton Rouge and in this Parish. We must look ahead. The President has acknowledged this violence and will reiterate those things around 3:30 our time. But again, the people that you see here today, let me say unequivocally, the President has responded to the needs of Baton Rouge. Not only that, the agencies you see here have always been partners with the State Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the city police. We are one family all seeking justice for all of our people. Let me thank the President and Ms. Jarrett for their calls and the Governor will elaborate on the call he got also from the President. We ask you now for your prayers. We pray for those who were killed or injured in this tragedy. We want you to pray for their families, and not only be with them know, but in the future. Our first responders, now we say to them and their families, that we will be their first responders. We will strive every day to be one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We thank our officers who have fallen in the line of duty, we pray for their families, and we pray for peace everywhere. God Bless you.

Gov. John Bel Edwards: Well today has been a tough day here in Baton Rouge, here in Louisiana and in our country. An absolutely unspeakable, heinous attack here in Baton Rouge claimed the lives of two police officers and one Sheriff's deputy. Three were wounded, including one who is right now absolutely fighting for his life. It's unjustified, it's unjustifiable. The violence, the hatred just has to stop. At times like this, I wish my command of the English language was more adequate to express the range of emotions that I am feeling, and to express them on behalf of the state of Louisiana. Earlier today, I along with the law enforcement community gathered here met with the families of the victims at the hospital. And when I tell you unspeakable tragedy, it's unspeakable. These men, risking their lives to protect and serve this community were taken out the way that they were. They are real life everyday heroes. As you have been told by Col. Edmonson, this is an ongoing investigation, there are a lot of moving

parts, multiple agencies. I want to reassure everyone here in Baton Rouge and around the state that we are doing everything humanly possible to make sure everyone is protected. Every resource is going to be available, to be used to bring these perpetrators, if there is more than one to justice. And obviously it means federal, state and local. You just heard the U.S. Attorney from the Middle District here in Baton Rouge, but we are also being assisted by the FBI and ATF as well. I also spoke with the President of the United States a couple of hours ago who called to express on behalf of himself and the First Lady, their condolences and best wishes for a full and speedy recovery and also their prayers for everyone in Baton Rouge and around the country. We have to do better. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. The people who carried out this act, the individuals, they do not represent the people of Baton Rouge or the State of Louisiana, or the values of our country. Obviously our community is hurting, and only through peace and unity can we heal and that is going to take constructive dialog. There simply is no place for more violence. That doesn't help anyone, that doesn't further the conversation, it doesn't address any injustice perceived or real. It is just an injustice in and of itself. We are not going to tolerate more violence and more hatred tearing apart the communities of Louisiana. So as I did just a few days ago, I am inviting people from around the county to join their prayers to mine, that our nation, that our community here can heal. We can get past this. Certainly pray for the recovery of those officers, who were injured today, but pray for all of our officers, here in Baton Rouge, around the state, and around the country and their family members. Officers who everyday expose themselves to protect and serve as they are sworn to do. As you were told by Colonel Edmonson, we are not going to take questions at this point, but there will be another press briefing tomorrow at 1:00 and we will update you with any additional information we get between now and then. So I want to thank you for covering this press conference and I want to thank you again for everyone joining with the folks of Louisiana in solidarity, so that as a nation we can heal, we can get past this, and we can be what we're supposed to be in the United States of America because we're not there today. God Bless you.