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SEN. BUFFINGTON TAKES ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN LOUISIANA SENATE

NAMED CHAIR OF SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

District 38 State Senator Sherri Buffington (R-Keithville) is the new chair of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security. Senate President John Alario named her to the post which leads efforts in the Senate to work with the Louisiana National Guard, state police, local law enforcement officials and various state agencies to develop and implement Louisiana homeland security plans and emergency response efforts.

"In Northwest Louisiana where we are blessed to enjoy the benefits of such important assets as Barksdale Air Force Base, the Cyber Innovation Center and the Caddo Bossier Port, we are keenly aware of the importance of protecting those assets and the safety of our citizens against disaster, whether a deliberate attack, an accident or a weather-related event. Assets like these are important to both the security and the economic well-being of our nation and our state," Sen. Buffington said.

The Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security works with a similar committee in the House of Representatives to coordinate legislative input on homeland security and emergency response issues.

"And as we have learned repeatedly over the last decade, an event that threatens one area of our state has a ripple effect across Louisiana. Coordinating our homeland security and emergency response plans at all levels is imperative and I look forward to continue to work closely with local and state officials to make sure we have the best plans," Sen. Buffington said.

Other members of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security are Sen. Bodi White (vice-chair), Sen. Jody Amedee, Sen. Ed Murray, Sen. Neil Riser, Sen. Francis Thompson and Sen. Mike Walsworth.

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