
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

It has been a very busy week. All of our weeks are busy though aren't they? One thing about being a public servant, and doing your best, is the work never stops. All of us could stay at work 14 hours a day, seven days a week, and there would still be more to do. That's why we have to be good organizers of our time. No matter how much we would like to have more than 24 hours a day, it is still just 24 hours in a day. It is what we have to work with. The same is true of our resources. No matter how much money we have to operate on, we would like to have more. But at the end of the day, we have what we have to get the job done. As we face a reduction in force, it is important to remember that no one wants to see anyone lose their jobs. But we have what we have and we must live within the resources that we are appropriated. It is no one's fault. The poor national economy has finally impacted us in Louisiana, and we have to tighten our belts, and run an organization that is mission focused. Our hearts go out to those of our staff who will receive notices, as I know this will be a shock and disappointment. No matter how intellectually prepared one thinks they might be, it still is a shock to the system. Your life suddenly and drastically changes, almost overnight. It is a blow to the system. No doubt. But I can testify, it is not the end of the world. I have been there, done it. It is devastating at first, but I allowed myself to go through a process, and my feelings got better every day, as I moved myself forward in a positive direction. For all whose lives will suddenly change, I am sorry, I thank you for your service to the state and this agency. I wish you the best as you cope with the loss, and as life moves us forward.

I hate to close on such an awful thought, so I'll try to look at a bright spot! How bout dem SAINTS? I certainly hope the Saints go marching into Super Bowl history this weekend!

GEAUX SAINTS! Be careful, and God bless!

Sincerely,

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