



Governor Jindal Urges Residents to Get a Game Plan

BATON ROUGE (August 29, 2014) – Governor Bobby Jindal has signed a proclamation in support of September being designated as National Preparedness Month. The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other partners encourage the public to get ...a game plan to protect themselves, their families and their homes in the event of severe weather or other emergencies. September is often a very active time for hurricanes or smaller tropical systems that threaten the state.

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis says, “Emergency managers at the state, local and federal levels work year round to be prepared for a crisis. National Preparedness Month is a time to examine your emergency game plan and restock your emergency supplies.” Davis says, “Take a moment to do that now, because we also face the potential threats associated with thunderstorms, flooding and industrial accidents which can involve little or no warning.”

Families and individuals should have an emergency plan that outlines what they will do if they have to shelter in place because of an emergency and what they will do if they have to evacuate. Emergency kits should include any items to help you get through both of those situations.

The kit should include, among other supplies: flashlights, extra batteries, battery-powered radio and lantern, a first aid kit, canned food and a non-electric can opener, special medical items for any members of the family with special needs, high energy foods like peanut butter and jelly, crackers and granola bars, a utility knife, plastic sheeting or tarps, protective clothing and rainwear, a change of clothes for each family member and at least three gallons of water per person and pet.

Gathering supplies in one place will help families locate them in the event of a power outage. If a family must leave its home, the kit can go with them.

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.getagameplan.org: Louisiana residents can take simple steps to protect themselves, their families, their pets and their homes. GOHSEP provides detailed tips and information for how to respond in the event of a tornado, flooding, thunderstorm, hurricane or other severe weather. Residents can also download the GetAGamePlan app for Apple iPhones by visiting this site.

www.weather.gov: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides detailed, zip code level weather information for the public on its Website. Users can get information about severe weather warnings and alerts and also view forecasts from National Weather Service staff.

www.ready.gov: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) outlines what to do in many disaster scenarios on its preparedness site.

ALERT FM: Free App that allows GOHSEP to create and send digital alerts and messages based on geographic or organizational groups. Messages are delivered to the data subcarrier of existing FM transmitters around the US. Overlapping signals of FM stations ensure rapid message transmission even when other communication systems are disrupted.