



Greater Lafourche Port Commission

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Port Commission's Updated Hurricane Guide Presented to Port Companies



(GALLIANO, LA, JUNE 2, 2006) – On June 1, 2006, over 50 representatives from facilities located in Port Fourchon, attended a Hurricane Readiness Meeting at the Port Operations Center in Fourchon. The Port's updated 2006 Hurricane Guide was presented.

Ted Falgout, Port Director, welcomed the crowd to the meeting and showed pictures of last year's hurricane season. He said, "I hope that this hurricane season brings no excitement." Falgout continues, "I hope that next year, we have to blow the dust off of this guide."

Jon Callais, Director of Security, presented highlights of the Hurricane Guide and recommendations to facilities located in the Port. Callais said, "The goal of the Port Commission's Guide is to address each storm in a manner that strives for the continued safe operation of port facilities while ensuring public safety."

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The ability for facilities in the Port to get up to date information before and immediately following a storm is crucial. The Port has a public information line that interested parties can call and get up to date information on what is going on in Fourchon. Callais said, “The public information line is updated every few hours in the days leading up to and after a storm that affects Port Fourchon.” The Port Commission’s website, www.portfourchon.com, will be posted with the same information as the information line. The Port Commission public information line is (985) 798-5335.

Charlotte Randolph, Lafourche Parish President, addressed the group. Randolph said, “The Port Commission has done an excellent job with their Hurricane Guide. The parish will work closely with the Port Commission to facilitate the safe evacuation of Port Fourchon in the event of a hurricane.”

The Port’s Guide states that the Port Commission will ask the parish to call a voluntary evacuation 72 hours before predicted tropical force winds measured at Port Fourchon, a recommended evacuation 50 hours before predicted tropical force winds measured at Port Fourchon, and a mandatory evacuation of Port Fourchon 36 hours before predicted tropical force winds measured at Port Fourchon.

John Grandon, District Manager from Smith Services, said, “Our employees may evacuate 50 or 60 hours before landfall. We don’t want our employees to get caught in the Port during a storm.”

Randolph said, “When companies in the Port are ready to leave, they should leave. Don’t wait on the Parish to call the evacuation if you are ready to go.”

Callais said, “Our Hurricane Guide is called a guide on purpose.” It is a working document and can be changed and altered to accommodate each storm. “Evacuation times may vary dependent upon storm conditions, for example, projected path, storm strength and forward speed, pre-storm weather, and road conditions.”

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ABOUT US

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was established by the state of Louisiana in 1960 and exercises jurisdiction over an area of Lafourche Parish, south of the Intracoastal Waterway, including Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. In a relatively short time frame, the commission has developed the nation’s premiere oil and gas support services port on the Gulf of Mexico, Port Fourchon, and continues to develop the South Lafourche Airport in the support of the hydrocarbon, fishing, tourist, and recreational industries.

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