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# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR 2014

#### Agenda

- Parish Vulnerabilities
- Assisted Evacuation

### Predictions for Hurricane Season 2014

Prediction Center	Named Storms	Hurricanes	Major Hurricanes
WSI	11	5	2
TSR	12	5	2
CSU	9	3	1
NCSU	8-11	4-6	1-3

TSR: Tropical Storm Risk (University College London)

WSI: Weather Services International (The Weather Channel)

CSU: Colorado State University

NCSU: North Carolina State University

### Why are we vulnerable here in St. Charles Parish?

- Over 330 Miles of Shoreline.
- Low elevations.
- Surrounded by major waterways.
- Limited hurricane levee protection
- So what is our largest hurricane threat to public health & safety?

#### The Number One Killer In Hurricanes

- Not Rainfall
- Not Tornadoes
- Not Flying Debris
- Not High Winds

#### STORM SURGE

9 out of every 10 deaths historically.

#### **Evacuation Planning**

- State Evacuation Timeline: 50, 40 and 30 hours prior to tropical storm force winds reaching the Louisiana Coast.
- Act 615 requires parishes to have an evacuation plan for companion animals.

#### **Assisted Evacuation**

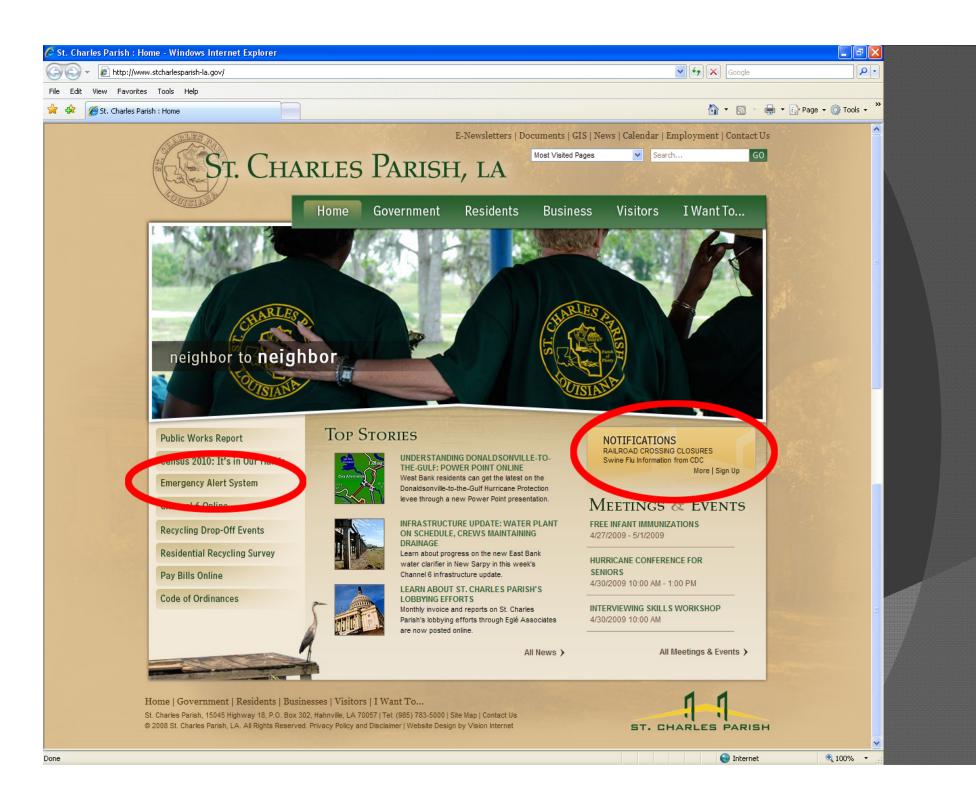
- For those persons without transportation who do not have special needs.
- For their pets and companion animals.
- Should absolutely be a last option.

#### **Assisted Evacuation Plan**

- Register with the EOC prior to evacuation.
- Pick-up will begin 4 hours after evacuation order is issued.
- Evacuees will be staged at Westbank Bridge Park.
- Transported to Tangipahoa Parish

#### **Assisted Evacuation with Pets**

- Collar
- Name Tag
- Leash
- Pet carrier
- Food (3+ days)
- Water (3+ days)



#### Parish Warning Systems

- Fixed sirens
- Cox Cable government access channel 6
- ATT Uverse channel 99
- Cox Cable Emergency Access System
- Telephone alerting system (Connect-CTY)
- Industrial Hotline
- Sheriff's Office / Local Fire Departments
- 1-888-SCP-9EOC

#### Get a Gameplan



## Parish Information Line $1-888-\overset{7}{\text{SCp}}-\overset{9}{\text{EOC}}$

#### Questions?

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