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Lafourche Parish Declares State of Emergency, Issues Evacuation Schedule

Due to the projected path of Tropical Storm Gustav, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph has declared a State of Emergency for the Parish of Lafourche, effective at 7:00 A.M. this morning, Friday, August 29, 2008. Lafourche Parish Government has fully activated its Emergency Operations Center in Raceland.

After meeting with state and local officials, President Randolph has also announced the evacuation schedule for Lafourche Parish:

- ◆ A RECOMMENDED EVACUATION will be issued at 4:00 P.M. today (Friday) for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow.
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 9:00 A.M. Saturday for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 3:00 P.M. Saturday for the ENTIRE Parish of Lafourche.

At this time, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish since Gustav is forecast to affect Lafourche Parish as a Category 3 Hurricane. There will be no shelters or marshalling points open during the recommended evacuation. Residents evacuating during that time must have their own transportation and will not be provided shelter in Lafourche Parish. The State will release a toll-free telephone number for shelter information at some point before our recommended evacuation today.

“We wanted to let the public know our plans as soon as possible,” said President Randolph. “This will give everyone the opportunity to finalize their plans today and allow some people to leave early as well.”

Tropical Storm force winds are expected to start affecting our area during the early morning hours of Monday, September 1 with the eye of the storm making landfall during the early morning hours on Tuesday, September 2.