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Mandatory Evacuation Ordered South of the Floodgates

Due to the projected path of Hurricane Gustav, the Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has ordered a MANDATORY EVACUATION for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates at this time. Also, a Mandatory Evacuation for the ENTIRE Parish will be ordered at 3:00 P.M. today.

Hurricane Gustav is forecast to make landfall on the Louisiana coastline early Tuesday morning as at least a Category 3 Hurricane. Forecasts now show the storm strengthening to as high as a Category 4 Hurricane while in the Gulf of Mexico. Tropical Storm force winds are expected to start affecting our area during the early morning hours on Monday.

“The situation has become more serious overnight,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “With the forecast now showing a possible Category 4 Hurricane, it is imperative now more than ever that our citizens prepare to evacuate today.”

Due to the intensity of the storm and its forecast track, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish. Instead, marshalling points have been set up at the Larose Civic Center, Central Lafourche High School and Thibodaux High School. Any resident that has signed up to be transported from their home will be brought to one of these marshalling points to be transported out of the Parish. Residents who drive themselves to one of these marshalling points will also be transported out of the Parish. Buses will transport all evacuees to a shelter to be determined.

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