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### Apply for Parish Tier Re-Entry Badges Online

Lafourche Parish Government is now offering businesses the ability to apply for Tier Re-Entry Badges online. A link to the online form can be found on the Office of Emergency Preparedness' department page on the parish website: <http://www.lafourchegov.org>.

The Parish issues Tier Re-Entry Badges to essential employees of parish businesses allowing them to re-enter the parish after an emergency such as a hurricane when a mandatory evacuation is in effect. The Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) processes all applications and determines a tier assignment to each individual applying for a badge. Each badge is then personalized with that employee's photo, business logo, etc.

Any parish business employee wishing to apply online MUST contact their business' administration before applying. An applicant will need the company's Lafourche Parish occupational license number as well as their company's existing point-of-contact with Lafourche OEP. After receiving an online application, Lafourche OEP will confirm the employee's essential status through the company, and if accepted, will contact the applicant about the creation of the badge.

The Tier Re-Entry Badge does not *guarantee* entry to Lafourche Parish during a mandatory evacuation. Law enforcement agencies will use their judgment and allow passage only when roads are deemed safe. Lafourche Parish Government recommends when traveling through other parishes to get to Lafourche Parish to follow the Louisiana State Police Re-Entry Plan which can be found on their website. Only the individual pictured on the Tier Re-Entry Badge will be allowed to re-enter the parish.

The use of the new electronic form will streamline the application process for Lafourche Parish Government and businesses alike. Until now, the parish had only accepted printed applications filled out by hand. Printed applications will continue to be accepted until October 15, 2009.

For more information on the Tier Re-Entry Plan, badges or any other emergency info, please visit the Office of Emergency Preparedness section of the Lafourche Parish Government website: [http://www.lafourchegov.org/Departments\\_OEP.aspx](http://www.lafourchegov.org/Departments_OEP.aspx) or call Eric Benoit at (985) 537-7603.

*Direct Link to Application:* [http://www.lafourchegov.org/Form\\_TierRe-Entry-App.aspx](http://www.lafourchegov.org/Form_TierRe-Entry-App.aspx)