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Lafourche Parish Increases Evacuation Area

Lafourche Parish Government has increased the recommended evacuation area to parish-wide after considerations with state OEP. "We strongly recommend anyone that can evacuate should do so very soon," said Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph. There remains a mandatory evacuation south of the Leon Theriot Floodgate and a recommended evacuation for the remainder of the parish.

A 9:30 p.m. conference call has been scheduled with state OEP and another for 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning. "We are strongly considering a mandatory evacuation parish-wide beginning tomorrow morning if there is no significant change in the path of the storm," said President Randolph.

We are urging citizens to gather all the supplies they need today, because many stores anticipate being closed tomorrow. Boat traffic is also urged to move further inland today. Windell Curole with the South Lafourche Levee District and parish Coastal Zone Management administrator said that the erratic nature of the storm may make planning the closure of the Leon Theriot Floodgate problematic.

President Randolph and Lafourche Sheriff Craig Webre have placed a curfew and ban of alcohol effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28th.

Citizens should remain vigilant and monitor local news media and radio stations. We are urging all citizens to begin instituting their personal hurricane plans and to travel safely whenever they are evacuating.

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