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Lafourche Parish Begins Preparations for Possible Hurricane

With the first named tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico, Lafourche Parish Government has begun preparations for the possibility of a landfall that would threaten Lafourche Parish.

Lafourche Parish Government's plan for tropical weather divides the process into multiple phases. The Parish is currently in the second phase, closely monitoring the progress of Tropical Storm Arlene. "We're going to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said Lafourche Parish OEP Director, Chris Bourdreaux. "We want to be prepared as possible."

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has called a meeting for 3:30pm today to evaluate the current situation. As a result of this meeting, OEP may order a voluntary evacuation south of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow. This is due to the possibility of high water on Highway 1. OEP will inform you of any developments immediately following the meeting.

Using advisories from the National Weather Center and National Weather Service, Boudreaux will continue monitoring the system and make advisements using hurricane tracking software. The Parish will move to phase three of its plan once the storm moves within 300 miles of the Parish and becomes a more serious threat.

Lafourche Parish Government urges all citizens to be prepared throughout the hurricane season. Each household should have a prepared hurricane kit, including water, a supply of food, and other essential items. In addition to this essentials kit, citizens should have a plan of action. They should know where they will ride out the storm should the Parish call for an evacuation and which evacuation routes they will use. "It's never too early to prepare for a storm," said Boudreaux.

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