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Entire State Facing Threat of Severe Weather

BATON ROUGE (April 2, 2017) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is activating its Crisis Action Team (CAT) due to the dangerous weather conditions that will likely continue Sunday evening. By noon Sunday, hail, dangerous winds and street flooding were reported in some regions. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) has placed portions of the state in the HIGH RISK category for tornadoes which is rare for Louisiana. That area extends from western-central Louisiana to north Louisiana. That means there is a threat of EF-2 or greater tornadoes in those areas. Damaging winds in excess of 75 mph and large hail or possible. The significant tornado potential will spread across the lower Mississippi Valley into the evening hours. Much of the rest of the state is currently in the MODERATE RISK to ENHANCED RISK category. Excessive rainfall is also expected with 3-6 inches or higher falling in many areas by Monday morning.

GOHSEP Director James Waskom said, "Conditions change quickly as these types of weather systems move across the region. I can't stress the importance of monitoring your local media and the four National Weather Service offices that cover our state for potentially lifesaving weather alerts. Maintaining that awareness, preparing your emergency kits and taking any actions to protect your property, businesses and pets are critical when facing this type of threat. There is a wealth of information on preparation at www.getagameplan.org. Check that site and download the Get A Game Plan App. You can also get emergency alerts on your phones and tablets by downloading the ALERT FM App. If you must travel, be aware of the potential road issues due to the weather conditions. Visit www.511.la.org for DOTD updates."

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Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for any type emergency. You download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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