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GOHSEP Monitoring Remnants of Harvey, Activating Crisis Action Team

BATON ROUGE (August 22, 2017) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is activating its Crisis Action Team (CAT) Wednesday due to an increasing tropical threat in the western Gulf of Mexico. The remnants of Harvey are expected to pass over the Yucatan Peninsula and then then strengthen. National Weather Service (NWS) forecasters say Harvey could be a tropical depression by Wednesday and a Category 1 hurricane by Friday. Models indicate landfall possibly along the central Texas coast. GOHSEP's Crisis Action Team stands ready to answer requests for support from our partners at the local level.

Here is information from the NWS Lake Charles:

What this means for us locally is a heavy rain and storm threat predominantly, with wind and tornadoes being a lower end threat. Up to seven inches of rain is expected Friday through the weekend, with the potential for over 14 inches. This has the potential to be a dangerous flooding event. The storm surge will also come into play, with portions of Jefferson and Orange counties, as well as Cameron, Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes under the risk Friday.

The forecast track and intensity range could change during the next few days. Please monitor the National Weather Service and your local media for any potential watches and warnings.

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“This is the time of year we typically see an increase in tropical activity,” said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. “We encourage everyone to use this time in order to re-check your emergency supplies and finalize your emergency plans. As we saw with a flash flood event in New Orleans over the weekend, it does not take a hurricane or tropical storm to cause major problems. Be aware of the conditions for your area. Listen for weather alerts from the media and the National Weather Service. Learn what those notifications mean. Keep your phones and other devices charged. Avoid driving across flooded roadways. There is information available at GOHSEP’s <http://www.getagameplan.org> website on protecting you, your homes, your business and your pets. Many of your local emergency agencies also have great information on websites and social media. If you have friends or loved ones without access to cell phones or the internet, please make sure you help keep them informed about any weather threat.”

Visit www.511la.org for road updates. Keep your phones charged and near you while the threat continues in order to receive potential emergency messaging.

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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