

Press Release



Plaquemines Takes Part in Hurricane Expo

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Plaquemines Parish emergency officials recently participated in the Southeast Louisiana Hurricane Expo. The regional event was held at the Alario Center in Westwego and sponsored by Entergy Louisiana, LLC, the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, ATMOS, East Jefferson General Hospital, West Jefferson Medical Center, Cox and AT&T in conjunction with Jefferson Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Tammany Parish, St. Charles Parish and the City of New Orleans.



The parishes and businesses along with The National Weather Service, The Hornets, Honeybees, and Zephyr mascot Boudreaux were all there to give information to the public on preparedness. There were numerous exhibits displaying hurricane and storm-related products including generators and storm shutters. Homebuilding companies performed demonstrations and provided information on proper preparation of a structure before a storm. The event also included a display of emergency equipment used by first responders from the participating parishes.

“This cooperative effort is just another example of how well the region is working together, not only to prepare for hurricanes, but also coordinating to inform the public,” said Parish President Billy Nungesser.

While open to the public, admission was a canned good or donation to the Second Harvesters Food Bank. The Plaquemines group brought boxes of navel oranges and bags of satsumas donated by Patrick Becnel.

PHOTO: Nateline “Noon” Banks, Plaquemines Parish Government 911 Lead Dispatcher, and Michelle Tassin, Director of the Plaquemines Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness, manned the booth for Plaquemines Parish at the First Southeast Louisiana Hurricane Expo.