



**Robert Eckels**  
County Judge

**OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

# FACT SHEET

*Thursday*  
**September 22, 2005**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **EVACUATION TIMELINE\***

### **Mandatory/In-Effect**

#### **Storm Surge Zone A**

*Low-lying areas along the coast and southern portions of Harris and Galveston counties. Jamaica Beach, Tiki Island, Bayou Vista, Clear Lake Shores, Kemah, San Leon-Bacliff-Bayview and Bolivar Peninsula. Also Baytown, Nassau Bay, Shore Acres, La Porte, Morgans Point and Taylor Lake Village.*

#### **Storm Surge Zone B**

*Clear Lake (Houston), portions of southeast Harris and south Brazoria counties. Texas City, La Marque, Hitchcock, Dickinson*

#### **Storm Surge Zone C**

*Ship Channel area of Houston and west to East Loop. League City, Santa Fe, Friendswood*

#### **All of Orange and Jefferson counties.**

### **Voluntary**

Flood prone areas, persons with special needs and mobile home residents are encouraged to evacuate.

Persons with special needs are encouraged to turn to their families, friends or neighbors for assistance. **Individuals who cannot arrange for reliable evacuation assistance should contact local authorities as soon as possible by dialing 311 or 713-837-0311.**

## **EVACUATION ROUTES\***

Harris County Sheriff's deployed to assist the State Department of Transportation secure east bound entrances to clear lanes of Interstate 10 for contra-flow. Contra-flow lanes are now open on I-10 from Katy to Seguin.

State officials, along with the cooperation of Harris County deputies and MAP (Harris County Motorist Assistance Program) vehicles are patrolling Interstates 10 and 45 and U.S. 290 to refuel stranded vehicles.

Harris County has suspended fares on toll ways associated with the evacuation plan and are being used to alleviate traffic congestion throughout the region.

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

The Texas Department of Public Safety is using messaging signs to communicate with travelers about evacuation accommodations and services. For State roadway information call 1-800-452-9292.

For Harris County roadway information visit [www.HoustonTranStar.org](http://www.HoustonTranStar.org)

Evacuation routes for the Harris/Brazoria/Galveston county areas can be viewed at:

[http://hcoem.org/Hurricane\\_Evacuation\\_Map\\_8x11a.pdf](http://hcoem.org/Hurricane_Evacuation_Map_8x11a.pdf)

## **DEVELOPMENTS**

Harris County Citizen Corps is coordinating 200 volunteers to supply water to Houston area residents evacuating the area and stranded in traffic. Metro will provide buses to travel the evacuation routes in the hydration effort. Harris County Citizen Corps, organized by the Office of Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, were the backbone of the Reliant City relief effort for Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers are asked to call Metro representative Dave Johnson at 713 290 2881 to coordinate their service. They will meet and depart from the Metro bus barn located at 34<sup>th</sup> Street at U.S. 290.

Petroleum product has been contributed by the Texas Oil and Mechanical Association (Dallas) and Alexandria Oil (San Antonio) to provide the fuel necessary to travel to evacuation sites. Harris County and the City of Houston have engaged federal authorities for assistance in distributing fuel to the evacuation routes.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels has continued to confer with department directors provide the essential staff necessary for then to assist emergency management assist state agencies execute the state evacuation plan.

Harris County commissioners have prepared debris crews and emergency response operations to face the impact of severe weather resulting from Hurricane Rita.

The Emergency Broadcast System is distributing information in Spanish and English, as well as other languages.

In coordination with local and state officials, with the cooperation of some federal resources, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management continues to coordinate the evacuation of an estimated 9,000 residents with special needs.

The City of Houston Municipal Courts will be closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The City of Sugarland is closed for business.

\*subject to change as necessary

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