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Harlingen Officials Remind Residents to Be Hurricane Ready

Harlingen, Texas– June 1 through November 30 is hurricane season and City of Harlingen Officials want to make sure residents are ready.

As we've seen in the past few years in the Rio Grande Valley, not just hurricanes can cause flooding. That's why advanced planning and preparation are essential to protect lives and property during any type of natural disaster.

City Manager Dan Serna says the staff has been busy preparing for hurricane season for months. "I am happy to report to our community that we are ready for inclement weather. We've ensured that all necessary equipment is functional and ready to go such as generators and barricades

should the need arise."

We've also cleaned inlets, and cleared ditches to make sure water is able to flow out of the city as it makes its' way toward the Laguna Madre. And like we do every year, we've updated our City plan to make sure City operations continue before, during, and after inclement weather.

News From the City of Harlingen

Harlingen Fire Chief Roy Rubio who serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City says it's imperative that residents to do their part by making sure that they have a plan to protect their family and property. He says everyone should be prepared, stay informed, and take action by doing the following.

- Organize important documents
- Upkeep & maintain property
- Cover windows/locate utility shutoffs
- Update emergency supply kit
- Fill prescriptions
- Have infant formula and diapers
- Have a plan for your pets
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Fuel your vehicles
- Be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation order is issued
- Register your mobile number with local Reverse 911 services

Should a natural disaster or other hazardous event occur, The City of Harlingen will open the Emergency Operations Center and keep citizens informed on what is happening and what to do by working closely with the local media and posting information on the City's website and social media sites. For more information on being prepared visit www.ready.gov.