



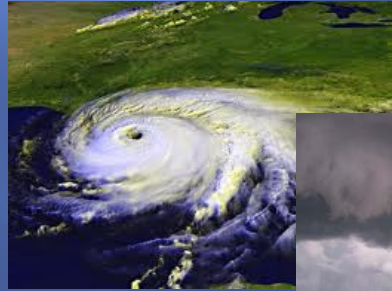
Business Preparedness





Natural Hazards that can affect Livingston Parish

- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Flooding
- Drought
- Earthquakes
- Biological





Man-Made Hazards

- Fires/Explosions
- Oil Spills
- Crashes
- HazMat Spills
- Chemical Release
- Health Hazards
- Active Shooter
- Acts of Terrorism

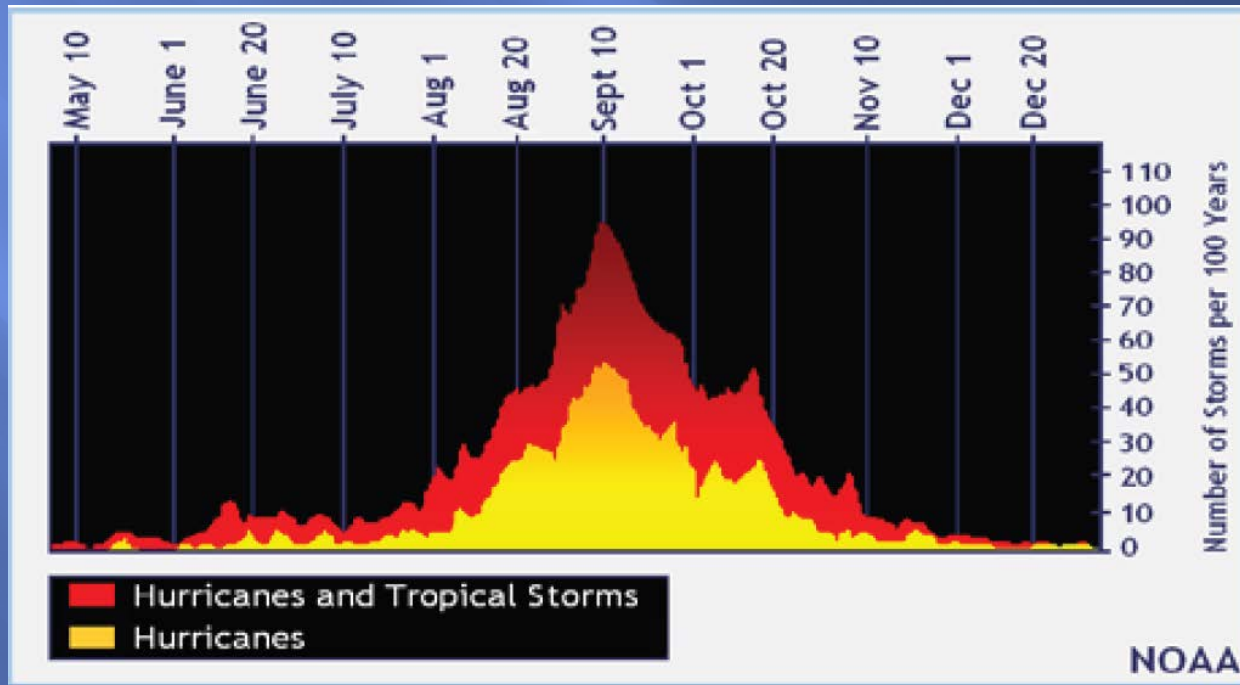




Hurricanes

Hurricane Season

June 1 - November 30





Hurricanes cont.

Hurricane Hazards

- Storm Surge, Storm Tide and Inundation
- High Winds

Category	Sustained Wind (mph)	Type of Damage
1	74 to 95	Minimal
2	96 to 110	Moderate
3	111 to 130	Extensive
4	131 to 155	Extreme
5	Greater than 155	Catastrophic

- Tornadoes
- Flooding
- Lightning Strikes
- Severe Power Outages (excessive heat, electronic medical equipment, etc.)



Business Preparedness

Plan to Stay in Business

Business continuity planning must account for all hazards (both man-made and natural disasters).

Plan in advance to manage any emergency situation.

Assess the situation, use common sense and available resources to take care of yourself, your co-workers and your business's recovery.

Carefully evaluate internal and external operations to determine which staff members, materials, procedures and equipment are absolutely necessary to keep the business operating.



Business Preparedness cont.

Be Informed - Know what kinds of emergencies might affect your company.

Continuity Planning - Carefully assess how your company functions, both internally and externally.

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/89510>

Emergency Planning - Your employees and co-workers are your business's most important and valuable asset.

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/89518>

Emergency Supplies - Think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.



Business Preparedness cont.

Deciding to Stay or Go - Shelter-in-place or evacuate, plan for both possibilities.

Fire Safety - Fire is the most common of all business disasters.

Medical Emergencies - Take steps that give you the upper hand in responding to medical emergencies.

Influenza Pandemic - The federal government, states, communities and industry are taking steps to prepare for and respond to an influenza pandemic.



Business Preparedness cont.

Talk to Your People

A solid business emergency plan only works if everyone on your team is aware of the plan and the actions they need to take.

Involve Co-Workers - Include people from all levels in emergency planning.

Practice the Plan - Drills and exercises will help you prepare.

Promote Preparedness - Encourage your employees and their families to: Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed.

Crisis Communication Plan - Detail how you will be in contact with employees, customers and others during and after a disaster.

Employee Health - People who have experienced a disaster may have special recovery needs.



Business Preparedness cont.

Protect Your Investment

As well as planning for an emergency, you can also take steps to protect your company and secure your physical assets.

Insurance Coverage - Policies vary, meet with your provider to review current coverage.

Utility Disruptions - Prepare for extended outages during and after a disaster.

Facilities, Buildings & Plants - Take steps to secure physical assets.

Equipment - Conduct a room-by-room walk-through to determine what needs to be secured.

Building Air Protection - Assess the HVAC system to improve indoor air quality.

Cyber Security - Protect your data and information technology systems.



EOC Activation





EOC Activation

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at LOHSEP is activated during parish emergency situations.

The following personnel and agencies are represented in the EOC:

- LOHSEP personnel
- Parish President & staff
- DPW (Public Works)
- IT personnel
- Sheriff's Office
- Fire Marshall
- Local Fire Departments
- School Board
- GOSHEP
- LANG (LA National Guard)
- DHH
- DCFS
- LA State Police
- Entergy/DEMCO
- Local Police Departments
- DOTD
- Acadian Ambulance
- Volunteer Organizations
 - Southern Baptist Assoc.
 - American Red Cross
 - The Salvation Army
 - Methodist
 - Catholic Charities
 - Citizen Volunteers/CERT



LA BEOC Activation



The Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) is activated during state emergency situations.

It supports the coordination of activities and resources of businesses and volunteer organizations in Louisiana and across the nation to improve response and self-sufficiency, reduce reliance on FEMA and other federal assistance in order to maximize business, industry and economic stabilization, returning the business environment to normal operations as quickly as possible.



LA BEOC Activation cont.

The LA BEOC will work with businesses to:

- improve their disaster preparedness
- improve communication with business and industry before, during and after disaster events
- rapidly develop sound economic-impact estimates to support decision making and requests for business assistance
- coordinate response efforts to assist businesses in their efforts to return to normal operations as quickly as possible
- help coordinate post disaster economic recovery.

Website: <http://www.labeoc.org/labeoc/welcome.aspx>



Hazard Mitigation

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

FEMA will allow elevations of existing structures and acquisitions.

Structure elevation activities generally involve physically raising an existing structure to an elevation at or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), or higher if required by FEMA or local ordinance.

FEMA-funded property acquisition/demolition for open space consists of the Parish purchasing flood prone structures from willing sellers and demolishing those structures.

The Parish is currently working on a \$11 million acquisition/elevation project.



Important Numbers & Websites

LOHSEP

Main Office: 225-686-3066
Hotline: 225-686-3996 (only during emergency activations)
Website: www.preparelivingston.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/lpoep>
Email: lohsep2@lpgov.com

LA BEOC: <http://www.labeoc.org/labeoc/welcome.aspx>

Get A Game Plan: <http://www.getagameplan.org/>

LA State Police Road Closure Hotline

1-800-469-4828

LA Attorney General Hurricane Hotline

1-800-351-4889 (Price Gouging Reporting)

NWS Forecast Office

NO/BR: 504-522-7330

Lake Charles: 337-477-5285