



This home in St. James Parish received wind damage Thursday, May 16, 2024, when a powerful storm front passed through southeast Louisiana. Parish officials suspect a tornado may have hit the Romeville area, but the storm also produced straight line winds.

Provided by St. James Parish government

## OPERATIONAL RHYTHM

**Parish and ESFS SITREPS Due in WEBEOC:** 0900 and 1700 daily

**SITREP Published:** 0900

**NEXT Coordination Call:** N/A

## INCIDENT OVERVIEW

**WebEOC Incident:** 24-019 Heavy Rainfall- Statewide - May1617

**Activation Level:** 4 Crisis Action Team

## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure the safety of the public and first responders during event
2. Clear and maintain roadways to facilitate safe transportation and provide timely information to drivers about road conditions and potential hazards
3. Secure and protect vulnerable infrastructure such as public water systems and hospitals
4. Ensure the availability and efficient use of resources

## WEATHER

- Expect 1 more round of storms later today through Saturday (5/18) morning, with the most likely time being this evening and overnight
- Storms will once again be capable of producing severe weather and heavy rainfall
- A flood watch remains in effect for all areas along and north of the I-10 corridor through 7am Saturday (5/18)
- Most likely threat is heavy rain with damaging wind gusts and/or hail
- Most dangerous threat is sustained straight-line winds and/or tornadoes



Lifelines Summary	
Safety and Security	<p><b>Government Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can utilize <a href="https://VirtualLA.LA.GOV">https://VirtualLA.LA.GOV</a> for more info regarding parish emergency declarations and power outages</li> <li>• Parishes are encouraging the public to utilize <a href="https://Damage.LA.Gov">Damage.LA.Gov</a> to self-report damage related to severe weather event</li> </ul>
Food, Hydration, Shelter	<p><b>Red Cross:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Red Cross is at Full Activation and is Pre-staging shelter trailers in Lake Charles, DeRidder, Alexandria</li> </ul>
Health and Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reports of weather-related trauma transports</li> <li>• No reports of weather-related deaths</li> <li>• Allen Parish Health Unit without power</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospital Network:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals on generator power:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region 3 - River Place Behavioral Health Hospital</li> <li>• Region 5 - Oakdale Community Hospital</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Nursing Homes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing Homes on generator power:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region 3 - Twin Oaks Nursing Home</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Energy	<p><b>Power:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power outages remain sporadic across the state with harder hit areas more heavily affected</li> <li>• Latest Power Outage Map: <a href="https://poweroutage.us/area/state/louisiana">https://poweroutage.us/area/state/louisiana</a></li> <li>• As of 0927 (5/17) there are 103,897 reported customers without power</li> </ul>
Communications	<p><b>Alerts, Warnings, Messages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and state agencies are continuing with good traction on social media to inform public of ongoing communication and warnings of multiple hazards present for this incident, e.g., generator and carbon monoxide safety if power is out and generators are running; stay off the roads as they may be possible but dangerous hazards are present.</li> </ul> <p><b>LWIN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites in wide area operation: 138/148 tower sites in normal operation</li> <li>• LWIN Current Site Status: 93.24% are in wide area operations</li> <li>• Site Outages: Laplace, Livonia, Avoyelles, Holloway, Starks, Cravens, Dequincy, Dry Creek, Arsene, Lebleu, and Vinton</li> </ul>
Transportation	<p><b>Highways/Roadway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple roadways may still be affected by debris; Continue monitoring <a href="http://www.511la.org">www.511la.org</a> for real time data on road closures as well as FB, X, or My DOTD for alerts and notices</li> <li>• Reports of downed trees and power lines across roadways in the effected areas</li> <li>• DO NOT drive through flood waters</li> </ul>
Water Systems	<p><b>Drinking Water:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are continuing to assess systems in the impacted parishes for this event</li> <li>• 6 systems remain on a boil advisory from the previous line of storms on 5/14 and 8 systems have been cleared</li> </ul>
HazMat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Reports of incident</li> </ul>