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Message from the LABEOC



We didn't have to wait very long for the 2024 Hurricane season to make it into the record books. Hurricane Beryl was the earliest storm to reach Category 4 and Category 5 status in hurricane tracking history. The previous record was Hurricane Dennis of the terrible 2005 hurricane season.

While Beryl was much reduced in strength when it made landfall in Texas, it still carried a punch, resulting in several fatalities, including one in Louisiana. The northwestern part of the state felt the brunt of the effects and is now moving onto the recovery phase. The GOHSEP team is focused on taking care of our citizens in that part of the state while continuing to remain vigilant in the tropics.

We are thankful for our private sector partners who participated in our update meeting during Beryl as we knocked off the rust and got into the operational groove. If Louisiana is threatened again, the team at the LABEOC will conduct the synchronization meeting to ensure that the private sector has the information necessary to make informed decisions.

This is as good a time as any to revisit hurricane preparations. If you have not visited the updated GOHSEP website, I strongly suggest a visit to gohsep.la.gov. It is much sleeker and easier to find information. In conjunction with that, the Get a Game Plan website has been cleaned up as well getagameplan.org has a lot of great information, including an updated section for getting a game plan for your business.

Changing gears slightly, the team at the LABEOC will be hosting our partners at GOHSEP for a series of training events at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus. We are excited about this opportunity to further strengthen the ties with GOHSEP.

Stay vigilant and stay prepared. Until next month...

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Greetings from the NIMSAT Institute at UL Lafayette

Summer is definitely upon us in Louisiana! Soaring temperatures, high humidity and a heat index in the 100s, make for long, hot days. As extreme heat becomes more often and lasting longer, it is important for each of us to understand the consequence of extreme heat and take some easy steps in making sure that we, our families and employees are safe.

FEMA's #SummerReady campaign aims to provide easy simple steps and information to stay safe and provides actions and ideas to beat our summer heat.

Specifically, FEMA recognizes the following groups as particularly vulnerable to extreme heat:

- Lower income households
- Rural communities
- Residents in urban heat islands
- Infants and children
- Older adults
- Laborers
- Individuals with medical conditions
- Athletes

It is important for these groups to take extra care when in extreme heat conditions and calls upon all of us to check in on these groups to make sure that they are okay and surviving in these extreme heat conditions we have during Louisiana summers.

#SummerReady also recommends the following simple steps to combat our extreme heat conditions: · Learn the signs of heat-related illnesses and ways to respond from the CDC.

- Fans alone aren't enough in high heat + high humidity. Get inside in air conditioning or go to a public place like the library, museum, or shopping mall to beat the heat.
- NEVER leave children or pets alone in hot vehicles! Heat can rise in a car, up to 20 degrees in just 10 minutes.
- During extreme heat, check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.

- Roughly 40% of unwanted heat buildup in our homes is through windows. Use awnings or curtains to keep the heat out.
- Use your oven less during extreme heat advisories and warnings so you don't make your house hotter.

The summer in Louisiana unfortunately usually stretches into early October in terms of extreme heat, so we have four more months of this blistering heat. It is critical that we each take an active role in our own safety as well as our neighbors that might be particularly vulnerable to extreme heat conditions. So please, put in place measures to decrease your exposure to extreme heat as well as actions to recover from extreme heat if experiencing its negative impacts.

For more, in-depth information on what you can do in extreme heat conditions, I encourage you to visit [ready.gov/summer-ready](https://www.ready.gov/summer-ready).

#SummerReady #Preparedness

As always, stay prepared and stay safe!

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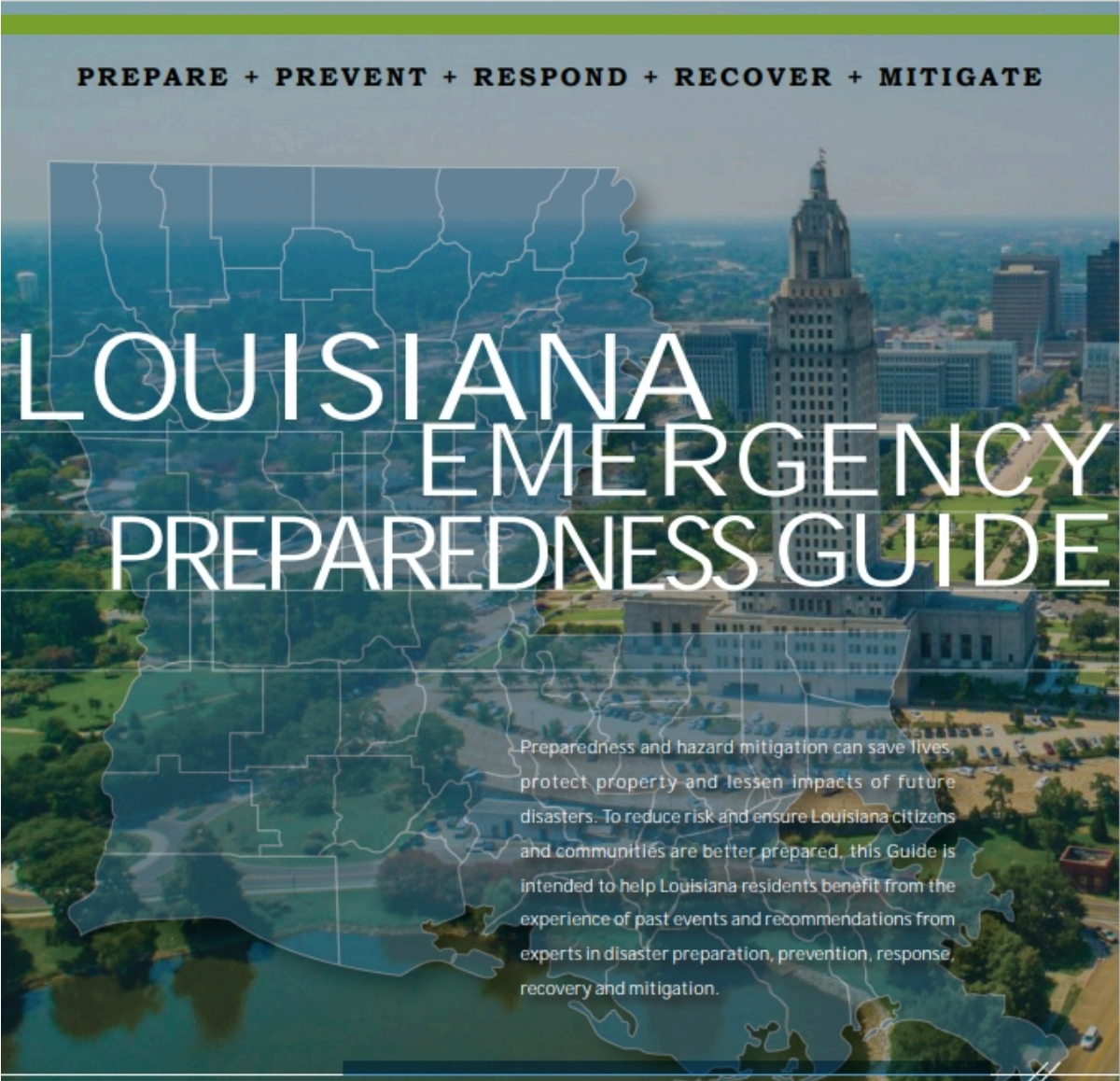
- [Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness \(OHSEP\) Contacts](#)
- [Business Plan - Get a Game Plan](#)
- [511LA| LA Traffic | Trip Planner | Road Conditions](#)
- [National Hurricane Center](#)

- Louisiana Office of State Procurement
- Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide (below)





PREPARE + PREVENT + RESPOND + RECOVER + MITIGATE

LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Preparedness and hazard mitigation can save lives, protect property and lessen impacts of future disasters. To reduce risk and ensure Louisiana citizens and communities are better prepared, this Guide is intended to help Louisiana residents benefit from the experience of past events and recommendations from experts in disaster preparation, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation.



The cover features a blue-tinted map of Louisiana overlaid on a photograph of a cityscape, likely Baton Rouge, with the Louisiana State Capitol building prominent. The text is centered over the map.



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