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An Active Spring Sets the Conditions for a Prepared Tropical Season

Spring in Louisiana is rarely quiet. It brings changing weather, community events, and for many of us in emergency management, a full calendar of training, exercises, and planning. It also gives us an important opportunity to strengthen our readiness posture ahead of the tropical season. Preparedness does not start when the first storm enters the Gulf. It starts now, in the steady work of reviewing plans, strengthening partnerships, and taking practical steps while conditions are calm.

This month, the **Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center** is participating in the statewide exercise. That effort reflects an important truth about preparedness. Readiness is built before the emergency, not during it. Exercises allow us to test communications, coordination, and information sharing in a structured environment. They help identify gaps, confirm strengths, and build familiarity among the partners who will need to work together when real incidents occur.

For businesses, spring is the right time to revisit continuity plans and ask a few basic questions. These may seem like small actions, but they can have a major impact when skies are grey and decisions must be made quickly.

1. **Are employee contact lists current?**
2. **Are leadership roles clear?**
3. **Are important records protected and accessible?**
4. **Have we reviewed communications procedures if normal systems are disrupted?**

Preparedness at work should also connect to preparedness at home. Many of the people responsible for helping businesses continue operations are also responsible for their families. A household plan, basic disaster supplies, updated insurance documents, and a clear understanding of evacuation or sheltering options all contribute to resilience. When families are better prepared, employees are often better positioned to support their organizations during an emergency.

Louisiana faces hazards long before hurricane season officially begins. Severe thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, and localized flooding can all disrupt daily life and expose vulnerabilities. These events remind us that preparedness is not a seasonal slogan. It is a posture. It is a mindset. It is built over time through repetition, coordination, and intentional action.

An active spring helps set the conditions for a prepared tropical season. Training, exercising, updating plans, and reconnecting with partners all improve our ability to respond when the season becomes active. None of these steps guarantee an easy season, but they do make us more capable and more confident.

As we move closer to the tropical season, now is the time to act. Review your plans. Test your communications. Check your supplies. Make sure your business and your household are both thinking ahead. The work we do in spring matters, and it can make all the difference in the months ahead.

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