

# EVACUATION

This appendix provides basic information and procedures relating to the aspects of an evacuation undertaken by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to remove the population, or any part of the population, of East Baton Rouge Parish, outside the city limits of East Baton Rouge, Baker, and Zachary, from areas considered to be in danger due to any disaster, man-made or natural.

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (CHAIN OF COMMAND)

The Organization Chart will govern authority and command in an evacuation procedure. The Sheriff, Chief Criminal Deputy, and/or the Chief of Uniform Patrol may, at their discretion, change or suspend any portion of this Organization Chart during any evacuation movement.

## II. EVACUATION ROUTES

### A. Maps

1. For the purpose of this appendix, and in order to obtain a large geographical area in the least amount of space, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development map of East Baton Rouge Parish has been used.
2. In an actual or simulated evacuation, the Stinson Metro Key Map of Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes, along with its compatible map book, will be used.
3. This same map and map book are now being used by this office, the Baton Rouge, Baker, and Zachary Police Departments, the Louisiana State Police, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4. East Baton Rouge Parish has only a limited number of roads and highways leading in and out of it.
  - a. Evacuation routes have been classified into three categories: 1.) primary, 2.) secondary, and 3.) local rural.
    - 1.) Primary evacuation routes include interstate, federal, and state highways.
    - 2.) Secondary evacuation routes include state highways and parish roads.
    - 3.) Local rural evacuation routes consist only of parish roads.

- b. These routes have further been divided into north-south routes and east-west routes.
- c. For simplicity and better control, the parish has been divided into four sections:
  - 1.) NORTHEAST
  - 2.) NORTHWEST
  - 3.) SOUTHEAST
  - 4.) SOUTHWEST

B. Actual Routes

- 1. NORTHEAST: The primary north-south evacuation routes are La. 37 and La. 67. The primary east-west evacuation routes are La. 64 and La. 408.
  - a. The secondary north-south evacuation routes are La. 946, La. 409, La. 410, La. 3035, La. 423, and Joor Road. The secondary east-west evacuation routes are Mickens Road, Comite Drive, La. 3034, Peairs Road, and Pride-Port Hudson Road.
  - b. The local rural north-south evacuation routes are Tucker Road, Cook Road, Hall-Eubanks Road, Jim Price Road, and McHost Road. The local rural east-west evacuation routes are Comite Drive, Pettit Road, Denham Road, Alphonse Forbes Road, Stoney Point-Birch Road, Milldale Road, Pride-Baywood Road, Lemon Road, and Lower Zachary Road.
- 2. NORTHWEST: The primary north-south evacuation routes are I-110, U.S. 61, La. 19, and La. 67. The primary east-west evacuation routes are U.S. 190, La. 408, La. 423, and La. 64.
  - a. The secondary north-south evacuation routes are La. 964 and La. 1209. The secondary east-west evacuation routes are La. 3006, Groom Road, Pride-Port Hudson Road and Plains-Port Hudson Road.
  - b. The local rural north-south evacuation routes are McHugh Road, Jacocks Road, Brian Road, and Barnett Road. The local rural east-west evacuation routes are New Rafe Meyer Road, Thomas Road, Lower Zachary Road, Rollins Road, Lemon Road, Old Port Hudson Road, and Carney Road.
- 3. SOUTHEAST: The primary north-south evacuation routes are I-10 and U.S. 61. The primary east-west evacuation routes are I-12 and U.S. 190.
  - a. The secondary north-south evacuation routes are La. 73, La. 42, and La. 427. The secondary east-west evacuation routes are La. 426 and La. 948.
  - b. The local rural north-south evacuation routes are Antioch Road, Pecue Lane, Jones Creek Road, Millerville Road, O'Neal Lane, and Flannery Road. The local rural east-west evacuation routes are Hoo Shoo Too Road, Tiger Bend Road, and South Harrell's Ferry Road.

4. SOUTHWEST: The primary north-south evacuation routes are La. 30, U.S. 61, and I-10. The primary east-west evacuation routes are U.S. 61, U.S. 190 Business Route, U.S. 190, I-10, and I-12.
  - a. The secondary north-south evacuation routes are La. 327, La. 42, Highland Road, La. 427, and La. 73. The secondary east-west evacuation routes are La. 73 and La. 426.
  - b. The local rural north-south evacuation routes are Barringer-Foreman Road, Ben Hur Road, Lee Drive, and South Sherwood Forest Boulevard. The local rural east-west evacuation routes are Brightside Drive, Siegen Lane, Bluebonnet Road, and Stanford Drive.

### **III. EVACUATION ROUTE SUPPLEMENT**

If, for any reason, the before mentioned routes prove inaccessible or have to be abandoned, evacuation procedures will be carried out by using the next available through street or road.

The use of other than listed routes will be decided as the need arises and will be done under the authority of the Sheriff's Office representative in the EOC or through the Incident Command Post.

### **IV. FLOOD PRONE AREAS**

#### A. Considerations

1. Special considerations must be given to the areas of the Parish that are subject to flooding. Operations in flooded areas are unique in that they call for specialized equipment.

#### B. Equipment

1. The Sheriff's Office maintains an amphibious vehicle for operating in flooded areas.
2. The Sheriff's Office flotilla maintains a fleet of boats capable of operating in flooded areas.
3. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division maintains a fleet of boats capable of operating in flooded areas.
  - a. These boats can be called upon for assistance any time they are needed.

#### C. Flood Map

## **V. TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS**

- A. During evacuation procedures, there will be a need to have manned traffic control points located at certain key locations along the evacuation routes.
  - 1. This is to insure the smooth and orderly flow of evacuees from the disaster area.
    - a. These traffic control points will also provide security along the evacuation routes.
  - 2. Communications will assign units to these predetermined traffic control points upon implementation of evacuation procedures.
- B. Location of Traffic Control Points

## **VI. ROADBLOCKS**

- A. At times during evacuation procedures there may be a need for establishing roadblocks.
  - 1. The purpose of these roadblocks will be to prohibit entry into an area by vehicular or pedestrian traffic, except by authorized emergency personnel.
- B. Positions for these roadblocks will be decided on during each evacuation procedure.

## **VII. BARRICADES**

- A. At times during evacuation procedures there may be a need for the setting up of portable barricades to supplement established roadblocks.
  - 1. These may be needed to prohibit the entry into an area of any traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, except authorized emergency personnel.
    - a. These should be checked from time to time to insure that they are maintained.
    - b. They may be needed to assist at the site of a roadblock or a traffic control point.
  - 2. Positions for these barricades will be decided on during each evacuation procedure.

## VIII. PICKUP POINTS, STAGING AREAS

### A. Pickup Points

1. During large scale evacuation procedures, there will be some people who will not have transportation. Transportation will have to be provided for these people.
  - a. For the sake of speed and coordination it would not be feasible to have transportation go to each person's home or place of business. Therefore, it is necessary to have several established pickup points throughout the Parish for these people to be brought to so that transportation can be provided.
2. Without knowing the exact area the disaster will occur in, pickup points cannot be pin pointed in this plan.
  - a. These will be maintained in the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) maintained by this office.
  - b. Normally these will be at parish high schools or large shopping centers.

### B. Staging Areas

1. Without knowing the exact area the disaster will occur in, staging areas cannot be pin pointed in this plan.

## IX. EVACUATION GUIDELINES

### A. Notification

1. Whenever notified of a need for the evacuation of people from the Parish, or from a portion of the Parish, Communications will immediately dispatch units to the affected areas.
2. Communications will then notify the Sheriff, Chief Criminal Deputy, and the Chief of Uniform Patrol.

### B. Implementation

1. Units will be dispatched in the following manner:

Substation in affected area (including commander)	7
Substation nearest affected area	1
Traffic Division (units working in affected area)	4
Traffic Division Commander	1
Baker Police Department	1
Zachary Police Department	1
Reserve Division Commander	1

Chief of Uniform Patrol	1
<u>Night Supervisor (between 6:30PM-2:30AM)</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

In addition, the Louisiana State Police will be requested to send units to the area.

2. Surrounding law enforcement agencies will be notified and requested to dispatch units to assist, if necessary.
3. The Chief of Uniform Patrol will take command of the evacuation procedure and delegate authority to the various command personnel, as necessary.
4. Should additional units be needed for back-up (should the disaster escalate) or relief if the disaster proves long-term, the following units will be dispatched:

Substation in affected area (off duty)	6
Substation nearest affected area (off duty)	1
Traffic Division (off duty)	4
EBRSO Reserves	6
<u>La. Wildlife &amp; Fisheries</u>	<u>5-10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22-27</b>

5. The first arriving units will begin to notify area residents of the need to evacuate.
  - a. This will be done by means of sirens, emergency lights, and public address systems.
  - b. The news media will be notified by Communications so they can begin emergency broadcasts.
6. If there is the possibility of injuries, the units will search for the injured and request medical assistance, if required.
7. Evacuees will be told which routes to take and in which direction to travel.
8. In areas where required, roadblocks will be established to prevent the entry of unauthorized vehicles or people.
9. Security in the evacuated areas will be established to prevent looting and trespassing.
  - a. This will be accomplished by the means of roadblocks and moving patrols in the evacuated areas.
10. Once the "all clear" is given, the personnel manning roadblocks, traffic control points, and those on moving area security will assist area residents in returning to the evacuated areas.

**NOTE: A listing of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office Equipment is maintained in the EOC.**