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Prepare for the Heart of Hurricane Season

BATON ROUGE (August 18, 2022) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is encouraging everyone to keep their emergency game plan in place for what is normally our most active stretch of hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its updated hurricane forecast earlier this month. According to NOAA, conditions still favor an active season. As we've seen in recent years, it only takes one or two tropical events to cause massive loss across the state.

NOAA's 2022 Updated Hurricane Season Outlook-

Named storms:

14-20

Hurricanes:

6-10

Major hurricanes:

3-5

"There is still a tremendous amount of recovery work ongoing in Louisiana after hurricanes, Laura, Delta, Zeta and Ida impacted Louisiana along with many other smaller weather related emergencies," said GOHSEP Director Casey Tingle. "While we are thankful for a break in tropical activity for the start of the 2022 season, there are no

guarantees that will continue. The next several weeks are historically a time we see the tropics heat up. GOHSEP will continue to prepare and plan for any threat. We urge you to remain weather aware and prepared. Remember to recheck your emergency supplies. We have faced extended power outages in some regions after recent storms. Develop a plan to help you and your family deal with that type challenge. Also, contact your local emergency officials now if you need assistance with any potential evacuation orders. Go to www.getagameplan.org and download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide to review an emergency supply checklist and to find other preparedness information.”

When you face a weather related emergency, being prepared is often the best way to lower the risk of property damage. Conduct an insurance checkup with your agent. Understand what your policies cover. In recent years, storms have been stronger and intensified faster than normal. Make sure your plans are capable to handle those potential scenarios.

It is important to backup important electronic data and protect important paperwork for your family and business. Those documents may be needed to help with your recovery. After a storm passes, it is important to use caution when using generators or any other tools you may not be familiar with. Take time to read the safety instructions before you operate those items.

Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Listen to conversations on all aspects of emergency management by downloading GOHSEP's The Get A Game Plan Podcast. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for an emergency. You can download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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