

FEMA: Week in Review



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Announcements

FEMA and NOAA Launch First National Severe Weather Preparedness Week April 22– 28, 2012

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), have announced that they are partnering to increase awareness of the severe weather that affects everyone as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to know their risk, take action, and be an example through the *Be a Force of Nature* pledge campaign.



Next week marks the start of National Severe Weather Preparedness Week and also commemorates the one year anniversary of the devastating tornado outbreak in the central and southern states. In addition we remember that one month following, Joplin, Missouri was tragically affected. This year the country has already experienced deadly severe weather. The recent outbreaks of severe storms and tornadoes in the Midwest and central plain states have impacted causing loss of life and damaging communities. Every year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2011 alone, there were more than 1,000 weather-related fatalities and more than 8,000 injuries. Severe weather knows no boundaries and affects the whole community. Because of this we are committed to supporting the safety of our communities and we're calling on you to help us *Be a Force of Nature*. For more information, visit Ready.gov/severeweather or www.noaa.gov/wrn.

St. Bernard's Historic Courthouse Restored with FEMA Funding

As repairs to St. Bernard Parish's early 20th century courthouse near completion, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced \$638,677 in additional funding for the Katrina-related restoration work to the courthouse's historical features including masonry walls, ornamental stamped copper cornices, and refurbishment of original windows, wood floors and interior plasterwork.



This new funding brings the agency's total monetary support to more than \$7.5 million for the noteworthy project. The historic courthouse, known as "St. Bernard's Old Courthouse," dates back to 1915 and served as the parish's first courthouse until 1939. More recently, prior to Hurricane Katrina, St. Bernard Parish leased the courthouse facility to the local public school board for use as Beauregard Middle School. For this reason, the facility is also commonly referred to as the "Old Beauregard Middle School."

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Calendar



April 23: Kenner Green Lawn Ribbon Cutting Event, Kenner, LA

May 6-9: National Flood Insurance Program 2012 National Flood Conference, Austin, TX

May 20-25: Association of State Floodplain Managers 2012 National Conference; San Antonio, Texas

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Need ideas for what you can do?

- Ensure you and your family know your surroundings and risk for specific weather.
- Have an emergency plan, and know what to do before severe weather strikes.
- Post your plan in your home where family and friends who visit can see it.
- Identify an appropriate shelter in your home, neighborhood and community ahead of time. Share this with your neighbor.
- Pass this on at a community /faith based meetings.

Housing Update

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