

FEMA: Week in Review



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Announcements

Transition of Disaster Recovery Operations to Baton Rouge Processing Center

Starting in June, 2012, FEMA Region 6 will establish a Processing Center in Baton Rouge, La. The BRPC will have complete oversight of disaster 1786 (Gustav) and 1792 (Ike) and partial oversight of disasters 1603 (Katrina) and 1607 (Rita). This is in accordance with traditional disaster processes and Joint Field Office models. The mission of the BRPC is to improve the rate of recovery and close-out for those disaster programs and projects associated with disasters 1603, 1607, 1786 and 1792.

Specifically, the BRPC will address Hazard Mitigation projects that fall under disasters 1603, 1607, 1786 and 1792. Public Assistance projects that fall under disasters 1786 and 1792. Public Assistance projects under disasters 1603 and 1607 will continue to be coordinated through the Louisiana Recovery Office. The BRPC will staff over 75 Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation and support staff who will report to FEMA Region 6. Announcements for these positions will be posted on www.usajobs.gov. While close-out is ongoing, recovery work continues in Louisiana for all four hurricanes. FEMA will continue to review projects and obligate additional funding as appropriate.

St. Bernard Parish's Public School System Enters Final Leg of Recovery

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced on May 1, a **\$148.3 million** consolidated grant to the St. Bernard Parish School Board, largely supporting the implementation of their post-Katrina, overall recovery plan.

The school system's new layout is built upon the determination that rebuilding all damaged facilities at their original locations was not in the best interest of the community's post-Katrina needs. Instead, the same functions and capacities that existed pre-Katrina were restored in a different configuration.



J.J. Davies Elementary School is one of the schools to benefit from the consolidated grant.

In total to date, FEMA has provided approximately **\$500 million** in public assistance to the St. Bernard Parish School Board for all recovery work related to restoring their school system following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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Join the New Online Youth Forum

You are invited to join the [Youth Preparedness Online Forum](#), a site to exchange information, stories, successes, and ideas about youth preparedness.

Once online, you will find discussions about current and innovative practices and initiatives from our nation's youth preparedness community. Additionally, you will find information and announcements about new tools and resources such as the NEW [Teen CERT](#) website and training materials.



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Calendar

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

May 15: [FEMA Think Tank](#) Conference Call—focus: RECOVERY

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

May 27-Jun. 2: National Hurricane Preparedness Week

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Housing Update

Gustav/Ike: 1 unit

