

FEMA: Week in Review



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Announcements



Last Temporary Housing Unit leaves Louisiana!!!

A major recovery milestone for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike was reached on Tuesday when the last temporary housing unit occupant in Louisiana moved on to more permanent housing. At the height of the Louisiana's Individuals and Households program, approximately 92,530 temporary housing units were in service in Louisiana. Today there are 0 units remaining in Louisiana.

RESTORATION CELEBRATION AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

On June 21, 2012, Southern University of New Orleans (SUNO) celebrated the commencement of the restoration of SUNO's Washington Memorial Library.

FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office Director Joe Threat and FEMA Public Assistance Division Supervisor Eddie Williams attended the restoration ceremony and expressed wishes for the success of the university's plan to "build back better."

Building back better is serious business for SUNO's library. It includes repairing a badly damaged building, replacing books and other library contents, and protecting them from future storms. Mitigation efforts will include encircling the library with a floodwall in addition to installing pumps and elevating mechanical and electrical systems. Restoration of the library is planned for completion by next summer.

In partnership with Facility Planning and Control, SUNO will receive a total obligated amount of \$26 million to repair and furnish the library. FEMA has obligated almost \$130 million in total for Katrina-related recovery efforts at SUNO.



Louisiana Recovery Office Public Assistance Branch Chief, and former SUNO alumni Eddie Williams comments on the significance of the library's restoration

COMING SOON: MOBILE WEATHER WARNINGS

This year, America's wireless industry is rolling out a new nationwide text emergency alert system, called Wireless Emergency Alerts, which will warn you when weather threatens. The text alert service is free and automatic – there's no need to sign up or download an app. As long as your cell phone is WEA-capable, you'll get wireless alerts for the most dangerous types of weather from NOAA's National Weather Service no matter where you are, just as soon as the new service is available in your area.

NOAA's NWS will broadcast warnings for weather emergencies that are most dangerous to life and property: tornadoes, flash floods, hurricanes, extreme wind, blizzards and ice storms, tsunamis, and dust storms. (Severe thunderstorm warnings will not be part of the initial rollout of broadcast messages because they are so frequent; however, these will continue to be broadcast by NOAA Weather Radio, media outlets and Internet-based services.) For more information please visit NOAA or FEMA.gov.

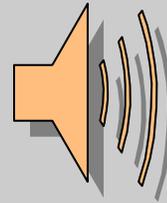
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Calendar

Jul. 10, 2012: Port of St. Bernard Ribbon Cutting Event, St. Bernard Parish, LA, 1:30pm

Jul. 11, 2012: Algiers Regional Library Grand Opening Event, New Orleans, LA, 11am

Jul 23-24, 2012: 2nd Annual Conference on "[Building Resilience3 through Public Private Partnerships](#)". Colorado Springs, CO

Aug. 2-4, 2012: Louisiana Municipal Association Conference, Lake Charles, La.

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Housing Update

0 Temporary Housing Units

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