

FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
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Announcements

FEMA Awards More Funding for Museum of West Louisiana in Vernon Parish

FEMA is providing \$122,739 in new funding to Vernon Parish for additional work necessary to help restore the community's Museum of West Louisiana. The museum was originally established in 1987 with the purpose of exhibiting and preserving items illustrative of both the culture and history of Vernon Parish and the west central area of Louisiana.

The museum also serves another role in safeguarding past resources, for it is located in a historic building that is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places – the KCS Railway Depot, built in 1916. The building was donated to the Police Jury to establish a museum for the area.

FEMA's latest grant to Vernon Parish for additional work at the Museum of West Louisiana brings the agency's total obligation to date for this project to nearly \$250,000.

"We are very grateful for the obligation of these funds by FEMA that will allow the Police Jury to finally begin to repair the damage caused by Hurricane Rita," said Vernon Parish Secretary/Treasurer Rhonda Plummer.

After the FEMA-funded repair work is complete, the museum will once again display noteworthy items including historical maps, prehistoric fossils, Camp Polk World War II related items, period clothing and household/pottery items from the late 1800s, as well as a baggage handling cart and repair yard/roundtable from the Leesville Railroad Station.



Foreign Disaster Emergency Officials Visit Louisiana Recovery Office

FEMA this week hosted two delegations of emergency managers from The Netherlands and Pakistan, where the representatives heard about hurricane recovery from officials of the Louisiana Recovery Office. The two groups are touring

the United States under the International Visitor Leadership Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

The focus of the visits is to explore the U.S. government's structure for policy formulation, particularly with respect to crisis management, and to effectively plan for and manage natural hazards and civil emergencies. Wilhelmus Steenbakkers, senior crisis coordinator in The Netherlands, represented his country, while Pakistani official Malik Shahaz led a delegation of seven representatives from that nation in their respective visits to the LRO.

Calendar

March 30: Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center MET Seminar, Baton Rouge.

March 31: Cameron Parish Library grand opening.

March 31: FEMA's 32nd anniversary.

April 5: St. Mary's Academy dedication, New Orleans.

April 18- April 22: National Hurricane Conference, Atlanta.

May 1- May 4: National Flood Conference, New Orleans.

May 13: Individual Assistance Emergency Support Function 6 Annual Conference [Registration](#) [Deadline](#).

FEMA, NDRN Ink Pact

FEMA and the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) have signed a memorandum of agreement to ensure that the access and functional needs of people with disabilities are incorporated in all aspects of planning and recovering from disasters. The pact also ensures that advocates for 57 NDRN state affiliates have access to FEMA disaster response offices before, during and after a disaster.

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
400 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
59 occupied units

