

# FEMA: Week in Review



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July 24 to July 30, 2010

## Events

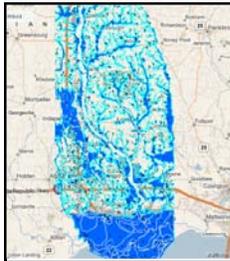
### Grand Isle Fire Station

Jefferson Parish held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Grand Isle Fire Station. \$2.9 million in Federal funds were utilized to build the new station.



## Announcements

### Tangipahoa and Jefferson Davis Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps



Tangipahoa Parish and Jefferson Davis Parish Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) became effective July 22, 2010. The latest flood hazard maps delineate new flood-risk zones and serve as an integral part of the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP), which plays a key role in defense against flood losses. Property owners need to know that this could mean a change in their floodplain status.

The DFIRMs were developed as part of the nationwide map modernization effort spearheaded by FEMA, which administers the NFIP. Now officially adopted, the DFIRMs will replace the current effective maps, which are outdated and produced using earlier technology. For more information, go to [www.lamappingproject.com](http://www.lamappingproject.com).

## Did You Know?

A requirement to qualify for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is that states and communities must have an approved Hazard Mitigation plan. When hurricanes Katrina and Rita made landfall, there were only four jurisdictions, one being the State of Louisiana, with approved plans. FEMA made over \$23.5 million available for communities to develop and update their Hazard Mitigation plans. To date, there are 81 jurisdictions with approved plans.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

## Calendar

**Aug. 1-4** - Association of Public Safety Communications Officials 76th Annual Conference, Houston, Texas

**Aug. 5:** L.B. Landry School Dedication

**Aug. 5-7:** [Louisiana Municipal Association](#) Annual Convention, Orleans Parish

**Aug. 15-18** - American Public Works Association, 2010 International Congress, Boston, Mass.

**Aug. 23-25** - Fourth Annual HAZUS Conference, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Sept. 6** - Labor Day, Federal Holiday

### Hurricane Preparedness:



[Track Hurricane Activity](#)



[Make a Prep Kit](#)

### Deepwater Horizon

The following Web sites have the most current information:

[Deepwater Horizon Unified Command Joint Information Center;](#)

[NOAA's National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration,](#)

[National Weather Service Deepwater Horizon Forecasting Support,](#)

and [Louisiana Gulf Response.](#)

### Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita: **786 occ. units**

Gustav/Ike: **240 occ. units**

