

FEMA: Week in Review



Calendar

Nov. 22: Carter G. Woodson Elementary School groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Nov. 24: Warrior Care Event for Disabled Veterans, Fort Polk, La.

Nov. 26: Acadia and Beauregard Parish Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps go into effect

Dec. 6: F.C. Williams School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 14: Parkview School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 16: Crocker School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Jan. 6: Colton School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
568 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
198 occupied units

November 13 to November 19, 2010

Events

William Frantz Elementary Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking celebration was held Nov. 18th for William Frantz Elementary in Orleans Parish. FEMA recently approved \$1.837 billion to the Orleans Parish School Board and the Recovery School District for 80 New Orleans Public School projects.



Frantz Elementary experienced extensive flooding and wind damage during Hurricane Katrina. RSD intends to selectively demolish, rehabilitate and add on to the Frantz School for a pre-K through 8th-grade elementary school. The new school will house classrooms, science labs, a library/media center, computer labs, arts and music facilities, as well as student performance space. The facility will also feature a commercial kitchen and cafeteria, a stage and office space for administrative and student support services.

Announcements

FEMA Administrator Fugate Encourages New Members of Congress to Share Emergency Preparedness Tips Back Home



Craig Fugate issued the following statement encouraging incoming freshmen lawmakers to carry the message of disaster preparedness back home to their constituents: "Disasters can strike anytime, at any place, and I'm very glad to see that our newly-elected members of Congress are getting vital information on how they can prepare their offices for emergencies," said Administrator Fugate. "Our lawmakers are a critical part of our nation's emergency management team, a team that includes state and local officials, the private sector, non-profit and voluntary organizations, and most importantly—the public."

One way lawmakers can help encourage personal and community preparedness is by placing FEMA widgets on their congressional websites that explain how constituents can apply for disaster assistance and share other helpful resources. New congressional offices can learn how to install the widgets here: <http://www.fema.gov/help/widgets/>.

FEMA also runs a public awareness campaign, the Ready campaign, which provides basic steps that anyone can take to prepare their families, homes and businesses for disasters. Visit www.ready.gov to learn more.

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.

