

FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
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Announcements

National Disaster Recovery Framework Kickoff Forum in New Orleans on Dec. 1, 2011

FEMA Region VI and the Louisiana Recovery Office in New Orleans recently hosted the [National Disaster Recovery Framework Stakeholder Forum](#) to discuss concepts and principles of the new NDRF and further collaborate with those who helped create it. In his opening address to those in attendance, FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Russell said, "Today's roll-out of the NDRF in New Orleans is significant in that, while the construction of the framework has been a nationwide effort, New Orleans' disaster recovery experiences and local input has undoubtedly helped set the tone for this important document."



FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell (R) and City of New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (L) listen to presentations during the NDRF forum. FEMA/Ralph Simcox

FEMA's creation of the NDRF began following a Presidential Policy Directive on National Preparedness (PPD-8), which directed the agency to work with interagency partners to publish a recovery framework. The resulting framework, with input gathered from community members and leaders across the country, provides a flexible structure comprised of six [Recovery Support Functions](#), to enable disaster recovery managers to operate in a unified and collaborative manner following a disaster.

"Hurricane Katrina starkly revealed the serious challenges we face regarding our nation's preparedness and readiness for responding to natural and manmade disasters. Since 2009, federal leaders have solicited input for the NDRF from emergency response and disaster recovery stakeholders in order to gather best practices and build a culture of preparedness. Moving forward, we must continue this dialogue, as the NDRF proposes to do, so that when disasters strike we have the right tools in the toolbox to help communities recover smartly and efficiently," said U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu.

"This meeting is a next step in providing community members with an understanding of how they can apply NDRF principals and concepts. Participants' comments will also be used to further develop and refine NDRF guidance documents, tools and implementation strategies because such stakeholder engagement is at the core of this framework," added Russell.

St. Bernard Parish Grand Opening Public Works Main Yard Office

On Friday, Dec. 2, local, state and federal officials gathered to mark the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Public Works Main Yard Administrative Building in St. Bernard Parish.

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Calendar

Dec. 26 - Official Federal Christmas Holiday observed

Jan. 2 - Official Federal New Year's Day Holiday observed

Jan. 17-19 - [International Disaster Conference and Expo](#), New Orleans, LA

Jan. 26 - Disaster Contractor's Industry Day in Shreveport, LA

Feb. 7-9th - National Evacuation Conference, New Orleans, LA

Feb. 25 - Union Parish Mounted CERT Team hosts Search & Rescue training event, Farmerville, LA

National Disaster Recovery Framework

Recovery Support Functions and Coordinating Agencies



6 Support Functions

Community Planning and Capacity Building
(FEMA)

Economic
(Department of Commerce)

Health and Social Services
(DHHS)

Housing
(HUD)

Infrastructure Systems
(USACE)

Natural and Cultural Resources
(Department of the Interior)

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: **19** units

Gustav/Ike: **5** units

