

Emergency Operations Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Disasters or emergencies happen suddenly creating a situation in which the normal support services can become overwhelmed. During crises, the College requires special programs to address the needs of emergency response operations and recovery management. To address such emergencies, Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) has established an *Emergency Operations Plan* (EOP), which provides a guideline for the management of the actions and operations required to respond to an emergency or disaster, including initial recovery activities and responsibilities. The overall priorities of the College during a disaster are the protection of lives, property, the community, and the environment. The overall objective is to respond to emergency conditions and manage the process of restoring College business, academic programs, and services. The EOP represents the *Emergency Operations Plan*, which encompasses the facilities, services, and the administration of the LIT campus. Seventeen emergencies are specifically addressed in this plan.

- 1. Active Shooter
- 2. Bomb Threat
- 3. Explosion
- 4. Fire
- 5. Flooding
- 6. Fumes and Vapors
- 7. Hazardous Substance Spills
- 8. Mechanical Failures
- 9. Utility Failures
- 10. Medical Emergencies and Community Health Issues

- 11. Pandemic
- 12. Public Relations Emergencies
- 13. Severe Weather (other than tropical weather)
- 14. Student Crisis (suicide, assault, etc.)
- 15. Technology, Telecommunications, and Information Services
- 16. Violent or Criminal Behavior (Campus shooting, rape, assault, etc.)
- 17. Hurricane and Tropical Weather Preparation

PURPOSE

The *Emergency Operations Plan* provides the management structure, key responsibilities, emergency assignments, and general procedures to follow during and immediately after an emergency. The College has established this plan to address the immediate requirements for a major disaster or emergency in which normal operations are interrupted and special measures must be taken to:

- Save and protect the lives of students, employees, and the community.
- Protect and preserve LIT property and the environment.
- Provide and analyze information to support decision-making and action plans.
- Manage immediate communications and information regarding emergency response operations and campus safety.
- Manage LIT resources effectively in the emergency response.

The *Emergency Operations Plan* does not supersede or replace the procedures for safety, hazardous materials response, or other procedures that are already in place at the College. It supplements those procedures with a temporary crisis management structure, which provides for the immediate focus of management on response operations and the early transition to recovery operations.

AUTHORITY

1. Federal

- 1. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (as amended), 42 USC§ 5121
- 2. Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 USC Chapter 116
- 3. Emergency Management and Assistance, 44 CFR
- 4. Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response, 29 CFR 1910.120
- 5. Homeland Safety Act 2002
- 6. Homeland Safety Presidential Directive, HSPD-5, Management of Domestic Incidents
- 7. Homeland Safety Presidential Directive, HSPD-3, Homeland Safety Advisory System
- 8. National Incident Management System
- 9. National Response Framework
- 10. National Strategy for Homeland Safety, July 2002
- 11. Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex of the National Response Plan

2. State of Texas

- 1. Government Code, Chapter 418 (Emergency Management)
- 2. Government Code, Chapter 421 (Homeland Safety)
- 3. Government Code, Chapter 433 (State of Emergency)
- 4. Government Code, Chapter 791 (Inter-local Cooperation Contracts)
- 5. Health & Safety Code, Chapter 778 (Emergency Management Assistance Compact)
- 6. Executive Order of the Government Relating to Emergency Management
- 7. Executive Order of the Government Relating to the National Incident Management System
- 8. Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 7 (Division of Emergency Management)
- 9. The Texas Homeland Safety Strategic Plan, Parts I and II, December 15, 2003
- 10. The Texas Homeland Safety Strategic Plan, Part III, February 2004
- 11. Texas Education Code § 51.217

3. Local

- Inter-local Agreements & Contracts
- Inter-agency participation and training

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The *Emergency Operations Plan* provides an organized management system for the College to follow during and after emergencies. It is designed as a flexible system in which part or the entire plan may be activated, as appropriate to the situation. It is based on a worst-case scenario and provides for the critical operational functions and roles of the College during a response and sets-the-stage for an effective transition to short- and long-term recovery.

The Emergency Operations Plan is considered a management tool, in that it provides an overall organization and general procedures for the management of information, activities, and operations during an emergency. The planning is based on elements of the National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.), the management structure adopted throughout the United States and internationally, and a requirement of the State of Texas and various US Department of Homeland Security Presidential Decision Directives and NIMS guidance. This approach to emergency management contains functional positions for each critical operation of the College during an emergency. It provides for a smooth transition to restoration of normal services and the implementation of programs for recovery.

The Office of the President will serve as the headquarters for the implementation of this plan. The response to any disaster on campus will be measured and timely. The varied nature of potential disasters requires that the Crisis Management Team, Assessment Team, and the Disaster Response Team maintain certain flexibility. These teams should strive to work within the boundaries of this pre-planned policy in order to avoid poor decision-making and coordination during the excitement and confusion of a real incident.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this plan are to provide a framework for:

1. Organization

- Provide clear and easy-to-follow checklist based on guidelines for the most critical functions and liaisons during an emergency response.
- Organize and format the plan into an easy-to-follow format in which users can quickly determine their role, responsibility and primary tasks.
- Link and coordinate processes, actions and the exchange of critical information into an efficient and real-time overall response in which all entities have access into the emergency response process and know what is going on at the College.

2. Communications and Information Management

- Serve as the central point of communications both for receipt and transmission of urgent information and messages.
- Serve as the official point of contact for the College during emergencies when normal channels are interrupted.
- Provide 24-hour full service communication services for voice, data and operational systems.
- Collect and collate all disaster information for notification, public information, documentation and post-incident analysis.
- Provide a basis for training employees and organizations in emergency response management.

3. Decision Making

• Describe the decision-making process that will be used to determine the level of response and extent of emergency control and coordination that should be activated when incidents occur.

4. Response Operations

- Utilize College resources to implement a comprehensive and efficient emergency management response team.
- Guide emergency response management during and following emerging incidents.

5. Recovery Operations

- Transition response operations over to normal management processes, as able.
- Support business resumption plans and processes, as needed, during restoration phases.
- Provide documentation and information support to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster public assistance program application.

LEVELS OF EMERGENCY

Given the potential day-to-day and large-scale hazards that may affect the LIT campus, a tiered approach has been established to define the appropriate response to any campus emergency.

Each of the response levels is relative to the magnitude of the emergency. The approach is flexible enough to be used in an emergency response situation regardless of the size, type, or complexity of the emergency.

Routine Response

Routine incidents occur on campus daily and are often handled by Campus Safety or Facilities personnel. These incidents can be handled through normal response procedures and do not require additional resources from other campus units. The scope of the incident is well-defined and it can be resolved within a short time period. Policies and procedures relating to routine responses are developed and maintained by the responding units. A routine response does not require activation of the *Emergency Operations Plan* or the Crisis Management Team.

Limited Emergency

Limited emergencies are those incidents that significantly impact one or multiple campus units; are complex, or require interaction with outside response organizations; and/or require a longer or more intense response than the affected unit(s) can effectively manage. These incidents include extended power outages affecting single or multiple buildings, localized flooding, and hazardous material releases. Limited emergencies may be handled by the responding departments with support from local first responders such as Beaumont Police and/or Fire Departments. The Director of Safety will notify the President and/or Crisis Management Team members who will provide leadership and coordination support. The *Emergency Operations Plan* may be partially activated to support a limited emergency.

Major Emergency

Major emergencies include those incidents where many, if not all, campus units are impacted; normal campus operations are interrupted; response and recovery activities will continue for an extended period of time; and routine response procedures and resources are overwhelmed. Procedures for responding to a

major emergency are contained within this plan. Major emergencies will likely require partial or full *Emergency Operations Plan* activation and full Crisis Management Team participation.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President

- Pre-approve broad policy relative to emergency operations, risk management, and disaster response and recovery.
- Lead the Crisis Management Team.
- Make the decision as to the appropriate level of response up to and including the evacuation of campus.
- Decide when classes are to be canceled, create a timeline to limit services, close buildings or to evacuate campus.
- Communicate with The Texas State University System (TSUS) Chancellor and System Officers.

Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations

- Member of the Crisis Management Team.
- Lead Crisis Management Team if President is unavailable.
- Communicate with President and advises on the College's state of readiness.
- Communicate with Assessment and Disaster Response Team leaders.
- Communicate emergency instructions to Finance.
- Communicate with TSUS Finance Officers.

Vice President/Provost for Instruction

- Member of the Crisis Management Team.
- Upon consultation with the President communicates when classes are to be canceled.
- Inform deans, academic departments, and department chairs of the decision and

timeline to limit services, close buildings, or to evacuate campus.

Director of Facilities

- Member of the Crisis Management, Assessment, and Disaster Response Teams.
- Advise President, Crisis Management and Assessment Teams of campus conditions.
- Determine the structural safety and serviceability of any structure damaged during a disaster.
- Coordinate contractors and facilities staff in their response to a disaster.

- Coordinate damage repairs and reconstruction and advise the team on available resources and timelines.
- Procure, store, and maintain in an operable condition all supplies and equipment necessary to prepare the campus for a Tropical Weather event as outlined in this plan.

Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services

- Member of the Disaster Response Team.
- Coordinate with Vice President/Provost of Instruction on initiation of Information Technology Services Department backup, recovery, and failover procedures.

Director of Communications and Marketing

- Receives input from the President and Crisis Management Team regarding announcements to be made during and after an emergency event on campus.
- Develop and implement a communication plan for campus evacuation, return to campus, and media response during assessment stage following an emergency event.
- Inform the entire campus of the decision and timeline to limit services, close buildings or to evacuate campus.
- Communicate plan to the media, update campus website and social media.

Associate Vice President of Student Services

- Member of the Crisis Management Team
- Assists Vice President/Provost of Instruction as needed in emergency response.

Executive Director of Procurement Services

- Member of the Disaster Response Team.
- Advise the Disaster Response Team regarding the procurement of services and/or equipment.

Director of Safety

- Responsible for campus security during an emergency response.
- Maintain communications with DDC-15, Jefferson County Emergency Management, and Beaumont Emergency Management.
- Serve as Deputy Incident Commander during an Incident Command System activation.
- Provide the Crisis Management Team with timely updates to any emergency situation.
- Notify the President and/or Vice Presidents of emergency situations, regardless of College-wide impact, immediately upon occurrence of such an emergency

Executive Director of Campus Safety

- Communicate with Insurance Representatives
- Serves as Incident Commander during Incident Command System activation.
- Organizes and leads after-action debriefing.

TRAINING

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from incidents. NIMS defines operational systems that guide how personnel work together during incidents.

Training of employees is an integral part of achieving the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. The Executive Director of Campus Safety (Shared Services) is, therefore, responsible for:

- 1. Annual training of employees in responding to an emergency.
- 2. Mandatory drill(s) to prepare students, faculty, and employees in responding to an emergency.
- 3. Training to ensure coordination with the Department of State Health Services, local emergency management agencies, law enforcement, health departments, and fire departments in the event of an emergency.
- 4. A safety and security audit of the College's facilities at least once every 3 years that shall follow safety and security audit procedures developed in consultation with the Texas Division of Emergency Management. The Executive Director of Campus Safety will conduct a safety and security audit during the Fall 2023 Semester and repeat it every 3 years.

Training is required for the Crisis Management Team and the Assessment Team. Training requirements are listed in Table 1: Training Requirements. IS 100, IS 200, IS 700, and IS 800 must be completed by December 31, 2024.

Table 1: Training Requirements

Position	Name	IS 100 Online	IS 200 Online	IS 700 Online	IS 800 Online	1CS300	ICS400	Type 3 Course for Designated Position	G367 Emergency Planning for Campus Executives
President	Dr. Sid Valentine	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations	Mary Wickland	Х	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X
Vice President/Provost of Instruction	Dr. Angela Hill	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Associate Vice President of Student Services	Tasha Morales	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Director of Communications and Marketing	Hannah LeTulle	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Director of Facilities	Jonathon Beritiech	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services	Kash Cox	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	

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Executive Director of									
Procurement Services (Shared									
Services)	Amber Mello	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Director of Safety	Becky Gentry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
								0958-NIMS ICS	
								All-Hazards	
Executive Director for								Operations	
Campus Safety	Gary Rash	X	X	X	X	X	X	Section Chief	

PHASES OF PLAN OPERATION

The Emergency Operations Plan has four phases:

- 1. **Notification of the emergency**. The Crisis Management Team is convened and emergency response from key departments is initiated. The Crisis Management Team will be the decision-making group throughout all phases of the emergency event and campus response.
- 2. **Damage Assessment**. After the emergency event has ceased, the Assessment Team is convened to assess damage from the event and develop an immediate response plan. The Assessment Team's assessments and response plans will flow to the Crisis Management Team for decision making.
- 3. **Disaster Response**. If the Crisis Management Team deems it necessary, the Disaster Response Team implements the *Disaster Recovery Plan*. The Disaster Response Team's recovery actions and efforts will be guided by the Crisis Management Team.
- 4. **Plan Review and Maintenance**. The Crisis Management Team will assemble following each emergency event to evaluate how the situation was handled and make recommendations to better handle similar situations in the future.

NOTIFICATION OF THE EMERGENCY

The LIT Campus Safety Department must be notified of any emergency situations (such as those described in Appendix A) that arise on campus. The department can be reached at 409-257-0073. The Campus Safety Officer on duty will respond, assess the situation, and immediately notify the Lamar University Police Department if the situation requires a police response.

The Director of Safety will immediately notify the President and/or Vice Presidents of the situation.

The President or Vice Presidents will determine whether assembling the Crisis Management Team is warranted.

LIT uses Blackboard Connect to notify students, faculty and staff about any significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to health or safety, including school closures related to weather or other circumstances. Available phone numbers and email addresses in the College's student registration and human resources systems are automatically enrolled in the Blackboard Connect system. Additional contact points may be added through the myLIT portal. Individuals can also opt out of these notifications or select how they receive these messages by changing settings in the myLIT portal.

Notifications may also be released to area media by LIT's Communications and Marketing Department, posted on the front page of the LIT website (www.lit.edu), and posted to social media. All public statements and notifications will be approved by the Crisis Management Team prior to release.

Crisis Management Team

The Crisis Management Team (CMT) will be convened should the President or any Crisis Management Team member determine the emergency event will have a wide-ranging or long-lasting effect. The Crisis Management Team will be the decision-making group throughout all phases of the emergency event and campus response. The team will consist of the following individuals:

- President
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations
- Vice President/Provost of Instruction
- Associate Vice President of Student Services
- Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Accreditation
- Director of Facilities
- Director of Safety
- Director of Communications and Marketing
- Executive Director of Procurement Services

The Crisis Management Team may convene in person, TEAMs, or via telephone conference call or any combination. The team may seek input from individuals with direct information about the event.

The following management process for crisis situations will be followed:

- The President or Vice Presidents must be informed immediately when the incident is reported.
- The President or Vice Presidents will contact the remaining Crisis Management Team members and initiate a meeting. The team must be ready to react quickly and must be reachable by cell phone 24 hours a day.
- Team meeting occurs with a review of all known information provided by the Director of Facilities, Director of Safety, or any individual with direct relevant information.
- The team will decide on a course of action, proper response, public statement, and appropriate activities.
- A single office will be designated to investigate the issue, and all staff members will work through that office. (Note: The office designated to investigate the issue will maintain documents that describe the actions taken. The decision could be made to activate the Incident Command System for the response)
- The Director of Communications and Marketing will handle all media contact and external inquiries as directed by the Crisis Management Team.

• As events develop or change, the team will communicate before further action or further statements are issued.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

The Damage Assessment phase of the *Emergency Operations Plan* may begin at any time during the emergency event or disaster but will formally begin immediately after the event. An assessment of the damage caused by an emergency event or disaster will be necessary in order to develop a coordinated and prioritized response plan.

Assessment Team

The Assessment Team (AT) will convene immediately after the emergency event or disaster to assess the damage incurred during the event and to develop an immediate response plan. The team may recommend a call to invoke the Disaster Response Team and the *Disaster Recovery Plan* as necessary.

The Assessment Team will consist of the following:

- Director of Facilities.
- Director of Safety.
- EHS Specialist.
- Facilities Employees with Subject Matter Expertise.

The following management process for damage assessment will then be followed:

- The Assessment Team comprehensively inspects the impacted campus areas.
- Standardized reports are completed, and photographs of all affected areas are taken.
- The Assessment Team discusses a plan of action to present to the CMT.
- The Director of Safety will assess the need for additional Safety resources.

The Assessment Team may convene in person or via telephone conference call or any combination. The team may seek input from individuals with information or expertise the team deems valuable. The team will update the CMT. The Crisis Management Team will work with the Director of Communications and Marketing to inform the campus community, media and the public of developments.

DISASTER RESPONSE

A major emergency event or natural disaster may result in significant damage to the College's infrastructure and/or may cause significant disruption in the College's normal course of business. Such damage and disruption can require significant resources and sustained efforts to remediate. If the damage assessments indicate it necessary, the Crisis Management Team may call for the Disaster Response Team and invoke the Disaster Recovery Plan.

Disaster Response Team

If the emergency event results in significant damage to campus facilities and infrastructure the Crisis Management Team may call for the Disaster Response Team. The Disaster Response Team will continue with the following members:

- President
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations
- Vice President/Provost of Instruction
- Associate Vice President of Student Services
- Director of Facilities
- Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services
- Executive Director of Procurement Services
- Executive Director of Campus Safety
- Director of Safety

The following management process for disaster response will then be followed:

- Director of Facilities begins coordination of damage repairs and reconstruction and advises the Crisis Management Team on available resources and timelines.
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations establishes emergency financial support and financial services.
- Vice President/Provost of Instruction helps with development of strategies and timelines for resuming classes or reopening the campus and completing the academic term.
- Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services establishes emergency computing stations, assesses damage to computing services, assesses damage to telecommunications systems, and initiates repair procedures.
- Executive Director of Campus Safety serves as the insurance contact and provides all claim information.
- Director of Safety maintains security around the incident site.

The Disaster Recovery Team may convene in person or via telephone conference call or any combination. The team may seek input from individuals with information or expertise the team deems valuable. The team will update the Crisis Management Team. The Crisis Management Team will work with the Director of Communications and Marketing to inform the campus community, media and the public of developments.

More information about the Disaster Response Team and the College's plans for recovery from a disaster can be found under a separate cover in the *LIT Tropical Storm Preparedness Plan*.

PLAN REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE

The Executive Director of Campus Safety will assemble the Crisis Management Team following each emergency event to evaluate how the situation was handled and make recommendations to better handle similar situations in the future. After Action Reports shall be generated by the Crisis Management Team after each emergency event, and updates to the plan recommended.

Tabletop exercises and/or drills testing specific parts of the plan shall be held by the Crisis Management Team on a yearly basis. After Action Reports shall be generated by the Crisis Management Team after each exercise or drill, and updates to the plan recommended.

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The Emergency Operations Plan must be updated annually.

APPENDIX A: EMERGENCY RESPONSES

- 1. Active Shooter
- 2. Bomb Threat
- 3. Explosion
- 4. Fire
- 5. Fumes/Vapors
- 6. Flooding
- 7. Hazardous Substance Spills
- 8. Mechanical Failures
- 9. Medical Emergencies and Community Health Issues
- 10. Pandemic
- 11. Public Relations Emergencies
- 12. Severe Weather
- 13. Student Crisis
- 14. Utility Failures
- 15. Violent or Criminal Behavior

ACTIVE SHOOTER

SCOPE: FACULTY AND STAFF

1. Policy:

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) recognizes its commitment to the emotional and physical well-being of its, students, faculty, and staff. There is increasing concern, interest, and anxiety about active shooters on America's campuses. Members of the Lamar University Police Department (LUPD) are trained and equipped to respond to an emergency incident of this nature. The police will evaluate the situation and determine the best course of action to take for the safety of the LIT community. LUPD will be responsible for all tactical operations and will call on area law enforcement agencies, fire-rescue, and EMS for assistance, as needed. The LIT President, or in his/her absence the next Vice President in the chain of command, i.e. Executive Vice President for Finance & Operations, Vice President/Provost for Instruction, Associate Vice President of Student Services will respond to the Lamar University Police Department.

2. Procedures:

The immediate response of the first officers on scene is to take aggressive action to find and stop the shooter or shooters. As they move into the affected area, rescue efforts will be delayed until the shooter is located and stopped or no longer a threat to life safety. If you are wounded or with someone who is wounded, these officers will bypass you to search for the shooter. Rescue teams will follow shortly to aid you and others.

The following protocol is sound and generally applicable but must be adapted to the specific situation. **Bottom line**, if you hear shots fired on campus, or if you see or know that an armed person is shooting people, **protect yourself first – move to a safe location**.

2.1 IF THE SHOOTER IS OUTSIDE YOUR BUILDING:

- 2.1.1 If you can do so safely, inform building occupants.
- 2.1.2 Close and lock your door and all windows. If you cannot lock the door, try to block the door with furniture.
- 2.1.3 Turn off all lights.
- 2.1.4 Close the blinds and stay away from the windows and doors.
- 2.1.5 Seek protective cover or lie on the floor.
- 2.1.6 Keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room.
- 2.1.7 Have ONE person call 911 or 880-7777 and give their name, location, and any other detail that can be provided about the shooter(s), if possible.
- 2.1.8 Silence cell phones.
- 2.1.9 Do not answer the door or respond to commands until you are certain they are issued by a police officer. Ask the officer to place his ID under the door.
- 2.1.10 Wait for the police to assist you in getting out of the building.

2.2 IF THE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR BUILDING:

2.2.1 Determine if the room you are in can be locked. If so, follow the

directions above.

2.2.2 If your room cannot be locked, move to a room that can, or exit the building –

ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

- 2.2.3 Notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building immediately.
- 2.2.4 As you exit the building, keep your hands above your head and listen for instructions that may be given by police officers. If an office points a firearm at you, make no movements that may cause the officer to mistake your actions for a threat. Try to stay calm.
- 2.2.5 If you get out of the building and do not see a police officer, call 911 or 880-7777 and provide the dispatcher with the following information:
 - · Your name
 - · Location of the incident
 - · Number of shooters, if known
 - · Identification or description of shooter(s)
 - Your exact location
 - · Injuries to anyone, if known
- 2.2.6 If you are unable to escape the building, move out of the hallway and into an office or classroom and try to lock the door.
- 2.2.7 If the door will not lock, try barricading the door with desks and chairs. Lie on the floor and/or under a desk and remain silent.
- 2.2.8 Silence cell phones.
- 2.2.9 Cover door windows.
- 2.2.10 If possible, place signs in exterior windows to identify the location of injured persons.
- 2.2.11 Wait for the police to come and find you.

2.3 IF THE SHOOTER ENTERS YOUR OFFICE OR CLASSROOM:

- 2.3.1 If possible call 911 or 880-7777 and alert the police to the shooter's location; if you can't speak, leave the line open so the dispatcher can listen and try to pinpoint your location.
- 2.3.2 If you can't escape, attempting to overpower the shooter(s) by force is a LAST RESORT.
- 2.3.3 If the shooter(s) leaves the area, proceed immediately to a safer place, if possible.
- 2.3.4 If you decide to flee, do not carry anything; move quickly and quietly, keep your hands visible, and follow the instructions of the police officers.
- 2.3.5 Do not attempt to remove injured people; tell the authorities of their location as soon as possible.
- 2.3.6 The area will be a crime scene; police usually will not let anyone leave until the area is secure and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Stay where you are told until the police dismiss you. If you do evacuate off campus, be prepared to return to campus once notified it is safe to do so.

BOMB THREAT

Bomb Threats can be received in several forms. Below are guidelines to follow should you receive a bomb threat affecting the campus:

- 1. Remain calm and do not panic others.
- 2. If a written message is received, keep track of the following information:
 - Who found it?
 - Who else was present?
 - Where was it found or how was it delivered?
 - When was it found or delivered?
 - Who touched it?
 - Have any previous threats been received?
- 3. If the threat is received by telephone, in a calm voice, try to obtain as much information as possible about the bomb and the caller: (THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ADDRESS VITAL INFORMATION THAT YOU SHOULD OBTAIN!)
 - Date and exact time of call.
 - Time set to explode.
 - Which building is it in?
 - Where is it?
 - Type of bomb?
 - Estimated age and gender of the caller
- Emotional state: agitated, calm, and excited.
- Background noises: traffic, music, and voices.
- Why it was set?
- Who is the target?
- Who is the caller?
- 4. If practical, do not hang up the phone, but phone Campus Safety, 409-257-0073, from a different telephone.
- 5. Administration, with the assistance of Campus safety and other local authorities, will determine a plan of action. A decision on whether or not to evacuate will be based on all available information received.
- 6. If the decision is made to evacuate, instruct occupants to take purses, book bags, and personal packages and EXIT the building. (If left behind, these items could be mistaken to contain concealed explosives.)
- 7. If ordered to evacuate, move at least 300 feet away from the building and stay away from glass. Do not attempt to re-enter the building until you have received official instructions to do so.

A. IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

Look closely around your work area when you arrive for work. This will help you if you are called on to identify unusual or suspicious items later.

Report potential safety or Safety problems to Campus safety, 409-257-0073.

Be on the lookout for anything unusual, particularly packages or large items seemingly left behind or thrown out. Note time and location of anything odd.



B. IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS MAIL PACKAGES

Look closely at packages that arrive in the mail that you were not expecting or from senders you do not recognize. Report suspicious packages to Campus Safety, 409-257-0073.

Some signs of a suspicious package might be:

- No return address
- Insufficient postage
- Is addressee familiar with name and address of sender?
- Is addressee expecting package/letter? If so, verify contents.
- Return address and postmark are not from the same area.
- Wrapped in brown paper with twine
- Grease stains or discoloration on paper
- Strange odors
- Foreign mail, Air Mail, and Special Delivery

- Restrictive markings such as Confidential, Personal, etc.
- Excessive postage
- Hand-written or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Misspellings of common words
- Excessive weight
- Rigid envelope
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or tinfoil
- Excessive securing materials such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distractions

EXPLOSION

- Do Not Use Elevators!
- Report any explosion on or adjacent to the campus to Campus Safety, 409-257-0073.
 - If necessary, or when directed to do so, activate the building alarm, (the safest and nearest fire alarm pull station).
 - When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, an emergency exists. All rooms should be evacuated. Closing doors will help contain a fire, but <u>DO NOT</u> LOCK THE DOORS!
 - Assist persons with disabilities to an enclosed stairwell landing, preferably the designated rescue assistance area if it is safe to do so, and notify the Campus safety or Fire Department Personnel of their location.

FIRE

- Do Not Use Elevators!
- In all cases of fire, activate the nearest fire alarm to warn other building occupants. You should know where the nearest alarm is to your work area.
- In all cases of fire, call Campus Safety, 409-257-0073. Do not assume that someone else is making the call, make the call yourself.



- When the building fire alarm is sounded, an emergency exists. All rooms must be evacuated. Leave the lights on and close, but do not lock the doors.
- Assist persons with disabilities to the nearest rescue assistance area, (generally a stairwell), if it is safe to do so. Handicapped person carrier chairs are available in buildings with multiple floors.
- If the fire is small and you have an unobstructed egress path, you may choose to use an available fire extinguisher to put out the fire. Each employee should familiarize themselves with the location of the two nearest fire extinguishers in their area and learn how to use them. Remember to pull the pin and aim at the base of the flames. Continue to dispense the extinguishing agent until the extinguisher is empty. If at any time the fire begins to grow, back out of the room and close the door.

FLOODING

If flood conditions occur, contact Facilities at 409-241-8608.

Provide sufficient information as to building name, floor, room, and degree of flooding or potential damage due to the flooding.

A Facilities or Campus safety Representative_will contact the City of Beaumont Public Works at 409-980-8311 and Jefferson County Drainage District 6 at 409-842-1818 to report the flooding event.

A determination of the extent of the flooding will be relayed to the Office of the President and callout of critical personnel will begin.

An inventory of lights, sandbags, duct tape, and polyethylene sheeting is maintained by Facility Maintenance.

FUMES AND VAPORS

Toxic fumes can infiltrate a building from various sources including improperly stored chemicals, faulty refrigeration, equipment fires, gasoline engines operated near air intakes, etc. If the presence of toxic fumes

is suspected, the area or areas affected should be vacated. Use a telephone away from this area and notify Campus Safety, 409-257-0073.

Since the campus is located near ExxonMobil, the possibility exists that this facility could be the source of the fumes. If the source seems to be coming from outside of the building, shelter-in place. If possible, turn off the air conditioning and go to the interior of the building. If the fumes are intense, place wet paper towels under the door to reduce the amount of vapors entering the building.

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Call Campus Safety, 409-257-0073, or 911 from a campus or cellular phone if the situation merits a Haz-Mat response from the Beaumont Fire Department.

After the source of the vapor / fumes is discovered and contained:

Ventilate the contaminated area(s). It may be possible to clear an affected area by opening windows and/or activating exhaust fans, provided such action is undertaken by trained personnel.

Emergency Treatment:

- Don't endanger yourself or others.
- Remove victims from area only if safely possible.
- Call 911 from a campus or cellular phone for ambulance service and notify Campus Safety at 409-257-0073. Assist victims as necessary.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES SPILL

Any major spill of a hazardous substance must be reported immediately to the Campus Safety, 409-257-0073. The Director of Safety or Environmental Health Safety (EHS) Specialist will assess the extent of the spill and contact the Beaumont Fire Department (BFD) if necessary. Personnel on site should be evacuated

from the affected area at once. Seal off the contaminated area to prevent further contamination until the arrival of trained responders. Beaumont Fire Department HAZMAT team officials will take charge of the site management of the spill once they are on scene.

Personnel who may be contaminated by a spill or release are to:

- Seek medical attention immediately.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Alert responders/emergency personnel of injury or contamination.
- Contact Human Resources for workers' compensation notifications.

MECHANICAL FAILURES

Any emergency related to building or facility problems, such as equipment failure or erratic operation, must be reported to Facilities as soon as possible. During normal business hours contact Facilities directly by calling 409-241-8608

If the failure is related to the Fire System notify Facilities as soon as possible. During normal business hours contact the Facilities at 409-241-8608. After hours, contact Campus Safety, 409-257-0073.

NOTE: If there is potential danger to building(s), and/or its occupants, call 911 from a campus or cellular phone immediately.

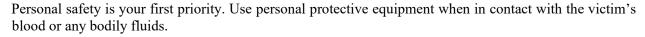
MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES

Report any serious injury or illness by calling 911 from a campus or cellular phone immediately. Non-emergency injuries or illness should be reported to Campus Safety at 409-257-0073.

Begin first aid if qualified or seek someone who can.

If injury or illness is job related, contact Human Resources to complete required workers' compensation reports.

Response to community health issues will be coordinated by the LIT Executive Team.





PANDEMIC PREPARATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend getting the flu vaccine every year to prevent seasonal flu. Nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) can also help protect from getting and spreading the flu. NPIs are actions that people and communities can take to slow the spread of flu. They include simple everyday preventive measures, such as staying away from other people when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands often. These actions are practicing NPIs. NPIs are especially important during outbreaks of pandemic flu, or any other pandemic illness.

The actions taken and planning today make a difference. Below are important steps for protection against getting and spreading the flu.

- A. Stay away from people who are sick.
 - Stay out of class and away from campus as much as possible until fever is gone for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
 - Keep in touch with student health services, instructors, and friends through email, text, or phone.
 - Get plenty of rest.
 - Drink clear fluids, such as water, sports drinks, or electrolyte beverages.
 - Acetaminophen or ibuprofen may help reduce fever, headache, and body aches.
- B. Keeping Distance
 - People with flu can spread it to others at least 3 feet away.
 - Flue is contagious. Stay away from sick people.
 - People who are sick with flu may have no symptoms. They may pass the flu onto other people before they even know they are sick.
 - Avoid sharing eating utensils and dishes with people who are sick.
 - During a flu pandemic
 - i. Avoid places where large groups of people gather, such as classes, concerts, festivals and sporting events.
 - ii. Look for ways to participate in gatherings or classes virtually or via TV to avoid face-to-face contact with people who may be sick.
- C. Stopping the spread of germs by covering coughs and sneezes.
 - Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 - Throw away the used tissue and then wash hands.
 - Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue helps prevent the spread of the flu virus through the air ad on the hands.

- During a flu pandemic
 - i. Wearing a facemask when sick can lower the risk of spreading illness to others.

D. Washing Hands

- Wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water.
- If soap and warm water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Washing hands lowers the amount of flu virus that can spread when shaking hands with other people or touch surfaces and objects, such as keyboards, TV remotes, desks, and doorknobs.

E. Cleaning Frequently Touched Objects and Surfaces

- Keyboards, TV remotes, phones, desks, and doorknobs should be cleaned often and thoroughly.
- Studies have shown that human influenza viruses generally can survive on surfaces up to 48 hours. During that time, the virus may potentially infect other people.
- Soap and water are all that is needed to remove the flu virus.
- Bleach-and-water solution or disinfectant with a label that says "EPA approved" for killing viruses and bacteria can also be used.

F. Being Prepared and Informed

- Get the pandemic flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available.
- Make plans for what to do in the event that local public health department recommends closing campus or cancelling events.
- Use nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), such as staying away from other people when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands often to help slow the spread of pandemic flu.

G. In the Event of a Pandemic Event

• LIT will follow the guidelines provided by the CDC, health department, state and local agencies, and other national, state, and local agencies responsible for mitigating the event. Guidelines from these agencies shall be implemented and employees and students will comply with the implemented guidelines.

PUBLIC RELATIONS EMERGENCIES

While public scandals are rare in higher education, virtually every institution must occasionally deal with such situations. This might involve a highly visible lawsuit, accusations of wrongdoing on the part of an institution official, an egregious case of student misconduct, or a variety of unspecified events that carry the potential of having a negative impact on the institution's reputation. The impact of these events is exacerbated when they result in potential or actual news coverage.

When such events occur, the Executive Team may consider the following responsibilities:

- Assessment of the potential impact on the College's reputation.
- Legal implications of the event; laws and policies pertaining to its disposition.
- Recommendations on steps to diffuse or eliminate the problem before it goes public; or when that is not possible, steps to lessen the negative impact on the College's reputation.

• Development of messages and channels of communication to the various constituents (including the news media) associated with the event. Assurance that all privacy laws are obeyed, and freedom of information is respected.

SEVERE WEATHER (Tropical Storm)

Campus Closure

In the event of a tropical storm, the campus may close until all threats to the community disappear. The decision to close the campus will be made by the President following an evaluation of the prevailing weather reports, city disaster declarations, county disaster declarations, and other relevant information.

Notices of campus closure should include the date of closure, how to monitor updates about the closure, extent of classes that will not be taught (online classes may continue being taught), and other significant information. See Appendix B: Hurricane Preparedness Plan for a complete preparation plan.

Communication between the Campus, Students, and Community

The College will communicate with the campus and community via email, blackboard connect, social media, and updates on the LIT website. Messages will be generated by the President through the Director of Communications and Marketing.

SEVERE WEATHER (Tornado)

Severe Weather/Tornado Watch:

A watch is an indication of where and when the probabilities are highest that severe weather or a tornado could occur. A watch is a statement that severe weather/tornado conditions are present and could occur. The National Weather Service will issue a watch bulletin to local authorities as well as to the local radio and television stations.

Severe Weather/Tornado Warning:

If a severe weather/tornado sighting occurs, the National Weather Service alerts all weather stations and local authorities.

In case of severe weather:

When the emergency warning is made, students and employees have the responsibility to get to a shelter. When the emergency notification is made, all persons should immediately seek shelter in the nearest strong building. Go to the interior walls of lower floors. Auditoriums, gymnasiums, and similar large rooms with wide roofs should be avoided. Stay away from all windows and exterior doors. During sudden severe weather events it will be necessary to shelter-in-place.

STUDENT CRISIS

Contact Campus Safety at 409-257-0073. The Director of Safety will notify the Office of Student Affairs.

Appropriate referrals will be made in the event of the following types of crisis situations involving LIT students.

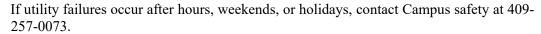
- Alcohol and other drug use emergencies
- Classroom disruptive or violent behavior

- Death of a student, friend, or family member
- Discipline issues
- Mental health/behavioral incidents or concerns
- Physical injury
- Sexual assault
- Threats to public welfare
- Criminal behavior

The LIT Care Team is a dedicated group of faculty and staff who provide consultation and support for students in distress. The team was created to accept early alerts regarding individual students in distress or whose behavior raises concerns about their well-being or that of others.

UTILITY FAILURE

All utility failures must be reported to Facilities as soon as possible. During normal business hours call the Facilities directly at 409-241-8608. If telephone service is not available, go to the Facilities building.





NOTE: If there is potential danger to building(s) and/or its occupants, call 911 from a campus or cellular phone immediately.

Emergency Contact Numbers for Utility Providers:

Utility	Provider	Phone Number
Electric Utility	Entergy	1 (800) 968-8243
Natural Gas Utility	Centerpoint	(409) 860-7112
Water / Sewer	City of Beaumont	311 or (409) 980-8311
Fire Alarm Service	Vector Security	(409) 722-3700

VIOLENT OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

All violent or criminal behavior or threats of violent or criminal behavior must be reported to the Lamar University Police Department (LUPD), 409-880-7777, or Campus Safety 409-257-0073.

Report suspicious persons/behaviors/noises immediately to Campus Safety.

If you observe a situation that seems to be escalating and you are not directly involved notify Campus Safety. Be prepared to give complete information about the subject and the circumstance.

If you recognize that a person appears to be verbally out of control and you are also being uncharacteristically vocal, step away and allow another person to bring new "calmness" to the situation. Notify Campus Safety, if the situation remains out of control.

If the violent person has left the area prior to your notification, relay as much information as you can about the subject and direction/means of travel, if possible.

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If you observe any type of weapon, remove yourself from the area and notify LUPD or Campus Safety immediately. Campus safety will immediately notify the Beaumont Police Department of any suspected weapons on campus.

Report any safety concerns that may present a potential danger to you or others, (such as lights out, surface or mechanical malfunctions, etc.) to Campus Safety at 409-257-0073.

Arrange for a Campus Safety Officer to escort you to your vehicle/office if you have concerns about your safety.

Remember: You can be your own best safety by remaining aware of your surroundings, practicing crime prevention behaviors, and making timely/ appropriate reports.

NOTE: Additional crime prevention information may be obtained from the Department of Campus Safety.

APPENDIX B: LIT Tropical Storm Preparedness Plan

INTRODUCTION

Tropical Storm season officially begins June 1 and extends through November 30. In the event a tropical storm system threatens the upper Texas coast, Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) campus will be evacuated. The following plan outlines procedures and steps that will ensure the safety of the campus community. The Toll-Free Number 800.950.6989, will be set aside as a weather and campus information source during storm conditions.

The State of Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Jefferson County Emergency Management are the over-arching authorities having jurisdiction in matters concerning public safety and evacuations in times of declared emergency. Lamar Institute of Technology will work in concert with these organizations, as well as Beaumont Emergency Management, to receive direction and assistance. The state and local emergency management coordinators will issue bulletins and preparatory announcements timed to initiate a safe and orderly response to the disaster. The campus will participate with emergency management authorities in specific disaster planning and will respond to the phased stage-up toward closing the campus and ultimate evacuation of the area.

Lamar Institute of Technology's adherence to the structural time frames represented in this plan are subject to modification due to events as so directed by the President.

PURPOSE

This plan is intended to acquaint students and employees with tropical storm hazards, to indicate the action required to overcome or minimize these hazards, and to delineate responsibility in carrying out such action.

<u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Tropical Disturbance – A tropical weather system with organized convection (generally 100-300 miles in diameter) originating in the tropics or subtropics, having a non-front migratory character and maintaining its identity for 24 hours or longer. It may or may not be associated with a detectable perturbation of the wind field.

Tropical Depression – A tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained surface winds (one-minute average) of 38 mph or less.

Tropical Storm – A tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained surface winds ranging from 39-73 mph.

Hurricane – A hurricane is a tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained surface winds of 74 mph or greater.

Major Hurricane – A hurricane that is classified as Category 3 or higher.

PLAN STATEMENT

The Office of the President will serve as the headquarters for the implementation of this plan. At the direction of the President, all personnel will evacuate the campus when a tropical storm is imminent, whether or not shut down has been completed. Classes will be canceled at the discretion of the President upon notification that a storm threatens to impact the area. The campus will be closed within 8 hours of that notification.

Buildings on this campus have not been designated as shelters by the Jefferson County Emergency Management Coordinator, so all persons must seek shelter elsewhere. All College sponsored functions on, or off campus are to be canceled.

RESPONSIBILITIES

President

- Pre-approves broad policy relative to tropical storm preparedness.
- Makes the decision for evacuation of campus.
- Signs the Declaration of Emergency.
- Communicates the decision to evacuate to the Executive Team.
- Heads the Crisis Management Team.

Provost/Vice President for Instruction

- Implements Hurricane Preparedness Plan for Faculty and Students.
- Upon consultation with the President, communicates when classes are to be canceled. Inform deans/academic departments of decision/timeline to evacuate campus.
- Assures that academic departments are prepared to move instruction online for as long as the campus recovery process takes.

Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations

- Communicates with President and advises on the College's state of readiness.
- Communicates with Crisis Management Team.
- Communicates emergency instructions to Business Office and Operations supervisors.

Director of Facilities

• In coordination with Campus Safety, oversees overall campus tropical storm disaster preparation and defense.

- Procures, stores, and maintains in operable condition all supplies and equipment necessary to this plan.
- Takes the steps necessary to effect hurricane defense measures as outlined the Facilities section of this plan.

Director of Safety

- Continuously monitors storm information and notifies Crisis Management Team as directed by these procedures and processes.
- When evacuation order given, assures the safe and orderly evacuation of campus.
- Makes certain all buildings are secured before leaving campus

Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services

- Initiates Information Technology Services Department Hurricane Preparedness procedures.
- Distributes contact information sheet to key personnel.

Director of Communications and Marketing

• Prepares communication plan for pre-storm, storm, and post-storm notices to students and employees.

• Prepares contact list for area media outlets.

Director of Procurement

Advises the Disaster Response Team regarding the procurement of services and/or equipment.

TROPICAL STORM SEASON PREPARATIONS

- 90 Days Before Tropical Storm Season
 - o Crisis Management Team (CMT) to review and approve Hurricane Preparedness Plan.
 - o Emergency Management to post approved Hurricane Preparedness Plan on website.
 - o College department heads to review and update contact lists.
 - o Communication and Marketing to prepare communication plan.
 - o Facilities to ensure appropriate agreement with vendors for emergency operations preparations.
 - o Campus Safety to review and update department continuity plans.
 - o Finance to prepare checklist for documentation of damage and recovery.
 - o CMT to review the tropical storm procedures and processes, including timeline, under which College closure decision would be made.
 - o CMT to review employee notification procedures (communication plan) and have the employee notification strategy in place.
 - Department heads to prepare/update checklists for department-specific preparations to cover situations not addressed in the general plan and provide copies to Provost or Executive Vice President.

Procurement Services evaluate TSUS disaster recovery vendors to evaluate for updates and/or changes.

• <u>60 Days Before Tropical Storm Season</u>

- O Crisis Management Tea, to identify key personnel who will be expected to return to campus after a storm both immediately and in stages to begin campus clean up and reclamation.
- O College to decide the conditions and procedures for giving students partial and/or proportional refunds for full tuition/fees, as well as paying student employees, in case of inability to return to campus because of storm damage to residences.
- o Facilities to secure/ensure full serviceability of backup generators for critical buildings and establish timing plan for activation post-storm.
- Facilities to secure and store free-standing generators used in the repair and recovery effort post-storm.
- Facilities, in coordination with Campus Safety, to review a list of contractors (short-term water, wind, and mold remediation, construction, positioning campus to reopen for classes as rapidly as possible), to include contact information, the College will use during an emergency response.
- o Facilities to review stock levels of supplies, including protective covering for computers, likely to be needed during a campus closure and subsequent disaster recovery.
- o Facilities to ensure capability of refueling generators as needed.
- o Emergency Management to identify source of non-perishable supplies and building/rooms to be used as command center for on-campus post-storm activities.
- Departments with items that will spoil and/or create environmental issues if deprived of refrigeration to prepare contingency plans for dealing with these materials in the event of evacuation and power interruption and notify the EHS Specialist of these plans.

• Beginning of Tropical Storm Season

- Overview of Responsibilities
 - Emergency Management to place reviewed LIT Tropical Storm Preparedness Plan on website.
 - All Departments:
 - ✓ Review the Hurricane Preparedness Plan and initiate any actions needed in this phase.
 - ✓ Prepare a backup of computer data held on computers.
 - ✓ Confirm updated contact information for all employees. Copies should be retained by the Department Head and senior level employees.
 - Department of Instruction to confirm procedures for online continuity of instruction.
 - ICS Unit Leaders to determine key personnel needed to initiate clean up and restoration after storm and conduct training as needed.
 - Facilities to advise all contractors to minimize loose equipment and materials on campus through November 30 and to be prepared to secure and/or remove equipment if storm threatens.
 - Information Technology to test back-up systems.
 - Communication and Marketing and Information Technology to test emergency notification system.

TROPICAL STORM PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

Executive Director of Procurement Services

The Crisis Management Team (CMT) will be assembled should the President (or designee) determine the situation may have a wide-ranging or long-lasting effect. The recommended team will consist of the following individuals:

President

Vice President/Provost of Instruction
Executive Vice President of Finance and Operations
Associate Vice President of Student Services
Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Accreditation
Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services
Director of Facilities
Director of Safety
Director of Communications and Marketing

The following management process for tropical storm systems will then be followed:

• Emergency Management will notify the CMT twice a day when a tropical system enters or develops west of Longitude 55 degrees W and south of Latitude 30 degrees N (see figure below) and has the potential to impact Texas. The LIT Community can refer to the Campus Safety website for similar messaging.



LIT Specific Information

- Potential impact to College facilities
- Tropical Storm Force Wind probabilities for Texas for the next 5 days

• Current College actions

Storm Specific Information

- Name
- Current Location
- Maximum Sustained Wind Speed (Storm Category)
- Forward Speed
- Forward Direction
- Potential for Development or Weakening
- Current Related Watches and Warnings for Texas

120-72 Hours (5 to 3 Days) Before Arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds

- The President announces a meeting of the CMT.
- o A storm update from the Executive Director of Campus Safety or the Director of Safety.
- o An update on the status of DDC-15, Jefferson County Emergency Management, Beaumont Emergency Management, and all other Lamar components.
- CMT discusses forecasts and decides on course of action, proper response, public statement, and appropriate activities.
- o Inform essential staff of their functions and responsibilities before, during, and after the storm.

Emergency Management

o Prepares forms (check-in lists, time logs, etc.) for emergency operations tracking documentation.

Facilities

- o Checks generators and emergency systems to ensure they are operational.
- Conducts planning conference calls with remediation/recovery and debris removal vendors.
- Contacts on-campus construction contractors/vendors to request information on their prestorm preparatory action timeline.
- o Checks emergency equipment/materials inventory and procures resources, as needed
- o Conducts a visual check of storm drains to ensure they are operational.

All Departments

- O Department heads review list of essential personnel and make updates, as needed.
- O Department heads conduct a review of existing plans with employees and students and ensure they are able to accomplish assigned roles and responsibilities.

72-48 (3 to 2 Days) Hours Before Arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds

Emergency Management

- o Monitors the progress of the storm and provides situation reports.
- o Makes certain CMT has all current student and employee contact information.

Crisis Management Team

- o Meets as needed and monitors the forecast track.
- o Establish a set point for discontinuation for all non-essential operations.
- Discusses
 - Campus operational changes/closure timeline
 - Shuttering of buildings
 - Official communication to students and employees
 - Campus Declaration of Emergency
 - Ceasing construction activity, as applicable

Facilities

- O Determines whether to request Debris Removal Vendor to activate a Campus Site Supervisor
- o Contacts construction contractors and provides information on current preparatory actions.

Campus Safety

O Director reviews emergency staffing plan and provides Campus Safety Officers with notification to prepare for possible activation of the plan.

All Departments

- Department heads ensure photo-documentation of all offices, laboratories, and equipment has been completed and properly saved.
- o Department heads provide situation status information to Emergency Management

48-24 (2 to 1 Day) Hours Before Arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds

Crisis Management Team

- o Determines whether a campus state of emergency will be declared.
- o Determines if/when classes will be cancelled and non-essential operations suspended.
- o Determines whether buildings will be shuttered.
- o Reviews all previous decisions.
- o Develops timeline for final preparatory actions.

Emergency Management

- o Activates virtual EOC.
- o Provides recommendations to campus departments on implementation of specific protective measures as needed.
- o In coordination with Facilities, conducts post-storm recovery planning conference call with vendors responsible for emergency protective measures and debris removal.
- o Provides Campus Safety with updated list of essential staff (staff who will return to campus as soon as safe after the storm).

Facilities

- o Clears loose debris/outside unsecured items.
- o Check roof and storm drains.
- o Checks equipment tie downs.

All Departments

- o Department heads provide employees with post-storm instructions.
- o Department heads ensure all emergency operation tasks have been completed.

24-0 (1 Day) Hours Before Arrival of Tropical Force Winds

Crisis Management Team

- o Conducts final meeting to discuss College-wide protective measures and communications.
- o Conducts a final review of all preparatory actions.

Emergency Management

o Meets with Facilities and vendors to review post-storm recovery plan.

Facilities

- o Checks roof and storm drains.
- o Checks equipment tie downs

Campus Safety

- O Director of Safety confirms all contact information with DDC-15, Jefferson County Emergency Management, and Beaumont Emergency Management is correct.
- Conduct clearance check and lockdown of all pre-identified buildings after preparatory actions are completed.

During Impact

General

Prior to the arrival of sustained tropical storm force winds, entrances to all buildings will be secured.

When College activities have been suspended only those essential employees preidentified by the CMT will be allowed to remain on campus. The President, in coordination with the CMT, will determine when conditions become severe enough to dismiss the essential personnel.

Information Coordination

Emergency Management will continue to monitor the storm while the campus is impacted by the storm system. Email, text messages, and TEAMS will be the platform to relay this information to the CMT.

The Director of Safety will remain in close contact with DDC-15, Jefferson County Emergency Management, and Beaumont Emergency Management to assure the CMT has the most current storm impact information.

Post-Storm Action Steps

Emergency Operations Center

- Through the direction of the CMT, the Incident Commander notifies essential employees
 of campus status and timeline for essential employees to begin post-storm actions (Public
 Information Officer).
- O Assessment Team conducts preliminary damage and safety evaluations. The team completes the standardized forms and submits them to the EOC for review.
- O Utilize department continuity plans to restore and sustain critical operations.
- o Establish alternate workspaces, as necessary.
- O Students, faculty, and staff are notified of campus status and timeline for resuming operations. Messaging emphasis placed on campus closure remains in effect.
- o Establishes campus perimeter control and closely monitors campus access control.
- O Debris removal vendors begin debris removal from College property.
- o Emergency protective measure vendor begins restoration process.

Assessment Team

- O The Assessment Team is responsible for conducting a preliminary damage and safety evaluation of the campus after a tropical storm or hurricane. The Assessment Team will not initiate operations until sustained winds have dropped below 39 mph and it is daylight. The Team will initially focus on providing a broad snapshot of impacts sustained at a campus level. The damage evaluation process will be followed as outlined below.
- Goals and Objectives
 - Take general photos of all buildings and building systems (including undamaged areas).
 - Take detailed photos of all building areas and systems that have sustained impacts.
 - Obtain preliminary building status information.
 - Determine whether it is safe of additional employees to return to campus.
- Assessment Team Members
 - Director of Facilities
 - Director of Safety
 - EHS Specialist
 - Facilities Essential Personnel

Employee Status

Immediately following the storm, all employees should evaluate their personal status and then follow their department contact procedures. Employees should monitor the LIT website, social media, and other information sources for updates on when to return to work. The best resource for employees will be their chain of command.

Students and employees who have provided their cell numbers and email addresses will receive voice mails, text messages, and emails through the Notification System regarding

key updates and return to work instructions. In addition, the LIT homepage will have all notifications and status updates. For information about campus conditions during and following a storm, call the toll-free number 800-950-6989 and listen to local radio/television stations for information.

To receive community related storm information, register with Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN) at www.thestan.com. The public can call 877-843-7826 to hear any emergency or outreach STAN message posted by emergency management officials.

Access Control

Only essential personnel will be allowed on campus until the CMT determines limited or normal campus operations can resume. Any employee working on campus during the recovery phase must have their ID badge displayed at all times. Contractors working on campus must be properly uniformed and/or displaying company-issued IDs. All personnel entering and leaving campus will be required to sign in/out at a specific location.

Campus Re-Entry

After the Assessment Team has determined the campus is safe for re-entry, the CMT based on the damage assessment reports advises the Incident Commander to begin the recovery process with essential employee call back through department heads. Extreme caution should be exercised when initially entering all facilities, even though the all-clear has been given. Photos should be taken of all workspaces prior to initiating cleanup or recovery operations. Non-essential personnel will not be allowed on campus until the President opens it back completely. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave and criminally trespassed if necessary.

Recovery

Debris Removal (FEMA Category A)

Vendors should be contracted to provide debris removal and monitoring services for the College.

Emergency Protective Measures (FEMA Category B)

Emergency protective measures are taken before, during, and after a disaster to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety. Protective measures also serve to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to public and private property through cost-effective measures.

These vendors are responsible for the implementation of emergency protected measures at College facilities and procuring approved response and recovery resources.

TSUS currently has an Emergency Protective Measures agreement in place with the following vendors:

- Belfor
- Cotton
- Other local vendors previously approved by Procurement

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

If a tropical storm results in significant damage to campus facilities and infrastructure, the Crisis Management Team may call for the Disaster Response Team (DRT). The following are members of the DRT:

- President
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations
- Vice President/Provost of Instruction
- Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services
- Executive Director of Procurement Services
- Executive Director of Campus Safety
- Director of Facilities
- Director of Safety

The following management processes for disaster response will be followed:

- Director of Facilities begins coordination of damage repairs and reconstruction and advises the CMT on available resources and timelines.
- Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations establishes emergency financial support and financial services.
- Vice President/ Provost of Instruction develops strategies and timelines for resuming classes or reopening the campus and completing the academic term.
- Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services establishes computing stations, assess damage to computing services, assesses damage to telecommunication systems, and initiates repair procedures.
- Executive Director of Campus Safety serves as the insurance contact, provides all claim information and continues to oversee the ICS reporting requirements.
- Director of Safety maintains security around the incident site.

The Disaster Recovery Team may convene in person or via Teams or a combination. The DRT may seek input from individuals with information or expertise the team considers valuable. The DRT will update the CMT. The CMT will issue progress updates through the Director of Communications and Marketing to inform the LIT Community.

COLLEGE CLOSURE CHECKLIST

In the event the College suspends normal operations in response to the threat of a tropical storm or hurricane, each department is to complete the following activities. It is the responsibility of each department head to prepare for emergency closure by ensuring the individuals responsible for each task have been identified and trained, and that department specific plans have been developed.

Ш	Protect vital records. Clear desktops, table tops, floors and exposed horizontal surfaces of
	materials likely to be damaged by rising water, leaks, or wind.
	Back-up computer hard drives on approved OneDrive cloud. Place flash drives and CDs in
	a water-proof zip-lock bag or other protective containers.
	Shut down and unplug computers, printers, and other electrical appliances. Ensure that
	equipment that must remain energized is connected to "surge protectors." (Applicable to
	buildings with emergency power capability.)
	Relocate equipment, books, and other items away from windows to interior areas of the
	building. Tag relocated equipment and items for easy identification and retrieval.
	floor, or cover equipment and items with plastic and place the items onto top of desk.
	Relocate contents from bottom drawers of desks and file cabinets to locations safe from
	damage due to rising water.
	Empty break area refrigerators and disconnect them from power sources.
	Disconnect laboratory equipment from power and other utilities and protect sensitive
	apparatus.
	Properly store glassware.
	Ensure back-up availability for critical utility-dependent processes.
	Ensure all hazardous materials are properly stored and protected.
	Empty trash receptacles of items likely to decompose
	Remove all personal items of value from LIT premises.
	Update office/department voice mail.
	Close and lock all windows and doors.
ш	Check with supervisor for tentative post occurrence work schedule.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a modular emergency management system designed for all hazards and levels of emergency response. This system creates a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communication operating within a standardized organizational structure. The system is used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and throughout the United States as the basis for emergency response management. Use of the Incident Command System at LIT facilitates the College's ability to communicate and coordinate response actions with other jurisdictions and external emergency response agencies.

Key Principles of the Incident Command System

- Modular organization based on activating only those organizational elements required to meet current objectives.
- Common terminology applied to organization elements, position titles, facility designations, and resources.
- Unified command structure so that organizational elements are linked to form a single overall structure with appropriate span-of-control limits.
- Comprehensive resource management for coordinating and inventorying resources for field responses
- Integrated communication so that information systems operate smoothly among all response agencies involved.
- Generic positions whereby individuals are trained for each emergency response role and follow prepared action checklists.
- Consolidated action plans that contain strategy to meet objectives at both the field response and Emergency Operations Center levels.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM REPORTS AND FORMS

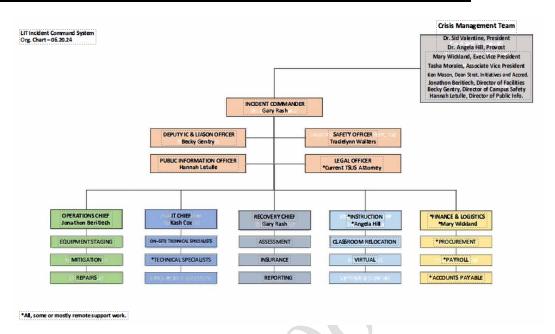
Reports

- Situation Report
- Daily Operations Report

Forms

- Campus Declaration of Emergency
- 214 Activity Log
- 203 Organization Assignment List
- 207 Incident Organization Chart
- EOC Check-In/Check-Out
- Vendor Check-In/Check-Out
- Damage Assessment Forms
 - Building Assessment Form
 - Picture Log
 - Inspected Sign
 - o Restricted Use Sign
 - Unsafe Sign

INCIDENT COMMAND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



APPENDIX C: Building Coordinator Assignments

PROCEDURES FOR TROPICAL STORMS OR OTHER LONG-TERM CLOSURE PROCEDURES

Building Coordinators are responsible for securing physical assets from storm damage. Physical assets generally include, but are not limited to, equipment and supplies required to support classroom, lab, and office functions.

Certain buildings have equipment unique to that facility. A building-by-building evacuation checklist has been developed. Coordinators are responsible for verifying completion of evacuation activities and must report their findings to department heads **prior to personally departing the campus.**

The following tasks are common to most buildings. These tasks must be performed prior to evacuation of the campus.

- 1. Equipment that can be damaged by water shall be covered by plastic bags or waterproof sheeting or placed in a closet or cabinet if one is convenient and/or available. Supplies will be provided by the Facilities. The Director of Campus Safety shall determine in advance if plastic sheeting will be required and inform the Facilities of the estimated quantity.
- 2. Computers on the first floors of a building shall be covered by plastic bags (but not sealed) and placed on work stations. Computers on the upper floors of a building shall be bagged but will remain on the floor.
- 3. All computers and peripheral equipment, as well as all other electrical/electronic devices, shall be **disconnected** from their power sources (not just turned off). However, the computers and peripherals should **remain connected** to each other.
- 4. **Perishable food and beverages** shall be removed from refrigerators and freezers and the doors propped open.
- 5. All windows, doors, and vents shall be closed and, if possible, locked.

Building	Coordinator	Alternate	Dean/Director/VP
Cecil Beeson	Director of Finance	Director of Procurement	VP for Finance & Operations
Fire Training Grounds –	Fire Academy	PBSS Department	Provost/VP of Instruction
Building #1	Coordinator	Chair	
Fire Training Grounds –	Fire Academy	PBSS Department	Provost/VP for Instruction
Building #2	Coordinator	Chair	
Fire Training Grounds –	Fire Academy	PBSS Department	Provost/VP for Instruction
Building #3	Coordinator	Chair	
Facilities Maintenance	Lead Facilities	Director of	VP for Finance & Operations
(T-2)	Technician	Facilities	

		Management	
Industrial Technology #1 (Tommy Williams)	Department Chair Technology	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instruction
Industrial Technology #2 (Tommy Williams)	Department Chair Technology	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instruction
Eagles' Nest		Ass. VP of Student Services	Provost/VP for Instruction
Technical Arts 4	Dept. Chair Business Technology	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instruction
Technical Arts 5	Department Chair Technology	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instruction
Technical Arts Coldwater Lab	Process/Instrumentation Lab Technician	Department Chair Technology	Provost/VP for Instruction
Technology Center	Department Chair GEDS	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instruction
Multipurpose Center – Classrooms/Conference Room	Events Coordinator	Department Chair	Provost/VP for Instruction
Multipurpose Center- Dental Hygiene	Department Chair Allied Health	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instructional
Multipurpose Ctr. Police Academy	Assistant Director Police Academy	PBSS Department Chair	Provost/VP for Instructional
Truck Driving Academy- Laurel	_	Ex. Director of Workforce	Provost/VP for Instructional
Gateway	Coordinator	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instructional
Trahan	1	Ex. Director of Workforce	Provost/VP for Instructional
PATC	Department Chair Technology	Dean of Instruction	Provost/VP for Instructional

Frank Robinson Center-	Coordinator	Department Chair	Provost/VP for Instructional
Silsbee		Technology	



BUILDING COORDINATOR ASSIGNMENTS

☐ Disconnect all electrical appliances.

☐ Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.

Building Coordinators are responsible for the following building preparations: **Eagles' Nest** 855 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX 77705 ☐ *Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.* □ Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. ☐ Disconnect all electrical appliances. ☐ Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. **Facilities Maintenance T-2** 855 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705 ☐ *Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.* □ Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. ☐ *Disconnect all electrical appliances.* ☐ Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. ☐ Remove all unsecured items from outside. Technical Arts Bldg. Boiler Room (next to Outside Unit) 855 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX 77705 ☐ Disconnect/Open breakers that serve the Outside Distillation Unit. ☐ Disconnect compressors. **Technical Arts Bldg. 4 (T-4)** 855 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705 ☐ *Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.* □ Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.

Tec	hnical Arts Bldg. 5 (T-5)
855	East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment. Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. Disconnect all electrical appliances. Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
Tec	hnical Arts Coldwater Lab
855	East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment. Secure all water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. Disconnect all electrical appliances.
Cec	il R. Beeson (CB)
855	East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment. Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. Disconnect all electrical appliances. Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. Run the elevator up to the second floor.
Pet	rochemical & Advanced Technology Center (PATC)
855	East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment. Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor. Disconnect all electrical appliances. Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. Run the elevator up to the second floor.
Tec	hnology Center (TC)
855	East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.

	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Run the elevator up to the second floor.
N/I	ultipurpose Center-Classrooms/Conference Room – Events Coordinator
	2 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all biohazard waste and sharps.
	Run the elevator up to the second floor.
Μι	ultipurpose Center – Dental Hygiene Director
	2 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all biohazard waste and sharps.
Μι	ıltipurpose Center – MP258, MP259, MP260, MP261, MP261
Pol	ice Academy Director
802	2 East Lavaca, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Secure and double check safe and storage room to ensure all items are locked up.
	Have oil storage drum emptied and secured.
	Secure gas cylinders.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.

	Palacata vahialas to Paggan Panking Lot
_	Relocate vehicles to Beeson Parking Lot.
Fire	e Training Grounds Bldg. #1 – Regional Fire Academy Coordinator
600	Marina Drive, Beaumont TX, 77703
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Relocate vehicles to Beeson Parking lot.
	Remove all unsecured LIT items from outside.
Fire	e Training Grounds Bldg. #2 - Regional Fire Academy Coordinator
600	Marina Drive, Beaumont, TX, 77703
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all unsecured LIT items from outside.
Fire	e Training Grounds Bldg. #3 - Regional Fire Academy Coordinator
	Marina Drive, Beaumont, TX, 777053
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all unsecured LIT items from outside.
Tor	mmy Williams - Industrial Technology Building #1 —Industrial Maintenance
Pro	gram Director;
We	lding Program Director
407	75 Martin Luther King Parkway, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Turn off all gas cylinders and bleed manifold off.

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_	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
To	ommy Williams - Industrial Technology Building #2 4075 Martin Luther King
	rkway, Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all unsecured items from outside.
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G	ateway Building 3871 Stagg Drive Beaumont, TX 77701
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all unsecured LIT items from outside.
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Tr	uck Driving Academy, 1105 Laurel Ave. Beaumont, TX, 77706
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
	Remove all unsecured LIT items from outside.
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Tr	ahan Center, 1025 Woodrow Ave., Beaumont, TX, 77705
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment.
	Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor
	Disconnect all electrical appliances.
	Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open.
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	Remove all unsecured items from outside.
Fra	ank Robinson Center, 1355 W. MLK, Jr., Silsbee, TX, 77656
	Unplug and loosely bag all computers and sensitive electronic equipment. Secure water sensitive documents/equipment off the floor Disconnect all electrical appliances. Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. Remove all unsecured items from outside.
	10 Jimmy Simmons Blvd, Beaumont, TX, 77705 – Director of cilities
	Secure water sensitive equipment off the floor.
	Disconnect all electrical appliances. Remove all perishable items from refrigerator and prop door open. Remove all unsecured items from outside.

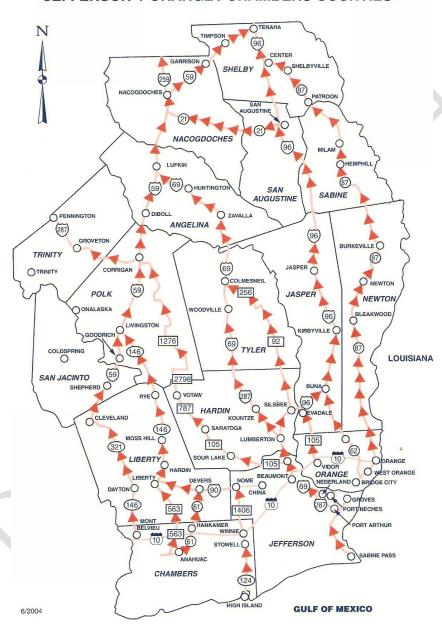
LIT CAMPUS MAP



EVACUATION ROUTES-REGIONAL MAP

EVACUATION ROUTES - REGIONAL MAP

JEFFERSON / ORANGE / CHAMBERS COUNTIES



LIT Pandemic Preparedness Plan

Will be added once approved.

