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Cmr. George P. Bush kicks off summer informational series for natural disaster preparedness

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AUSTIN — AUSTIN - This month, in conjunction with the start of hurricane season, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush launched a new informational series for natural disaster preparedness by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The series of posts and videos will be available on the GLO’s Twitter feed at Twitter.com/TXGLO.

"Nearly a decade after Hurricanes Ike and Dolly, our coast remains as unprotected now as it was then," said Commissioner Bush. "But we are working hard at the Texas General Land Office to revolutionize the way this state and country protects against hurricanes. While we continue to work with local, state, and federal officials on storm surge prevention projects such as wetland restoration and a coastal barrier system, there are steps folks living along the coast can take to be better prepared. This coastal protection informational series will help all Texans to be better prepared to protect their property and family."

The first post of the series is titled, "10 Things You Thought You Knew About Hurricanes But Don't: Common Myths and Reasons to Prepare." It is an excerpt from the Texas Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Natural Hazards, published by the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Sea Grant College Program in March 2013. The handbook is designed to promote the resiliency of coastal communities from natural hazards by informing individual residents what they can do to be better prepared in the case of a storm or other natural disaster. The second post was a video titled, "How to Prepare for a Hurricane." The video informs people about what they can do to prepare for a hurricane.

Throughout the summer the GLO will post helpful information for coastal residents. Topics will include how to prepare, lifesaving emergency supplies, evacuation kits and planning, and other helpful topics. Commissioner Bush is encouraging the news media to share this information with their followers so that they can be better prepared.

To follow this new series, follow the Texas General Land Office on Twitter at Twitter.com/TXGLO.

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