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PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush: Let's work together to help Texans prepare for hurricane season

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AUSTIN — Today Land Commissioner George P. Bush sent a letter to and held a conference call with elected officials in Texas' communities with information to help constituents be prepared for the 2018 Hurricane Season. He informed local leaders of the work the General Land Office (GLO) is doing to help communities prepare and recover more quickly should a disaster strike. He also provided links to valuable disaster preparedness resources.

"Experts anticipate an above-average season with 14 named storms, including seven hurricanes, three of which are expected to be major," said Commissioner Bush. "Six Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Texas in the past three years. These disasters should serve as a reminder that Texans must prepare for the hurricane season, and the most effective response and recovery begins at the local level."

GLO staff has and will continue to conduct training and outreach throughout the state, focusing on pre- and post-disaster recovery planning. The GLO encourages all jurisdictions to participate in training for disaster recovery planning.

- ½ Maintain adequate levels of renter or flood insurance (which typically includes a 30-day waiting period before going into effect), even if you do not live in a flood plain;
- ½ Safeguard important personal documents such as birth certificates, deeds or insurance policies; and
- ½ Keep emergency supplies like bottled water and canned food on hand.

In the wake of Hurricanes Ike, Dolly, Rita, and Harvey, the Bastrop wildfires and the 2015-16 floods, Texas made great strides to improve disaster preparation. The GLO provides resources to assist communities as we prepare for the hurricane season and other hazardous events at: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/recovery/partnerships/recovery-resources/index.html>

Additional helpful resources are available at the following websites:
Department of Homeland Security <https://www.ready.gov>
Federal Emergency Management Agency <https://www.fema.gov>

The United States Coast Guard <http://www.uscgboating.org>

American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org>

Texas Division of Emergency Management <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem>

Texas A&M Forest Service <http://texasforests.tamu.edu>

National Flood Insurance Program <http://www.floodsmart.gov>

Texas Department of Insurance <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>

Small Business Administration <https://www.sba.gov>

Texas General Land Office <http://www.glo.texas.gov/recovery>

"I am honored to support and work alongside our Texas communities to prepare and respond to whatever comes our way," said Commissioner Bush. "The economic health of our communities depends upon the steps we take to build resilience. Working together we can be better prepared for Texas' unpredictable weather."

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