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OUR MISSION:

To support County and local governments in the areas of civil defense, disaster prevention (mitigation) and preparedness (planning) and response to and recovery from man-made or natural disasters.

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National “Spring Weather Safety” Campaign

National Weather Service Kicks off “Spring Weather Safety” Campaign



With the month of March bringing the start of Spring, the National Weather Service (NWS) is kicking off its “Spring Weather Safety” Campaign (March-May).

Through this severe weather awareness campaign, the NWS encourages residents to take the

following steps this Spring:

- Know Your Risks
- Take Action
- Be A Force of Nature

Know Your Risk

During this season, Texans face numerous risks such as severe thunderstorms, floods, lightning, rip currents, tornadoes, etc.

Checking the weather forecast for your area on a daily basis is a simple action that ensures you'll be ready for whatever the weather may hold for you. The NWS site www.weather.gov/rgv is an excellent source.

Take Action

You can take action now to be better prepared for weather emergencies. Assemble an [emergency supply kit](#) with 72 hours worth of non-perishable food and water. This kit will especially come in handy in an emergency when you may be stuck at home without electricity for three days or more or if you have to evacuate your area. Also, ensure that everyone in your life knows how to stay in touch with each other by creating an [emergency communication plan](#). This plan lists meeting places and alternate ways of communicating in case of an emergency.

Be a Force of Nature

Inspire others into taking action now by encouraging them to assemble an emergency supply kit and create a family emergency communication plan.

Cameron County Emgy. Mgmt. Kicks off “Emergency Preparedness” Meetings

Recently, Cameron County Emgy. Mgmt. kicked off its seasonal “emergency preparedness” stakeholder meetings.

Attendees included officials from local, state and federal agencies: emergency management, law enforcement, fire/emts, emergency hospital care, public safety radio communications, and governmental weather service.

Topics included lessons learned from past storms in 2018, disaster recovery documentation and equipment resource tracking.



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Severe Weather: Making Sense of the NWS Watches & Warnings

TERM	DEFINITION
<p>FLOOD WATCH</p> <p>VS.</p> <p>FLOOD WARNING</p>	<p>Issued when conditions in the watch area are favorable for flooding during the specified period. A Flood Watch doesn't mean that flooding will occur, but it is <u>possible</u>.</p> <p>Issued when flooding in the warning area is imminent or occurring. If a Flood Warning is issued for your area, seek higher ground and take necessary precautions!</p>
<p>SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH</p> <p>VS.</p> <p>SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING</p>	<p>Issued to usually cover a large area (such as all or a portion of south Texas) and lasts for 6-8 hours, a Severe Thunderstorm Watch means that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms that may produce large hail, damaging wind, dangerous lightning, or possibly tornadoes. It doesn't mean that they will occur, but it is <u>possible</u>.</p> <p>Issued to usually cover a small area and has a short duration of 15-45 minutes (longer for "squall lines"), a Severe Thunderstorm Warning means that a severe thunderstorm has been detected by radar, or reports of severe weather have been received by the National Weather Service in the area covered by the warning. Said thunderstorm may produce large hail, damaging wind, dangerous lightning, or possibly tornadoes. If a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued for your area, seek safe shelter and take necessary precautions immediately!</p>
<p>TORNADO WATCH</p> <p>VS.</p> <p>TORNADO WARNING</p>	<p>Issued to usually cover a fairly large area (such as all or a portion of south Texas) and runs from 6-8 hours, a Tomado Watch is usually issued a few hours in advance of severe weather, and means conditions are favorable for a tornado. It doesn't mean that a tornado will occur, but it is <u>possible</u>.</p> <p>Issued when a thunderstorm on radar is determined to be capable of producing a tornado or an actual tornado has been sighted. Typically runs for a short time span, usually 10-45 minutes and covers a small area. If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately!</p>

SOURCE: National Weather Service

<p>Cameron County Emergency Management 956.547.7000 www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/emergency_management/index.php</p>	<p>Texas Dept. of Transportation –Travel Information 1.800.452.9292 http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/travel/highway-conditions/current.html</p>
<p>Texas Division of Emergency Management 512.424.2138 http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/index.htm</p>	<p>Texas Highway Patrol Roadside Assistance 1.800.525.5555 http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/strandedmotoristhotline.htm</p>
<p>Texas Dept. of Public Safety 512.424.2000 http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/</p>	<p>Texas Dept. of Insurance 1.800.578.4677 http://www.tdi.texas.gov/</p>
<p>National Weather Service-Brownsville Office 956.504.1432 http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bro/</p>	<p>Reverse 9-1-1 Registration for Mobile Phones 1.855.879.1911 https://cameroncounty911.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUri=%2f</p>