

River Bend Police Department
Guidelines for Hurricane Response
General Order 90
Effective Date 08/14/2019

90.01 **General statement of duties during a hurricane:** Provide for public safety, crime prevention, and the maintenance of law and order and any other duties as necessary during hurricane conditions. Work with mutual aid Law Enforcement agencies and other public safety entities to assume total protection of the Town of River Bend.

90.02 **Pre-hurricane:** The Chief of Police will attend department heads meeting with the Town Manager. Vehicles and equipment will have any and all necessary maintenance and repairs completed on vehicles, generators, ATVs, and any communications equipment. The Chief of Police will hold a department briefing and review the department's hurricane plans (see River Bend Police Department Reporting to Work in Disaster Conditions). When determined to be necessary by the Town Manager or Chief of Police, all sworn police officers will be placed on immediate recall. All vacations, training, etc. may be canceled at that time.

90.03 **Intra-hurricane:** The Chief of Police or his designee will complete alerts and warnings for evacuation in conjunction with Fire and EMS personnel. The weather conditions will continue to be monitored by the Chief of Police. All normal police operations will continue until the wind speed reaches 45 mph sustained. Once wind speeds reach 45 mph sustained, all normal police operations will cease and all officers will take shelter at the designated location until the Chief of Police deems it safe to resume normal operations. While sheltered during ceased operations, no officer will leave the designated location without notifying and receiving approval from their supervisor.

90.04 **Post hurricane:** When conditions are deemed safe as determined by the Chief of Police, officers will receive their assignments and normal police operations will resume. Officers will NOT self deploy under any circumstances. Self deployment is inconsistent with overall goals and objectives. The Chief of Police, Supervisors, and Officers will maintain accurate records on expenditures. The Chief of Police will turn in invoices as soon as possible to the Finance Department.

90.05 **The Town's Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual (HRPPM):** The town's HRPPM shall remain as the controlling document in regards to all situations covered by the HRPPM. Any deviations or unusual circumstances from the HRPPM will require preapproval from the Town Manager.

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