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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Fort Bend County Issues Hurricane Awareness Proclamation**

**Richmond, May 22, 2007-** Fort Bend County issued a Proclamation designating May 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> as Hurricane Awareness Week. County Judge Robert Hebert said, “ Hurricane Season is less than two weeks away. The best defense is preparedness and public education about the dangers of high winds, storm surge, flooding, and tornadoes that may occur for hundreds of miles in conjunction with a hurricane or tropical storm. The county is urging residents to begin taking the necessary steps to prepare now. As we enter the 2007 Hurricane Season, it is important that all residents develop a disaster plan, assemble a disaster supply kit, and keep informed about hurricane and tropical storm forecasts.”

Fort Bend County employees have been preparing for what is predicted as an active hurricane season. Last week the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management hosted its first annual 2007 Hurricane workshop where over 125 people attended. Participants learned about preparation, volunteer opportunities, and hurricane predictions for the upcoming season. In addition, critical county departments, along with numerous cities have continued to exercise the county’s emergency plan in anticipation for this year’s hurricane season.

Fort Bend County Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Braun stated, “With hurricane season about to get under way we will continue to prepare and coordinate with other agencies, but are hoping for a repeat of last year's mild season.” More information on disaster preparedness can be obtained from [www.fortbendcountygov.com](http://www.fortbendcountygov.com) or by contacting the Office of Emergency Management at (281) 342-6185.

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