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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE ON HURRICANE HANNA

In the last 48-hours, the Cameron County Office of Emergency Management initiated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in preparation for Hurricane Hanna. Cameron County's EOC held several Emergency Situational Awareness Conference Calls with local and elected leaders throughout the County and has been in constant communication with first responders, law enforcement and frontline workers. Cameron County initiated two shelter domes, one in La Feria, and one in Los Fresnos, and prepositioned drainage pumping operations throughout the County for immediate flooding relief.

As of earlier today, approximately 45,000 homes experienced power outages and AEP, Magic Valley, and PUB are continuing to work to restore the electrical power throughout the County. The cities experiencing widespread outages include: Primera, Palm Valley, La Feria, Combes, Santa Rosa, and South Padre Island.

The following roads have been closed as a safety and contingency measure due to downed power lines: 7322 Rosark Ave, Olmito, TX 78575, North Reynold and 1600 Blk. of Retama St., Rio Hondo, TX 78583, SH 107 and Stuart Place Rd., Harlingen, TX 78552, Lincoln and Garrett St., Harlingen TX, 78552, 10th and E. Harrison St., Harlingen TX 78552, 415 N. Alamo St., Los Fresnos, TX 78566, and multiple streets in San Benito.

The following roads are closed due to flooding: San Benito: Spears and Rockefeller St.; Harlingen: Sam Houston/ 77, Eye/Van Buren St., Frontage/Lewis St., 700-900 Blk. E. Austin St., 200 N. Eye St., Tyler/77, 11th St/ Jim Hogg Ave., W. Tyler, E. Harrison/21st St., 1700 Blk. Dixie St., Commerce St., and Richmond Court neighborhood; Brownsville: E. 7th St., Military Rd., Los Ebanos, Camino del Rey, W. 5th St. and Fronton St., 1200 Blk. Central Blvd., Wild Rose St. from Central Blvd. to Expressway, and N. Iowa and FM 313; La Feria: Solis Rd., Main St., Winchester St.; Palm Valley: Stuart Place to City Hall, and South Padre Island: from the South end of Causeway to approximately 4000 Blk of South Padre Island Blvd.

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Pumping operations are active in: Marisposa, La Feria, TX 78559, Tio Cano Lake, Santa Rosa, TX 78593, and La Esquina, N. Los Fresnos, TX 78566.

Cameron County conducted a rescue of 3 individuals from La Feria and currently has multiple high-profile vehicles and rescue boats ready to be deployed. The shelters remained opened with full capacity available, and are equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in preparation of COVID-19.

“Cameron County residents, in the last two days we faced a dual emergency situation, COVID-19 and Hurricane Hanna. Now more than ever we need to remain safe, stay home, and avoid unnecessary travel. Our County was affected drastically as we have power lines down, extreme flooding in some areas, and were hit with a Tornado near the Brownsville airport area,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. “The Office of Emergency Management was in contact with AEP, Magic Valley and PUB overnight in assessing the situation in our County. We conducted a rescue and are on standby to assist others. Our shelter domes also remained opened and available to assist those in need. I commend the Cameron County Office of Emergency Management, first responders, and all cities for coming together during this time of crisis. Please, stay home and remain safe.”

Cameron County remains in a dangerous and life-threatening situation with a Flash Flood Warning Emergency and Tornado Watch Alert until 10 p.m. Please call 911 if you are in an emergency need or situation. Please follow social media for updates and alerts.

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