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SPI prepares for potential landfall of storm

South Padre Island, TX, Aug. 21, 2017: The City has been contacted by Cameron County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Hushen advising us that the Island is an estimated 85 hours out from potential landfall of remnants of Harvey. The City of South Padre Island advises the community to begin preparations for possible storm impacts.

Please begin preparing your property in anticipation of strong winds and storm surge. Stow and secure items, prepare "stay" and "go" kits, ensure gas tanks are full, obtain non-perishable provisions and ensure prescriptions are refilled. Also to decrease flooding, please turn off sprinkler systems now.

One of the challenges in preparing for a disaster is knowing how to access information on how to best prepare. A good place to start is one of these websites:

- www.ready.gov/hurricanes
- https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/ThreatAwareness/weather_aware_hurricane.htm

Download FEMA's mobile app so you can access important safety tips on what to do before, during and after a storm. Sign up for Swift911, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email, by going to www.myspi.org.

Develop an emergency plan and discuss how and where you will evacuate if instructed by emergency management officials. When making an emergency plan, keep these things in mind:

- Property vulnerability
- Important documents
- Medication and first aid
- Food and water
- Transportation
- Communication plan
- Pets

"Although some indicate a minimal impact, there are a few models we are tracking that show a stronger storm that could make landfall at South Padre Island," said Susan Guthrie, city manager. "We are taking steps to ensure we are prepared if the storm heads our way."

Awareness and preparation can reduce the impact of disasters.

If needed, times and location for sandbag distribution will be forthcoming.

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