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UPDATE

SPI prepares for potential landfall of storm

South Padre Island, TX, Aug. 22, 2017: The City continues to monitor Tropical Wave Harvey and is an estimated 55 hours out from potential landfall. As a precaution, the community is asked to stay prepared and informed as this storm has potential to develop.

This is an opportunity to prepare your property in anticipation of strong winds and storm surge. Prepare "stay" and "go" kits, ensure gas tanks are full, obtain non-perishable provisions and ensure prescriptions are refilled.

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 <u>www.myspi.org</u>.

As is always the case during hurricane season, 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

"The City is committed to ensuring the safety of our community," said Doug Fowler, fire chief. "We are monitoring this activity closely and ask everyone to plan ahead."

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

In the event, residents and businesses may also obtain an Evacuation/Re-Entry Sticker for their vehicle by completing this form and bringing it to City Hall.

Below are the links for the Re-Entry Form:

Residents - http://www.myspi.org/egov/documents/1409848688 8672.pdf

Businesses - http://www.myspi.org/egov/documents/1409848732 04924.pdf

Special Needs Registry

The City is also encouraging individuals who require special assistance during emergencies to enroll in its Special Needs Registry. The registry allows first responders to appropriately plan for, prepare for and respond to community needs.

The Special Needs Registry includes all individuals, regardless of age, with a chronic condition, disability, special healthcare need, or who may require additional assistance during an emergency. These include those who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker, or are insulin dependent;
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities; and,
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis.

A family member, caregiver, or authorized representative can enroll an individual on their behalf. Residents may enroll in the Special Needs Registry by calling the South Padre Island Fire Department at (956) 761-6456

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