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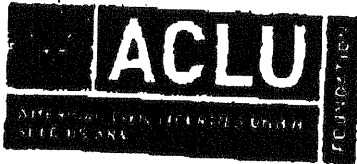
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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

September 21, 2005

Sheriff Martin N. Gusman  
Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension  
and Relief Fund Office  
1225 Nicholson Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Sheriff Gusman:

Pursuant to the Louisiana public records act, La. Rev. Stat. § 44:1 et seq., and Louisiana Constitution Art. 12, § 3, I request that you produce copies of the following documents:

*There were  
no deaths!*

1. All documents pertaining to any deaths that have occurred on the premises of the Orleans Parish Prison (OPP) since August 26, 2005.

*There were  
no dead  
bodies.*

2. All documents pertaining to the collection of dead bodies from the premises of the OPP, and the disposition of those bodies, since August 26, 2005.

*All documents re evacuation plans*

3. All documents pertaining to any evacuation plans that were in effect at the OPP as of August 26, 2005.

*Can't find any now.*

If you choose to deny this request in whole or in part, please provide a written explanation for that denial, including reference to the specific statutory exemptions upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

*Allen  
Usry*

Because disclosure of these documents is in the public interest, I request that any fees for copying and postage be waived. If this request for a waiver is denied, please advise me if fees for complying with this request are expected to exceed \$100.00.

As required by state law, please respond to this request within three business days.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

*Joe Cook*  
Joe Cook

cc: Allen Usry

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**ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
HURRICANE/FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**Policy:**

It is the policy of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office to maintain a written evacuation plan for use in the event of a hurricane/flood. The following procedures shall be followed in order to maintain the safety and security of inmates and departmental personnel:

**Purpose:**

To ensure that prompt and proper actions are taken to resolve hurricane emergencies.

**Procedure:**

**Entry of a hurricane into the Gulf of Mexico:**

All essential personnel shall be notified by the OPCSO Communications Division to hold themselves in readiness for possible service. The Purchasing, Maintenance and Foodservice divisions shall conduct a survey to ensure that an adequate supply of essential materials is on hand.

**72 hours before the anticipated arrival of the hurricane in the New Orleans Area:**

The Sheriff shall hold a meeting of all essential personnel to discuss emergency preparedness measures.

All generators shall be fuelled and tested for proper operation.

All departmental vehicles and watercraft shall be fully fuelled.

All emergency supplies such as flashlights, extra bedding and emergency rations shall be distributed to the buildings.

**48 hours before the expected arrival of the hurricane:**

The Sheriff shall hold a meeting to ensure that adequate measures are being taken to protect the inmates, staff and departmental property.

All essential security personnel off days shall be cancelled.

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**24 hours before the expected arrival of the hurricane:**

**The Sheriff shall call a meeting of essential security personnel to discuss emergency evacuation procedures that could be required.**

**At this time, the Sheriff shall order the evacuation of all single story security buildings.**

**The Sheriff shall also ensure that there is a 96-hour supply of essential materials, including food and water, in each building.**

**The Sheriff shall meet with building wardens to discuss the following possibilities:**

1. power outages
2. loss of communications
3. vertical evacuation in case of flooding
4. provision of medical services to inmates
5. manipulation of manpower to meet changing requirements
6. possible provision of services to the outside community
7. coordination with other city and state agencies

**In the event that disruption of utilities caused by hurricane damage or rising flood waters cause an inmate housing area to be rendered unfit for habitation for a period exceeding 12 hours the Sheriff shall declare an emergency evacuation of the affected building(s) either by evacuating inmates and security personnel to unaffected OPCSO building(s) or by coordinating an evacuation to another location. Such evacuation would be coordinated by the Sheriff with the La.DOC, the La. Sheriffs' Association, or any other available agency.**