

**Team Coast Guard
Houston-Galveston**



Hurricane Evacuation Information

2004 Hurricane Season

Port Arthur – Sabine Units: MSO Port Arthur – Station Sabine – ANT
Sabine – USCGC HERON

Phone Numbers

Station Sabine

Operations (409) 971-2195

USCGC Heron

Quarterdeck (409) 971-2198

MSO Port Arthur

Phone number (800) 682-1796
Then press 3, 7

Group Galveston Base Coordination Center (BCC)

Phone number (409) 766-5620/5621
BCC Cellular phone (409) 682-2964
Evacuation Coordinator (409) 766-5667
Admin (409) 766-5609

Lackland Air Force Base (LAFB)

USCG Representative (210) 671-9011/12/13
LAFB Command Post (210) 671-4225
Information Line (210) 671-6397

EVACUATION PROCESS

(If Evacuation Becomes Necessary)

Inform Yourself: Read through all of the enclosed information. Familiarize yourself with the Houston – Galveston Team Coast Guard evacuation plan and route.

Prepare Early: Emergency supplies, insurance, money, plan of action, pet records and supplies, carpooling, etc. The material in this package contains excellent information.

The Approaching Storm: Listen to the radio (KTRH 740, KPRC 950 AM or KLOL 101.1 FM are recommended) as well as local TV broadcasts. If a hurricane is approaching, the local media will have valuable information.

Call the evacuation information line at your command. Phone numbers are listed on page 2. This line will contain the latest updates of evacuation information.

Remember, ***“IF YOU WAIT UNTIL THE STORM IMPACT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, YOU HAVE WAITED TOO LONG” - Plan early and get out early.***

Primary Evacuation Site: Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, has been designated as the primary storm evacuation site for all Coast Guard personnel and their families residing in the Houston – Galveston area. **You DO NOT have to evacuate to that location.** However, **you will only be reimbursed for travel equivalent to it.** For example, if you evacuate to St. Louis, the Coast Guard will pay only your mileage to San Antonio.

The recommended evacuation route is to travel westbound on I-10. If a general evacuation of their area’s population is ordered, all major thoroughfares such as Interstate Highways 45, 10, 610 and Loop 8 will be extremely congested. State Highway 6 to Houston, continuing westbound on I-10 to San Antonio has been recommended as the best evacuation route to avoid delays.

The recommended evacuation routes from Sabine are shown on the map below:

Directions to Lackland AFB from I-10:

- Take I-10 West towards San Antonio
- At exit 572, road name changes to US-90
- Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto US-90 W towards TX-16 / I-410
- Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SW I-410 Loop towards TX-16 S / I-410 S
- Take Exit 4 Valley Hi Drive and turn left onto Valley Hi Drive
- Valley Gate is about 3/4 of a mile ahead.
- Enter Lackland AFB through the Valley Hi gate.
- Follow the blue Military Hurricane Evacuation Route signs to the designated parking area or ask the Air Policeman at the gate for directions. An Air Force bus will pick you up and take you to the Evacuation Reception Center at the Bob Hope Theater.

There is No Free Ride: There will be no transportation from Coast Guard units because these units themselves may be endangered, and the aircraft, ships and vehicles may be evacuated to safe areas. You will need to provide your own transportation or make arrangements to carpool in the event you elect to evacuate.

Take Money & Your Military ID Card: Banks and ATMs may not be operating due to power outages or other damages caused by the storm. Have enough money to cover costs to care for your family and pets for at least a week. You will also need to have your military ID in order to gain access to Lackland AFB and use of any military facilities.

If You Waited Too Long To Leave: Take safety precautions and continue to listen to the radio and TV for emergency information. Shelters will be designated as needed by the Red Cross.

Keep Your Command Informed: Active duty members who evacuate with their dependents remain in a recall status. Let your command know where you will be taking shelter, so we can check on you after the storm is over. You should ensure your command has a valid recall phone number and make all possible attempts to contact your command after the hurricane passes. Also, active duty and drilling reserve should bring appropriate uniforms with them when evacuating in case of recall.

Tropical Storm / Hurricane Preparedness

One of the best resources for information about hurricane preparedness and actions **is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** website at <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes/>. It contains checklists including what to do before, during and after a hurricane or tropical storm. There is an incredible amount of valuable information on the website and we encourage you to look at it *before* a hurricane threatens you.

Here are some websites with valuable hurricane information:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hurricane Information

<http://www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes/>

Texas Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/>

City of Houston - Office of Emergency Management

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/OEM/index.html>

Houston Weather

<http://www.weatherpages.com/houston/>

National Hurricane Center / Tropical Prediction Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/>

Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee

<http://www.jeffcolepc.org/>