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Dear Coast Guard Family Member:

Base Miami Beach is prepared to provide "all hands on deck" mission support during this rapidly approaching hurricane season. I am asking you to be prepared if a hurricane strikes your area. Having a plan and knowing what you and your family are going to do in the event of a major storm will greatly enhance your safety and security. I urge you to make a family hurricane evacuation kit and have it ready to go if a mandatory evacuation of your residence is ordered.

I cannot overstate the importance of having a family action plan during the hurricane season. If a major hurricane threatens, local emergency management officials may order you to leave your home and seek shelter. These evacuations can cause a serious emotional and financial drain to our families. Having a plan for where to go, and preparing yourself for what to expect if an evacuation is ordered, will relieve a lot of unnecessary anxiety for your entire family. At a minimum, you should have a credit card and cash reserve set aside to use in the event of one or more evacuations. Save the Personnel Support Team (PST) phone number to your phones (305) 290-3848 and bookmark our internet site to find the most up-to-date information should an evacuation order be issued <http://www.uscg.mil/basemiamibeach/hurricane.asp>.

The Coast Guards notification system will send alerts and official "Order to Report" messages via Phone (text-to-voice), email or text to members when they are in the affected area. Please listen to and/or read carefully the messages you receive. Our Coast Guard Family (Active Duty, Civilian, Select Reserve and dependents) must report accountability (status and location) when the order to report is issued. Dependents cannot self report; it is the sponsors' responsibility to account for them. If there is an evacuation ordered and PST activated, dependents may report in with the PST who can report dependent accountability. The updated status and location information of our members and dependents is paramount to assure the accountability of our Families. Our members must report using the Coast Guard Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (CGPAAS) at <https://cgpaas.uscg.mil> or may use an app on their phones.

I have included a Hurricane Evacuation Package to help answer many questions you might have about entitlements, pre-storm preparation, and useful hurricane planning tips. Please take a few minutes to read through the attached information. I hope you will find this helpful in preparing your family for the possibility of a hurricane evacuation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B.L. Davis".

B.L. DAVIS  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: (1) Hurricane Evacuation Package