Jefferson Parish Update

The remaining residents in the Town of Jean Lafitte, Crown Point and Barataria are strongly encouraged to heed the mandatory evacuation order of Mayor Tim Kerner, issued Monday. Water continues to rise and soon residents will become stranded and cut-off from police, fire, and EMS services.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand has announced a “Dusk to Dawn” curfew beginning this evening in effect for all of Jefferson Parish including the cities of Kenner, Gretna, Harahan, Westwego, and Lafitte.

There are numerous reports of widespread downed trees and power lines throughout Jefferson Parish. Citizens are strongly urged to stay indoors at this time. Do not touch downed power lines, trees or fences which may present a life-threatening risk of electrocution. Citizens are asked to clean out their drains of any debris that may have fallen while the wind gusts have subsided temporarily.

Jefferson Parish rainfall totals beginning 10:00 am Tuesday, August 28, 2012 to 10:00 am today are:

Eastbank 8.74 inches
Westbank 10.5 inches

Entergy reports 168,000 (78%) customers in Jefferson Parish are out of power as of 7:30am, Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Entergy is evaluating if weather conditions are safe to allow crews to respond. If there is a break in the weather they will be opening staging areas today and mobilizing contractor and company crews into the service areas. Entergy has a plan, and asks for your continued support.