

Nueces County Hurricane Reentry Plan

ATTACHMENT 2: Evacuation Order Exemption

In the event of an impending hurricane threat, the local Emergency Management Director issuing the mandatory evacuation order shall approve organizations allowed to remain in the impact zone. These organizations approved for exemption may include essential government personnel, first responders and limited private organizations in direct support of critical infrastructure/key resources. These individuals and organizations are considered self sufficient and remain in the evacuation area with the understanding that access to emergency services does not exist. This effort is to be directly coordinated with the local Emergency Operations Center.

Organizations requesting evacuation exemption should have a written plan to include provisions for adequate food, water, shelter and medical needs for a minimum of 72 hours post landfall. Additionally, these organizations should have back up power and emergency communications capabilities such as satellite phones and/or HAM radio.

All organizations authorized to be exempt from the evacuation order should be prepared to provide an updated list of personnel and the location that they will be sheltered to the EOC and/or Emergency Management Coordinator upon request.

Emergency services personnel will be conducting search and rescue activities immediately post landfall. Citizens that failed to evacuate must remain the priority however they also acknowledge that they must confirm the safety of those personnel considered exempt. For this reason, it is important for exempt organizations to report status to the EOC as soon as possible after landfall.

For purposes of this plan, all exempt personnel should also be classified as either Tier One or Tier Two Essential Personnel and carry appropriate credentials. Evacuation exempt organizations must be cognizant that exemption does not constitute the ability to roam freely in the post disaster environment. Established curfews and subsequent orders must be abided by all to ensure safety and security within the impacted area. Any questions regarding this issue should be directed to the local Office of Emergency Management or EOC.

****Nueces County evacuation exemption letters will only be issued on a standardized and recognizable letterhead that has been mutually agreed upon.****