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City of Wharton Preparation Hurricane Harvey

Wharton, TX, August 24, 2017- The National Weather Service is forecasting Tropical Storm Harvey to become a Category 3 Hurricane and tropical storm conditions are expected to first reach the coast in the hurricane warning area Friday. The forecast calls for 15 to 25 inches of heavy rain. Residents can expect high winds and flash flooding. The Mayor of the City of Wharton has called for a Voluntary Evacuation as of 8 a.m. tomorrow morning. City of Wharton is strongly advising citizens to begin preparations for evacuation but if you choose to shelter in place, you should be aware of the following:

- Emergency Services may not be able to respond when winds reach 45-50 mph; this including Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- Shelters will not be available in the City of Wharton, so be prepared to shelter in place or make other arrangements for your family.
- The effects of Harvey could last several days, make sure to have essential supplies for at least three days, including water, non-perishable food, batteries and medications for all members of your household, including pets.
- Areas of the City could experience street flooding, do not attempt to drive through areas of high water. Turn Around – Don't Drown.
- Residents could experience loss of water services, if conditions warrant protecting the City's water system.
- A loss of power could be experienced for a long period of time and any downed power lines should be avoided.
- There will not be an animal shelter in place, if you have to evacuate, take your pets with you.

Once again, the City of Wharton will begin a Voluntary Evacuation at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The City will continue to monitor the storm and will be making preparations for the safety of all citizens. Please stay informed by tuning into local radio or local television stations.

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