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AMERICAN FLAG DAMAGED DURING KATRINA WILL BE DISPLAYED AT EOC IN FRIDAY CEREMONY

Kenner, LA. – A tattered American flag that flew over a Driftwood home during Hurricane Katrina 10 years ago will be permanently displayed in the city’s Emergency Operations Center in Rivertown.

A ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in the Office of Emergency Management at 1610 Rev. Richard Wilson Drive in Rivertown. The flag was donated to Mayor Michael Yenni by Don and Barbara Hanberry and flew during Hurricane Katrina. Saturday is the 10-year anniversary of the storm.

This is a perfect opportunity to remember the more than 1,800 people who lost their lives in the storm,” Yenni said. “While Katrina caused billions of dollars in damage, Kenner escaped some of the horrors experienced in New Orleans, St. Bernard and elsewhere.”

Yenni said Katrina in 2005 was the reason he created the city’s first Office of Emergency management in 2010 and hired Doug Dodt as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to work closely with Jefferson Parish, state and federal officials to protect Kenner during emergencies such as hurricanes, tornadoes and train accidents.

“The flag represents Kenner in many ways,” Yenni said. “It took a beating during Katrina, but has been properly cared for since then, and I am now proud to show it off. The same is true of our city, with more than 2,800 structures damaged throughout Kenner, at a price tag of more than \$4 million. But we, too, have bounced back and I believe our remarkable emotional and economic revival will continue.”

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