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KENNER PARTICIPATES IN SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 16 – 23, 2014

Kenner, LA. - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service (NWS) announces that **Severe Weather Awareness Week in Louisiana has been scheduled, for the week of February 16-23, 2014.** The main goal of the awareness week is to promote severe weather safety related to tornadoes, damaging thunderstorm winds and large hail.

NWS reminds us that while the past month's weather has been dominated by cold temperatures and winter type precipitation, the climatological peak of severe weather in our region is upcoming, during the late winter and spring months.

Mayor Michael Yenni suggests that Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time for Kenner residents and business owners to review their family and employee severe weather plans, including: knowledge of terminology such as Severe Weather Watches and Warning; ensuring there is a reliable means to receive severe weather information; and knowing the appropriate safety measures and sheltering you would take if Watches and Warnings are issued.



Visit and bookmark Kenner's Emergency Preparedness webpage where you can find much information on severe weather emergency preparedness:

http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_77_219.asp



Sign up for the Jefferson Parish community emergency alert system (JP ALERT) here:

<https://www.jpalert.org/login.php>

NWS coordinates with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and local emergency managers, including Kenner's Office of Emergency Management, to bring you reliable information on emergency preparedness.



Check out the GOHSEP "Get A Game Plan" webpage for advise on how to get prepared.

<http://www.getagameplan.org/>

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, a test tornado warning message will be transmitted on NOAA Weather Radio Wednesday, February 19, 2014, around 9:15AM.



For additional weather resources, visit NOAA's web site, which will be updated with additional Severe Weather Awareness Week safety information over the coming week: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/>

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