

Emergency Management In Kenner

THE JEFFERSON PARISH DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (JP EM) is responsible for parish-wide coordination of actions needed to protect the lives and property of residents during a natural or man-made disaster. JPEM reports to the Parish President and works with Parish departments and individual municipalities to bring resources and capabilities to address any emergency situation.

Coordination is possible through the development and constant updating of an integrated Parish Emergency Operations Plan (JP EOP) that effectively coordinates the activities of all Parish department operations, municipal agencies, as well as non-government organizations.

Year-round planning includes working with municipalities to address hazards analysis, mitigation efforts, preparedness, response, and recovery procedures for all types of hazards. Training of first responders and emergency management personnel at the municipal as well as parish level is an important component of the process.

During a crisis, JPEM will activate the Jefferson Parish Emergency Operations Center (JP EOC) in Gretna, LA. The EOC links the 911 Communications Center, Sheriff, local police, fire, emergency medical, parish departments, as well as municipal agencies. The JP EOC coordinates parish-wide activities with other parish EOCs within the region as well as the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

KENNER'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT coordinates similar emergency preparedness initiatives and activities across all municipal departments. This ensures that Louisiana's sixth largest city, with 67,000 residents, and Jefferson Parish's most populous municipality, with close to 700 employees, is capable of adequately responding to a local emergency and support the Parish in large-scale disaster response.

An Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides administrative functions necessary to administer the City's comprehensive emergency management program. OEM coordinates initiatives on behalf of City executives, developing a comprehensive City Emergency Operations Plan (COKEOP) as well as departmental and contingency plans. On a daily basis OEM monitors local conditions and hazards, issues situational awareness alerts and briefs local officials. City personnel are trained to FEMA standards and take part in exercises designed to foster close working relationships amongst first responders. Designated essential duty and post-essential personnel are organized along emergency support functions, with special teams capable of immediate activation in a crisis. Disaster service contracts are updated annually and mutual aid agreements are made with regional response partners.

The City will stand up a municipal Emergency Operations Center (COK EOC) during a crisis. City directors will be stationed inside the EOC to coordinate municipal response and address local resource needs. The City's EOC remains in constant contact with

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local police, fire and public works departments as well as the Parish EOC to ensure coordination of efforts and activities. Specialized communications equipment ensures Kenner's EOC is capable of communicating with parish, regional, state, and federal agencies throughout a crisis. The Department also has the ability at any time to activate an Emergency Housing Unit (EHU) to support sheltering needs of first responders and staff engaged in managing a local emergency.

Kenner's Emergency Management Department works year round to establish close working relationships with parish, regional, state and federal agencies: Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Search and Rescue, Maritime Safety, Public Health, and Military. Our efforts ensure that Kenner has the resources and capabilities to respond effectively and efficiently to natural or man-made disasters.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency: Police – Fire – Medical	DIAL 9-1-1
Kenner Police – Non Emergency	(504) 712-2222
Kenner Fire – Non Emergency	(504) 467-2211
Kenner City Hall / Administrative Offices	(504) 468-7200
Kenner Emergency Management Department - Office of Emergency Management	(504) 471-2100
Jefferson Parish Department of Emergency Management	(504) 349-5360

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