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URGENT! - 9:30 P.M. UPDATE

KENNER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ON STANDBY MONDAY NIGHT

All Out Push to Clear Street Drains Throughout the Day

Kenner emergency and public works personnel remained on standby as large amounts of rain continued to fall in an already saturated area but at levels below that which fell Saturday and flooded many Kenner streets.

Rainfall amounts recorded at several sewerage lift stations were in the order of one inch to less than 1.5 inches between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The good news was that no flooding was reported on city streets, said Jerry Dillenkoffer, assistant director of public works for streets and drainage.

He said as long as rainfall totals are low overnight, he does not foresee major problems. However, Kenner, like the rest of the area remained under a flash flood warning and the possibility existed that heavy thunderstorms could occur." We stand ready to react to flooding should it become a problem," he added.



Kenner crew cleans street drain at 36th & Arkansas Streets.]

City crews spent much of the day Monday unclogging debris from drainage catch basins in areas where streets flooded over the past weekend. Officials continued their pleas that citizens assist in keeping street drains free from debris.

Mayor Ed Muniz asked citizens to clean debris from catch basins and drain grates to allow rainwater easy flow to the drainage system. Several locations flooded over the weekend as some spots received four inches of rain during brief periods.

Heavy rains can also affect the city sewerage system and possibly result in

sewage backups. If that occurs or if it is close to happening, please call Veolia Water NA, the city's private sewerage system contractor. Veolia's phone number is 468-7292.

If you observe a debris strewn location that is too large for a person to handle, please call it in to the Kenner Public Works Department at 468-7515.

The National Weather Service said most flood deaths occur in automobiles. Never drive your vehicle into areas where the water covers the roadway. Flood waters are usually deeper than they appear.

Just one foot of flowing water is powerful enough to sweep vehicles off the road, the NWS cautioned. When encountering flooded roads, make the smart choice ... turn around... don't drown.

Kenner public works crews conducted accelerated cleaning of street catch basins during the day Monday:

- District 1 - Ditches and catch basins cleaned on following streets:

Pollock, Morey, Kenner Ave, Salvador, Farrar, Farm, James, Fortier, and Centanni Streets.

- District 2 - 367 Catch Basins Cleaned on following streets:

Williams to Roosevelt between Airline and W. Metairie (Roosevelt, Fairway, Hudson, Taylor, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, etc.)

Crews with 2 Vactor Trucks are being dispersed into Districts 3 & 5 after 5 p.m. and will continue to work until 10 p.m. or Midnight, Additional crews will be cleaning debris off tops of catch basins throughout the remainder of the city.



Kenner worker pulls debris from street drain in 3600 block of Tulane Drive.