

Rockport, TX: Hurricane Harvey

General Talking Points for 8/27/2017

The top priority remains Search and Rescue. This should be completed within the next 24 to 48 hours with Texas Taskforce 1, Texas Taskforce 2, and Missouri Taskforce 1.

There is only one confirmed death as the result of a mobile home fire following the hurricane landfall.

The city has sustained major damage and all infrastructure is either damaged or not functioning due to power outage.

Power crews are working to remove downed powerlines and begin the process of restoring power. It is estimated it will be weeks before power is restored to all parts of the community.

Requests to Residence:

The City is asking that all residents who chose to evacuate not return to Rockport until the city announces that services are restored.

Anyone remaining in Rockport is encouraged to evacuate immediately. Evacuation is necessary because:

- The city water treatment plant cannot function until electricity is restored.
- Electrical powerlines are down and pose a road and electrocution hazard
- There is no sanitation or scheduled debris/garbage pickup
- Individuals who choose not to leave and are using electrical generators could pose a fire and electrocution hazard if those generators are not properly installed.

Evacuation:

Buses are available to take anyone needing transportation to a shelter that will provide food and comfortable sleeping facilities.

Anyone desiring to evacuate should go to the Veteran's Memorial Park across from the Old HEB parking to arrange for transport.

Food and Water:

Arrangements are being made to establish food and water point of distribution (POD) in Rockport and neighboring communities once the supplies arrive. Locations will be announced through social media and locally.

Volunteers and Donations

At present, donations are not accepted.

Volunteers are not currently being requested. Requests for volunteer assistance will be announced through social media such as twitter and Facebook if needed.