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Communication is a Serious Problem

One of our main problems is communications to the outside. We have no telephones, no Internet service only sporadic radio service to Parish personnel. We cannot make calls out, just receive some calls.

Jefferson Parish is in a lock down mode. There is no water, not electricity, no sewerage services. There are downed trees and power lines that uprooted our entire infrastructure. We have to basically rebuild.

We are working on first getting the water pumped out of Jefferson Parish. Then we will clear major thoroughfares where public crews can move around the Parish.

We are asking that you, the public, give us some time to get the roads clear so you can come back to your home. However, realize that Jefferson Parish will not be back to any type of normalcy for months.

We are announcing information via WWL-Radio 870 AM and we have Internet service set up outside of the parish www.jeffparish.net. where there is a link to WWL-TV and the State Police.

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