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Labor Day Re-Entry Plan

This statement is to confirm that Jefferson Parish Government is committed to its announced "Labor Day Re-Entry Plan" that will begin at 6 a.m. on Monday, September 5, 2005. Here are the strict conditions of the "Re-Entry for Jefferson."

First, no one will be able to use the I-10 (east of Laplace) on the Eastbank nor the elevated Westbank Expressway routes. The state highways are reserved for the State Police and the National Guard for emergency evacuations for the City of New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. Access will be strictly prohibited until further notice.

Secondly, the driver of the vehicle must have some form of identification that shows you are a resident of Jefferson Parish in order to be admitted. Passengers with such drivers will be admitted. Drivers without identification will be turned away so please do not attempt it. Drivers attempting to re-enter without identification must wait until Thursday to enter Jefferson Parish.

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Parish President Aaron Broussard suggests that all Jefferson Parish residents consider extending their present out of town accommodations until at least Sunday, September 11th, so that spouse and children could remain in their present location and allow the “Head of Household” to travel into Jefferson Parish to evaluate their home site, document any damage to property, secure valuables, collect clothes, and return to the “out of Jefferson” location to determine their families’ future options.

President Broussard also recommends “Heads of Household” should carpool from common locations to save gas, reduced re-entry time, and have handy help to secure homes if they are found damage. Female “Heads of Household” should arrive with another female or a male. Women should not come alone.

Here are the major re-entry tips for citizens returning to Jefferson Parish:

- Cash should be drawn before you return, credit cards and checks will not be accepted
- All need to bring bottled water! Do not attempt to drink the water coming from any faucet in Jefferson Parish. There is a ***Boil Water Order*** throughout the Metro area.
- First flush is free; second flush you need water to flush
- There are no stores open of any kind in Jefferson Parish. Make sure you have a full tank of gas to get here and get back because there is a short supply of gas in the area. If not, you may be stranded.
- Cameras for insurance documentation
- Prescription drugs
- Non-perishable foods

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- Sanitation supplies
- Plastic bags
- Disinfectant
- Batteries
- Baby supplies
- Manuel can opener
- Paper products (plates, cups, napkins)
- People can stay a night or two but conditions are primitive and uncomfortable

Please be advised that all traffic signals have been destroyed. Therefore, you must be prepared for police at traffic signals at all major intersections in Jefferson Parish. Additionally, many intersections in Jefferson Parish may not have any traffic signaling at all and therefore, you must drive at reduced speeds and very carefully.

Please remember a full curfew continues to be in effect from dusk to dawn. Please be advised that Jefferson Parish is still under Marshall Law and therefore the citizens should be prepared to see armed military and paramilitary units of various law enforcement agencies. Do not by any means attempt to break any armed protective barrier in Jefferson Parish.

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