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JEFFERSON PARISH PREPARES FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

According to the National Weather Service, Jefferson Parish is expecting a line of strong to severe storms to move through the region late this morning through early evening.

A Tornado Watch is in effect across much of the region until 3 pm. It will be very windy in advance of and behind the front; 25-35mph. It will be turning much colder tonight, mid 20s to mid 30s, with a strong northwest wind. The wind chills will be in upper teens to upper 20s.

The highest threat of severe weather for Louisiana and SW Mississippi, East of I-55 to Houma will be from now until around 5:00 pm. Winter weather potential develops on Thursday night into Friday as low pressure forms in the Central Gulf until Tuesday night.

Rainfall over the duration of this time may cause street flooding especially in low-lying areas. Citizens are asked to help reduce the chance of street flooding by clearing debris from their streets and drains around their property; such debris impedes water flow into the drainage system. **Parish Ordinance Section 36-188** prohibits motorists from traveling down flooded streets, which may increase the possibility of structural flooding due to wake action caused by moving vehicles.

The Jefferson Parish Streets Department crews are on stand-by with barricades to close flooded streets. All pump stations requiring manning, are fully staffed. If floodwaters are threatening your home and you wish to have your street closed, contact 911 for assistance.

Jefferson Parish Emergency Operating Center (EOC), 349-5360, is operational until the inclement weather is over. To receive weather and emergency bulletins visit www.jpalert.com website.

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