Hurricane Preparedness

As we approach the start of this year’s hurricane season on June 1st, it is time for all to Get a Game Plan ready BEFORE the season arrives!!

LET’S GET PREPARED!

Workplace Preparedness Tips:

1. Review your disaster plan to ensure essential personnel have been designated and roles and responsibilities have been documented.*

2. Review employee contact lists to ensure primary, secondary and emergency numbers are correct.

3. Identify areas in buildings that are prone to flooding and ensure plans are in place to remove files and/or equipment in the event of an approaching storm.

4. Ensure all property lists are up to date.

5. Test batteries and chargers for flashlights, laptops, Blackberry devices, etc.

6. Test emergency generators.

Home Preparedness Tips:

1. Have a disaster supply kit.

2. Have a family communications plan.

3. Make plans to secure your property.

4. Test generators, batteries and other equipment.

Evacuations:

1. Keep a full tank of gas in your car if an evacuation seems likely. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and you may be unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.

2. Make transportation arrangements with friends or your local government if you do not own a car.

3. Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.

4. Gather your family and go if you are instructed to evacuate immediately.

5. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

6. Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.

7. Be alert for washed-out roads and bridges. Do not drive into flooded areas.

8. Stay away from downed power lines.
Below are websites with invaluable tools & free mobile apps to help you prepare:

**Governor’s Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness**
http://getagameplan.org/

**American Red Cross**
http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps