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Activation: Louisiana Floods

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This is Humanity Road’s Situation Report No. 1 for the August flooding in Louisiana. It includes information on general background, emergency numbers and helplines, reunification sites, communications, and help for animals. It also includes sections for 5 parishes: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St Helena, and Tangipahoa. The latter 4 have received federal disaster declarations. These sections contain information on shelters, needs, and social media links for each parish.

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Situation Report – (period covered: August 15, 2016)

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Situation Overview

Background

Heavy rain beginning on August 11, 2016 has caused historic flooding in Louisiana, especially the Baton Rouge area. At least 4 people have died, and about 1,000 National Guard troops are on the ground conducting rescues. The governor has declared a state of emergency and has requested help from FEMA. As of August 15, the hardest hit parishes of Tangipahoa, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge and Livingston have been granted an initial federal disaster declaration [source](#). About 10,000 people are in shelters, and 20,000 have been rescued [source](#). Hundreds of motorists were stranded on I-12 for over 24 hours, and food and water was air dropped to them on August 15. The motorists have since been diverted off of I-12 which remains closed in some places. Parts of I-10 are closed, and traffic is being diverted [source](#).

Parishes approved for Federal Disaster Declaration [source](#).

1. East Baton Rouge
2. Livingston
3. St Helena
4. Tangipahoa

Significant Updates (most recent first)

Aug 15

- The National Weather Service in New Orleans has extended the Flood Warning for Livingston Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, St. James Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, Iberville Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Ascension Parish in southeastern Louisiana until 4:00 PM CDT Monday. Emergency management officials continued to report extensive flooding across the warned area. Some locations that will experience flooding include: Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Denham Springs, Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Plaquemine, Port Allen, new roads, Krotz Springs, Melville, Oak Hills Place, St. Gabriel, Walker, Gramercy, Addis, Lutchet, Brusly, White Castle and Livingston. [source](#)
- The American Red Cross has requested the activation of Louisiana ARES for assistance with about 40 shelters in the Livingston Parish and Baton Rouge areas. All available Amateur Radio operators with portable equipment have been asked to meet at the Baton Rouge Red Cross Headquarters (4655 Sherwood Common Boulevard). [Source](#)
- People wanting to volunteer should visit: Volunteer Louisiana: <http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov>, American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/local/louisiana/volunteer>, or Louisiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters: <http://lavo.org>.

- A shelter for people with medical and special needs is open at the Carl Maddox Field House, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The shelter is designed for individuals who are homebound, chronically ill or who have disabilities and are in need of medical or nursing care, and have no other place to get care. [source](#)
- Evacuees who lost medications can get an emergency 30 day supply. [source](#)

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National and Regional Links

National Links:

FEMA

Phone number: 800-621-3362 (711/Video Relay Service)

TTY: 800-462-7585

[Disaster Assistance](#)

Active Twitter accounts: [@fema](#), [@femaespanol](#), [@femaregion6](#)

Active Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/>

**If your parish is not currently included in the federal disaster declaration, you can still register with FEMA by phone: 1-800-621-3362. Your parish may be declared later. [source](#)

State Links:

Louisiana State Government: [Website](#) [@LouisianaGov](#)

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [@GOHSEP](#)

Road Status: [511.org](#)

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development: [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [@LA_DOTD](#)

National Weather Service River Forecast Center: [Website](#)

Parish Links: [Website](#)

Louisiana State Police [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [@lastatepolice](#)

Louisiana 211: [Website](#)

City of Baton Rouge Map (roads closed, shelters, sandbags): [Map](#)

Baton Rouge Resources and Shelters: [Website](#)

Baton Rouge Police Dept: [Facebook](#) [@BRPD](#)

HelpLines, Reunification, Shelters

Emergencies / Rescue

Call 911 first.

If you cannot get through to 911 and need rescue:

- (225) 222-4413 (press 0) - rescue in St. Helena Parish
- (225) 686-3996 - Livingston Parish
- (225) 367-1254 - Central, LA
- (225) 389-5000, or private-message [police Facebook](#) - Baton Rouge
- (225) 389-2100 - East Baton Rouge
- (225) 778-0300 - Baker, LA
- (225) 621-8360 - Ascension Parish
- (225) 686-3066 - Livingston Parish
- [Louisiana Flood Rescue - August](#) / [Urgent Rescue Form](#)

Information, Help Lines

- 225-342-7015 - call center for people needing help.
- 225-772-1428 - patients who need dialysis
- 225-578-6383 - evacuees who need to go to a medical / special needs shelter
- 225-925-4594 - stranded motorists who need help.
- 211 - anyone needing assistance (clothing, food, shelter, etc). Also see [website](#).
- *LSP (*577) - drivers who see damaged roads or hazardous conditions.
- 800-360-9660 - Updates on state office closures
- 985-748-3211 - Tangipahoa Parish EOC (assistance, road closures, damage assessments)
- 1-866-927-2476 - Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry 24hr hotline open during disasters

Reunification (Missing People and Pets)

- [Red Cross Safe and Well](#)
- [Facebook Safety Check](#)
- [Louisiana Flood - Lost and Found](#) (missing people and pets)
- [Lost Pets of Baton Rouge](#)

Shelters

[List of shelters by parish](#) (updated Aug 15, 3:35pm)

Parish Links

[Ascension Parish](#)

General Situation:

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- The situation in Ascension Parish worsened overnight as the Amite River began to crest. Officials say some areas will get worse before they get better. These areas include St. Amant, Galvez, the lake area, Henderson Bayou, Alligator Bayou, Bridge Area, Gonzales. Many roadways in those areas are now closed. Areas north of Hwy 42 and east of 431 are expected to experience significant flooding. The area between Port Vincent and Gold Place Road is impacted now and will get worse over the next 24 hours. Hwy 42 and the lake area is seeing an impact now and will also worsen over the next 24 hours. South of Gold Place and East of Hwy 431 will be impacted depending on the elevations from the Amite River. Stringer Bridge Road to Hwy 22 is the next area that we expect to be impacted within the next 24-hours. A

voluntary evacuation has been issued for areas north of LA 42 and east of LA 431 because they are low-lying areas. [source](#)

- Schools in the parish are closed for the rest of the week. [source](#)

Shelters: As of Aug 15, 3:35 pm

- Lamar Dixon Expo Center, 9039 St. Landry Road, Gonzales, LA (currently has about 600 people but can take more). They are housing animals in the arena area for residents staying in the Shelter. They are also taking stray animals in Barn 1. [source](#)

Urgent Needs:

- The Lamar Dixon shelter is in need of: socks, aloe lotion, baby items, dog food, horse food, ropes and buckets for horses, and volunteers. [source](#)
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Social Media and Government Web Links:

- Ascension OHSEP: [Facebook](#) [@AscensionOHSEP](#) Phone: (225) 621-8360
- Ascension Parish: [Website](#)
- Road Closure Information: <http://511la.org/>

Photos / Videos:

- Videos of flooding in Ascension Parish: [source](#)
- Aerial photos: [source](#)

East Baton Rouge Parish

General Situation:

- Aug 15 Flooding is extensive, over 90 roadways or intersections are closed and two mega shelters have been opened. Baton Rouge has an informative map online listing shelter locations, sandbag locations and road closures. Shelter location and road closure updates can also be found at [Baton Rouge Government website](#) - A hospital in Baton Rouge - Ochsner Medical Center in Baton Rouge's O'Neal campus - has evacuated about 40 patients and is expected to evacuate another 10-15. Severe weather damaged AT&T Wireless's equipment and halted service for some customers in the Baton Rouge area ([source](#))
Curfew in effect 8p - 6a for City of Baker
Curfew in effect 8p - 6a for City of Central
Curfew in effect 10p - 6a for City of Zachary

Photos, Videos, Maps:

- Aerial video of flooding [Video](#)
- Map of Baton Rouge flooding [Map](#)
- Medicine delivery [Video](#)

Urgent Needs:

- Today's donation list and where to take them [Link](#)

- Officials with the East Baton Rouge Parish Council on Aging is delivering meals to seniors who are unable to leave their homes. They are also delivering sandbags to seniors who are unable to leave their home. They are asking for volunteer help. The office is located at 5790 Florida Blvd. [source](#)

Shelters: (as of Aug 15, 3:35pm) [source](#)

- **Medical Shelter**, Carl Maddox Field House, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. (Call (225) 578-6383 if you believe you are in need of a medical shelter).
- Baton Rouge River Center, 75 S River Road, Baton Rouge, LA - not accepting pets. Anyone with pets should go to Celtic Studios or the animal shelter at EBR Animal Control [Source](#)
- BREC Park at Hamilton Avenue, 16200 Hamilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA
- BREC Park at Kernan Avenue 333 Kernan Avenue Baton Rouge, LA
- Celtic Studios 10000 Celtics Drive Baton Rouge, LA. (Population - approx 2,000 - Today's essentials - Cots needed some enroute, also need more restrooms and showers, volunteers. ([Source](#)) Celtic Studios is located off Airline on Celtic Drive, next to the Costco. In need of Wheelchairs, tape <http://bit.ly/2aUGxQU>)
- Central Middle School, 12656 Sullivan Road, Central, LA
- F.G. Clark Activity Center 801 Harding Blvd Baton Rouge, LA
- First Baptist Church of Central 9676 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge, LA
- Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center 4000 Gus Young Avenue Baton Rouge, LA
- McKinley Middle Magnet 1550 Eddie Robinson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA
- Scotlandville Magnet High School, 9870 Scotland Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA
- St. John the Baptist Catholic, 4727 McHugh Road, Zachary, LA

Animal Shelters

- Companion Animal Alliance, Baton Rouge's city animal shelter.
Needs: Foster homes to house pets temporarily, large bath towels, paper towels, water and food for volunteers and staff. [Source](#)

Social Media and Government Web Links:

- [Baton Rouge Government website](#)

Livingston Parish

General Situation:

Aug 15:

- Extensive Flooding, Evacuations occurred. ([Source](#))
- At least 15,000 people have been rescued. ([Source](#))
- There is a precautionary Boiling Water Advisory for Ward 2 Water district ([Source](#))
- Livingston Parish News is providing updates on Shelters, Traffic Maps, and other info ([Source](#))
- Government offices are closed August 15 and August 16 ([Source](#))
- Traffic is closed to non-emergency traffic ([Source](#))

Social Media and Government Links:

- Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: [Website](#), (225) 686-3066
- Livingston Parish: [Facebook](#)
- Livingston Sheriff Office: [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [@SheriffLPSO](#)

Photos / Videos:

- Denham Springs Aerial ([Video](#))

Shelters: As of Aug 15 12:10 pm [source](#)

- Bethlehem Baptist 29350 S Montpelier, Albany, LA
- Riverside Baptist 36890 LA 16, Denham Springs, LA
- Live Oak Baptist 35603 Coxe Ave, Denham Springs, LA
- Live Oak United Methodist Church 34890 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA
- Live Oak High School 36079 Hwy 16 Denham Springs, LA
- Juban Parc Junior High 12470 Brown Road, Denham Springs, LA
- The Way Church 9270 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs, LA
- Southfork Elementary 23300 Walker South Road, Denham Springs, LA
- Watson Baptist 35831 Cane Market Road, Denham Springs, LA
- Christ Community Church 26574 Juban Road, Denham Springs, LA
- Hebron Baptist 21063 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA
- Bethel Baptist Church 2149 Circle Drive, Livingston, LA
- Satsuma Baptist 29880 S Satsuma Road, Livingston, LA
- Satsuma Community Center 28975 S Satsuma Road, Livingston, LA
- Colyell Baptist 19525 LA 42, Livingston, LA
- Doyle High School 20480 Circle Drive, Livingston, LA
- Judson Baptist 32470 N Walker Road, Walker, LA
- North Corbin Elementary 32645 North Corbin Road, Walker, LA
- North Corbin Junior High 32725 North Corbin Road, Walker, LA
- Revival Temple 28521 S Walker Road, Walker, LA
- Walker Baptist Church 10696 Florida Blvd, Walker, LA
- Levi Milton 31450 N Walker, Walker, LA
- Life Church 9010 Florida Blvd, Walker, LA
- Shady Bower Pentecostal 13375 Galloway Garden Lane, Walker, LA
- Walker Baptist Church 10696 Florida Blvd, Walker, LA
- Club Outreach, 30277 Sunset Dr, Walker, LA [source](#)

[St Helena Parish](#)

General Situation:

- Aug 15 About 170 high water vehicles were mobilized as heavy flooding continued in St. Helena ([source](#)) Residents are asked to send pictures of damaged homes to an email address posted to facebook at this [link](#)
- Aug 13 One person was found deceased in truck in parish ([source](#))
- Aug 12 The parish president is asking all resident to remain at home or at your present location most of the State and local roads are closed due to the flooding, school was cancelled - Parish

wide Curfew 8:00PM-8:00AM In effect Friday night until Monday morning. Please pass this along. St. Helena Parish Office of Emergency Management “there may be wide spread flooding overnight please don't travel the roads there are too many issues”.([source](#))

- Email Address To Send Pictures Of Damaged Homes In St. Helena Parish Is shfe081216@yahoo.com And The Telephone Number Is 225-222-3266 To Call For Questions. Please Include Your Name, Telephone Number, Physical Address Of Damaged Home, And An Estimate Of Damages.

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- Red Cross: [St. Helena High School](#) – 14340 Highway 37, Greensburg

Social Media and Government Web Links:

- Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: [Website Facebook](#)
- St Helena Sheriff Office: [Website Facebook](#)

[Tangipahoa Parish](#)

General Situation:

- Tangipahoa Parish is eligible for assistance from FEMA as of Aug 14 [source](#).
- Road closures: [List](#)
- Tangipahoa school district is closed until next Monday the 22nd. [Source](#)
- Residents and businesses advised to boil water. [Source](#)
- Two people have died in the parish. [Source](#)

Helplines:

- 985-748-3211 - Parish EOC (assistance, road closures, damage assessments)

Social Media and Government Links:

- Tangipahoa Parish Government: [website Facebook](#)
- [Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness \(OHSEP\)](#), (985) 748-9602

Shelters: As of Aug 15, 3:35 pm [source](#)

- Mike Kenny Center – 601 W. Coleman, Hammond ([source](#))
- Amite Community Center – 101 W. Chestnut, Amite
- Kentwood High School – 603 Ninth St., Kentwood
- Loranger High School, 19404 Hiatt Road, Loranger, LA

Urgent Needs:

- Tangi Humane Society, 46219 River Rd, Hammond, LA was flooded and all animals had to be evacuated. They need cleaning supplies, temporary storage, and volunteers. [source](#)

Airports

Flights and Airport Status: No reported delays or closures.

- BTR - Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Airport- [Status Open](#)
- ARA - Iberia Parish Acadiana Regional Airport - [Status Open](#)
- Delta Airlines - what passengers should know about rebooking travel [Link](#)

Communications

Amateur Radio

- [Louisiana ARES](#)
- [Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club](#)

Louisiana Section Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) has activated and put out a call for volunteers. The American Red Cross has requested the activation of Louisiana ARES for assistance with shelters in the Livingston Parish and Baton Rouge areas. Approximately 40 shelters need coverage. All available Amateur Radio operators with portable equipment have been asked to meet at the Baton Rouge Red Cross Headquarters (4655 Sherwood Common Boulevard). Volunteers are being told to prepare for several days of operations. Again, **willing Amateur volunteers should NOT self-deploy**. The primary contact is Steve Irving, WA5FKF, (225-933-4993). Louisiana ARES Assistant SEC John Mark Robertson, K5JMR, is in the radio room at Red Cross Headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Primary operating frequencies at this time are 444.950 MHz (107.2 Hz), 146.940 MHz (107.2 Hz), and 146.790 MHz (107.2 Hz). Louisiana ARES HF Frequencies now designated for use are 7.255 MHz and 3.873 MHz LSB. Digital operation is on 3.595MHz. These frequencies should be kept clear of non-emergency traffic. More repeaters may need to be designated, and the frequencies will be posted when they become available. [source](#)

Other Information

- Some Verizon stores are offering free calls, free internet access, and charging stations for anyone even if not a Verizon customer. [source](#)

Red Cross

Offices & Contact Information

[Louisiana Region](#)

[Local Chapters](#)

[@RedCrossSELA](#) [@LARedCross1](#) [Facebook](#)

Twitter

Hashtags:

Official event hashtag: #laflood

Other important hashtags: #lawx, #lafloods, #lagov, #BatonRougeFlood, #LAFloodRescue Parish or Town Names

Animals in Disaster

Animal Rescue

Report any animals in danger to your [parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness](#). If you cannot reach local agencies, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has a 24hr hotline open during disasters- 1-866-927-2476 or email the Louisiana Animal Response Team at lsartinfo@gmail.com.

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Shelters:

Aug 15:

- St. Tammany Humane Society - 20384 Harrison Ave, Covington, LA (985) 892-7387 sthumane.org, (985) 892-7387.
- [Plaquemines Animal Welfare Society](#)
- Hotels that accept pets
 - <http://www.petswelcome.com/>
 - <http://pets-allowed-hotels.com>

Horse owners:

- Check your surrounding arenas for assistance.
- Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales has space for horses needing to be evacuated. Go to the office. If it's locked there is a number posted to the door to call. \$25.00 a day per stall, \$7.00 shavings. Costs of stalls and shavings may be covered due to declared emergency. Phone number to Lamar Dixon (225) 621-1700. All are allowed just no outside shavings. [source](#)
- Port Allen is almost full. [source](#)
- Amite is under water and Hwy 16 is closed. [source](#)
- Colonial Stables has 12 open stalls do not have details here's contact 225-268-7998. [source](#)