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**JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**DISASTER RE-ENTRY PLAN AGREEMENT**  
**JULY 2002**

**WHEREAS**, The various municipalities incorporated within the County of Galveston and Galveston County have found the need for a disaster re-entry plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a special committee composed of members from various municipalities, emergency managers, and other interested parties convened over an extensive period of time to develop a county-wide disaster re-entry plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan has been presented and reviewed in draft form by all involved jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, official sanction of this plan by all jurisdictions is needed for implementation;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the DISASTER RE-ENTRY PLAN FOR GALVESTON COUNTY is ratified, and placed in effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all signatory jurisdictions agree to reflect this element of Disaster Re-Entry planning within the emergency management planning of their individual jurisdictions.

**RESOLVED**, this the 22nd day of July, 2002.

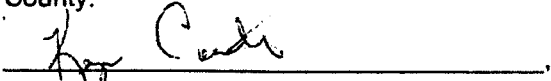
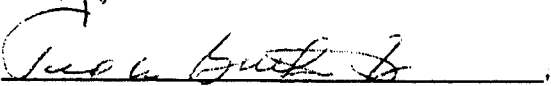

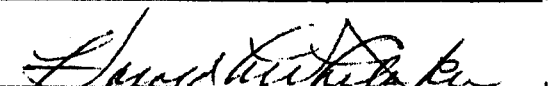
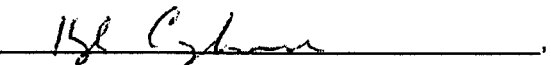



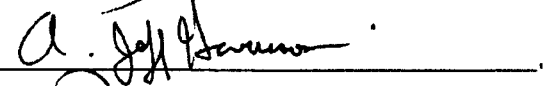

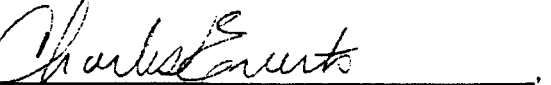

  
**JAMES D. YARBROUGH**  
County Judge

**ATTEST:**

  
**PATRICIA RITCHIE**  
County Clerk

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The following jurisdictions indicate by signature of the Chief Elected Official agreement with the Joint Resolution for the Disaster Re-Entry Plan for Galveston County.

	Village of Bayou Vista
	City of Clear Lake Shores
	City of Dickinson
	City of Friendswood
_____	City of Galveston
	City of Hitchcock
	Village of Jamaica Beach
	City of Kemah
	City of La Marque
	City of League City
	City of Santa Fe
_____	City of Texas City
	Village of Tiki Island
	County of Galveston

# **GALVESTON COUNTY DISASTER RE-ENTRY PLAN**

## **I. AUTHORITY**

This plan applies to the County of Galveston and all municipalities located wholly or partially within the County. This plan was developed by the Galveston County Cooperative Emergency Management group Re-entry Subcommittee. The Plan is approved by all municipalities of Galveston County and Galveston County through a cooperative resolution.

## **II. PURPOSE**

This plan is designed to provide for the orderly re-entry of emergency responders; critical personnel and citizens in disaster affected areas. The plan is built on the knowledge of the individual, the municipalities, and Galveston County knowing that each entity's situation will be different. Each local law enforcement group will make decisions based on information and direction received from the elected officials of that community.

## **III. SCOPE**

This plan encompasses an orderly process of managing re-entry of emergency responders, critical personnel and citizens following a major disaster. Guidelines in the plan will provide a common approach in handling the influx of citizens, emergency responders, and critical personnel following an event.

## **IV. SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

### **A. Situation**

1. Reoccupation of an evacuated area requires the same consideration, coordination, and control of the actions undertaken in the original evacuation.
2. The re-entry decision and order will be made by the local Emergency Management Director of each jurisdiction after the threat has passed and the evacuated area has been inspected by fire, law, and utility personnel for Safety.

### **B. Assumptions**

1. The news media, radio, and television will be the primary source of communication to advise all parties when they may safely return to their homes.

2. The Primary source of communication will be from the Emergency Management Coordinators designated by each jurisdiction to the command center of each jurisdiction.
3. Each jurisdiction will (if possible) utilize local Amateur Radio Operators needed for communications.
4. Offices of Emergency Management in Galveston County, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County, Harris County, Chambers County, and the City of Houston will coordinate re-entry operations.

## **V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

### **A. General**

1. Critical personnel of the various jurisdictions will be identified by a uniform countywide identification card, which will be used for re-entry.
2. Critical personnel associated with Utility companies, chemical industry, state and federal agencies, etc. may need entry into the county following a disaster. Many of these personnel may come from outside Galveston County. Proper company/agency identification and/or company vehicles will be allowed to re-enter on an as-needed basis. Re-entry of these personnel will be coordinated between EOC's and law enforcement agencies.
3. Law enforcement personnel in Galveston County as well as law enforcement representatives from State and Federal forces will be briefed on the approved re-entry identification method being utilized through Galveston County.
4. The public will be advised of re-entry procedures through news media releases (Radio, Television, Print media, etc).

### **B. Re-entry Phases**

Re-entry into Galveston County will be allowed in three phases. These phases are prioritized with phase 1 having priority for re-entry, followed by phase 2, and completed with phase 3 (the re-entry of all citizens). For the purposes of identifying re-entry priorities the following three phases, or tiers, of re-entry have been identified:

1. Phase 1 (Hazardous passage)

As designated by each entity or facility. Emergency Responders and Hazardous Material Teams.

2. Phase 2 (Guarded passage)

As designated by each entity or facility. Rescue and Recovery Teams. Also may include evaluation and Survey teams.

3. Phase 3 (Safe passage)

As designated by each entity or facility. Residents and essential employees. Visitors and non-essential in all categories should be discouraged from entering an affected area until the area is ready to accept them.

**VI. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. The re-entry function is organized through the Galveston County Cooperative Emergency Management Program. The Emergency Management Directors (County Judge and Mayors from each Jurisdiction) have the overall authority for this plan. The Emergency Management Coordinator for each jurisdiction serves as a planning and implementing coordinator.

B. Task Assignments

1. Each Emergency Management Director (County Judge and Mayor from each jurisdiction):

- a. Identifies his/her own critical personnel to receive identification re-entry badges.
- b. Authorizes by signature each identification card.
- c. Authorizes expiration date of each identification card.
- d. Determines whether the threat that caused the evacuation appears to be over.
- e. Determines whether residential and business areas generally appear safe to return to.

- f. Informs the public of proper re-entry actions and particular cautions they should take with regard to reactivating utilities; etc. In addition, issue proper cleanup instructions to their jurisdiction's employees as necessary.
- 2. Emergency Management Coordinator (From each jurisdiction)
  - a. Determines the number of persons in shelters who will have to be transported back to their homes.
  - b. Determines the long-term housing requirements if homes have been damaged. Coordinates this effort with the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.
  - c. Coordinates re-entry through the Emergency Operations Center with all Law Enforcement personnel.
  - d. Coordinates operations with Galveston County, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County, Harris County, Chambers County, and the City of Houston.
- 3. Law Enforcement (Sheriffs' Department, each jurisdictions' Local Police Department)
  - a. Coordinates traffic control and movements back into and through Galveston County.
  - b. Accepts the identification system outlined in this plan to allow individuals with the proper identification to re-enter through all points in Galveston County when instructed to do so.
  - c. Coordinate with State and Federal law enforcement personnel to ensure the plan is utilized throughout all agencies.

## **VII. DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

The Emergency Management Directors (County Judge and Mayor from each jurisdiction) are the overall authorities for the re-entry effort. All activities will be coordinated through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for each jurisdiction, which will serve as the source of all general direction and control.

## **VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

This plan will be reviewed at least annually by the Galveston County Cooperative Emergency Management Group through each jurisdictions' Office of Emergency Management.

**APPENDIX 1  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE  
RE-ENTRY BADGING**

**IDENTIFICATION BADGES**

Standardized blank badges (Examples on pages 7, 8 and 9) will be printed by Galveston County and distributed to the various municipalities in Galveston County. Each municipality will determine whether they will utilize Phase 1 badge with photo (page 7) or second supporting Phase 1 badge without photo (page 8). Phase 1 badge without photo should be accompanied by separate company/agency photo ID. Each municipality and the county will be responsible for completing the badges by completing the blanks and attaching a photo of the individual being given re-entry status. The badges will then be authorized by the Emergency Management Director (Signature) for that jurisdiction, numbered and laminated prior to the issuance of the badge. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for maintaining a log of issued badges that includes the name of the person receiving the badge and the Badge number. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for retrieving expired cards and/or cards from employees no longer employed by the jurisdiction.

**RE-ENTRY IDENTIFICATION PHASES**

Re-entry into Galveston County will be done in an orderly fashion by use of a color-coded system. Identification badges will have the following colors:

1. Phase 1  
Phase 1 badges will be red in color. Red badges will be issued to all personnel identified in the re-entry plan under section VB1 on page 2.
  
2. Phase 2  
Phase 2 badges will be blue in color. Blue badges will be issued to all personnel identified in the re-entry plan under section VB2 on page 3.

**IMPLEMENTING THE RE-ENTRY PLAN**

Each jurisdiction will be responsible for ensuring their Law Enforcement personnel are aware of the re-entry plan. Each jurisdiction will also be responsible for ensuring that samples of each badge is distributed to their Law Enforcement agency in order to effectively comply with the plan.



**PHASE 1  
RE-ENTRY BADGES**

Re-entry badges for Phase 1 personnel will be red in color. The badge for phase 1 personnel will look like the picture below.

**Phase 1 badge**

<b>OFFICIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL REPRESENTING</b> <hr/> <b>GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS</b>	<b>Insert Photo</b>
<b>(Name)</b>	
<b>(Mayor)</b>	
<b>(Date Issued)</b>	<b>(Issued By)</b>
<b>FULL SECURITY CLEARANCE NO. _____</b>	

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**SECOND SUPPORTING - PHASE ONE BADGE**

<b>OFFICIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL REPRESENTING _____ GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS</b>
<b>(Mayor)  Individual Must Present Company or City Photo Identification In Addition to Badge.</b>
<b>FULL SECURITY CLEARANCE NO. _____</b>

**RE-ENTRY BADGES**

Re-entry badges for Phase 2 personnel will be blue in color. The badge for phase 2 personnel will look like the picture below.

**Phase 2 badge**

<b>OFFICIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL REPRESENTING</b>
<b>GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS</b>
<b>(Mayor)</b>
<b>PHASE 2 SECURITY CLEARANCE NO. _____</b>