

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES (COOP Plan) FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, it is essential the monitoring of offenders continue, with particular attention to Sex Offenders. When a participant in the Location Monitoring Program must evacuate due to an emergency, notification must be made as outlined below, and you must take the electronic monitoring equipment with you for safe keeping.

If there is a STATE OF EMERGENCY declared in the city or county where you reside, due to a hurricane or other major catastrophe, and EVACUATION is recommended or mandated by the local government in the city or county where you reside, and you evacuate, you are required to do the following:

1. Contact your probation officer within 24 hours of your departure to advise him/her of your temporary relocation, leaving the address and telephone number of the location where you can be reached.
2. If you are unable to speak with your probation officer, you should attempt to speak to the duty officer or supervisor, and leave a voice mail message on your probation officer's telephone to advise of your departure and temporary relocation plan.
3. If the U.S. Probation Office closed due to the emergency, you should contact the other U.S. Probation Officers in the Southern District of Mississippi in order to provide the necessary information. Jackson: 601-608-4900; Hattiesburg: 601-255-6385; Gulfport: 228-563-1850; Cellular contact: 601-310-4362.
4. If you are unable to reach any of the above-referenced telephone numbers, you should contact the nearest U.S. Probation Office in the city where you have temporarily relocated, giving your full name, the name of your probation officer, your supervision district (Southern District of Mississippi), your temporary address, and a working telephone number where you can be reached.

If there is a family member or close personal friend who regularly provides shelter to you in emergency situations, such as a hurricane, you should provide that information to your probation officer for a ready reference in emergency situations. The information should include the family member's or friend's name, physical address, and working telephone number. Even if the above information is provided to your probation officer, you are still required to advise your probation officer on each occasion when you are planning to evacuate.

If you are a REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER or have been convicted of any CRIME OF VIOLENCE, and you evacuate to another city, county, or state, you SHALL contact the local law enforcement authority (sheriff, police departments, etc.) in that city or county, WITHIN 48 HOURS of your relocation to that area, advising them of your status, your new location, and the name and telephone number of your probation officer.

You SHALL also contact the local U.S. Probation Office in the city or county where you have relocated, if your new location is outside of the Southern District of Mississippi, advising them of your status, your new location, and the name and telephone number of your probation officer. If you enter an evacuation shelter, you SHALL notify the authorities or person in charge at the shelter that you are under federal supervision, and are either a registered sex offender and/or convicted of a crime of violence, giving them the name and telephone number of your probation officer.