

# Brazoria County LONG TERM RECOVERY



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## Prepare now for hurricane season—register for transportation assistance

In early May 2009, Brazoria County Emergency Management official Steve Rosa reported that just thirteen new individuals had registered for disaster evacuation assistance through the resource system 2-1-1 since Hurricane Ike hit the county the previous fall.

That number is surprisingly low, especially in light of the fact that hundreds of those transported last fall *weren't* actually registered for the free service.

In the event of an evacuation, emergency management officials will trans-

port as many persons as possible — whether they have registered or not — but priority will be given to those who have arranged the service in advance.

"Don't wait until the storm is in the Gulf to call," warned Doc Adams of the Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management at the Hurricane Preparedness Mini-Seminar on May 14 at the Sweeny Community Center.

Last fall, some Brazoria County residents waited until the last minute to try to evacuate, and

found that they'd run out of options. Even emergency management professionals can't go out in the midst of the storm, when high winds, storm surges, and heavy rains threaten their safety.

Transportation assistance is available to anyone who is unable to secure their own safe evacuation. Dial 2-1-1 on any touchtone phone select your language, then press four to register for evacuation assistance.

For more information, contact 2-1-1 or the Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management.

*The Brazoria County Long Term Recovery Committee (BC-LTRC) is a volunteer-driven, community effort to restore the homes and lives of Brazoria County residents affected by Hurricane Ike.*

*To find out more, or to get involved, visit our website or contact Carolyn Gibbs, Community Development and Volunteer Liaison, at (800) 971-6677 or*

## Afternoon fair introduces BC-LTRC case management partners to county resources

On May 12, the BACH Rehabilitation Center hosted a social service agency fair sponsored by the BC-LTRC. Intended to increase the collaboration of local organizations, particularly for continued hurricane recovery, the fair was open to all agencies working in Brazoria County.

Participants set up displays and offered brochures, then took the opportunity to walk around

the fair to meet other representatives.

Attendees for the event included the four newest partners in local recovery efforts: four experienced case management agencies including the Gulf Coast Center (of Texas City), Boat People SOS, GMC Consultants, and GRACE Community Services (all of Houston).



A Case Manager speaks with a representative of one Brazoria County agency.

These four organizations are scheduled to begin working with the BC-LTRC in June.