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Department of Corrections News

**Corrections Activates Contact Numbers for Offenders, Families**

State correctional facilities have been preparing to receive inmates from local coastal parishes in advance of landfall. The Department, in partnership with the Louisiana Sheriffs Association, will be assisting in the evacuation and housing of inmates, starting Friday. As a result of emergency operations, visitation at all state correctional facilities are cancelled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 29-31, 2008. Further updates for the upcoming week will be posted soon.

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**Family Contact Information**

Family members wishing to contact incarcerated loved ones who have been evacuated from local facilities can now call one of the following numbers for information:

225-342-0901 225-342-0930  
225-342-0937 225-342-1040

The phone bank hours starting Saturday, August 30, 2008 run from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. until further notice. Since some evacuations won't take place until Saturday, please know that individuals manning the phone bank may not have immediate information on all inmate evacuees.

**Probationers and Parolees**

Offenders under Probation and Parole supervision who need to evacuate should contact the Division of Probation and Parole to report their location during the evacuation and to receive specific information about restrictions and other reporting information that pertains to them.

Probation and Parole staff will be taking calls 24 hours a day until further notice. Please call the following numbers:

1-866-380-4235 1-866-380-4235 225-219-1836

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