

Congressman Rothman Responds to Hurricane Gustav; Cites National Preparedness Month

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"In the wake of what could have been a serious catastrophe in New Orleans, and as we approach the 7th anniversary of 9/11, I would like to take this moment to remind all Americans of the necessity of a personal emergency preparedness plan.

"Although a major event, Gustav did not have the destructive force originally anticipated. Louisianans, and truly all Americans, are blessed that the damage caused by Hurricane Gustav was not nearly as widespread as Hurricane Katrina — but this latest storm in the Gulf Coast demonstrates how important it is to have an emergency plan in place, whether it be for a natural disaster, terrorist attack, or anything else. New Orleans residents survived this very serious storm because they were better prepared than they were the last time."

During the month of September, which is National Preparedness Month, National Preparedness Month Coalition Members from the Department of Homeland Security will be working towards creating a culture of emergency preparedness in the United States by hosting events and initiatives to raise awareness and train Americans. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm08/intro.html>.

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