



CITY OF SHREVEPORT

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**Storm Recover Efforts Continue in Extreme Heat**

Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Deputy Director of Homeland Security, and Caddo Parish Assistant Administrator Clay Walker met by phone Tuesday morning to discuss the status of clean-up efforts related to the June 16<sup>th</sup> storm and heat-related issues from this week's heat wave.

Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office Captain Robert Jump intends to ask the state to provide assessment teams for both individual assistance and assistance from the Small Business Association. The Homeland Security Office received *222 calls* from property owners asserting *major* damage or destruction to structures. Fifty-seven of those reported not having any insurance. Captain Jump has surveyed *34* of those, and he will survey the remaining *23* this week. So far, *11* should qualify as majorly damaged or destroyed. Based on this, we are hopeful that Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport will qualify so that persons may apply for individual assistance from FEMA and possible low-interest loans from the United States Small Business Administration.

The City will maintain cooling centers through the weekend, as the excessive heat is forecast to continue through Sunday. The City centers are open from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM each day through Sunday. Cold water is also available.

The City cooling centers are located at:

- **Bill Cockrell Community Center – 4109 Pines Road**
- **Valencia Park Community Center – 1800 Viking Drive**
- **Southern Hills Community Center – 1002 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop**
- **A.B. Palmer Community Center – 547 E. 79<sup>th</sup> Street**
- **Bilberry Park Community Center – 1902 Alabama Avenue**

The Highland Center at 520 Olive Street will still be available as a cooling center during its regular hours. In addition, Caddo Parish recreational centers are open for their regular hours.

The United Command Group will meet by phone again Friday morning to assess further progress and developments.

In a related development, the Shreveport Volunteer Network has procured the services of a crane and crane operator to assist with lifting trees off buildings for persons who do not have insurance coverage. To request assistance, contact S.V.N. AT 318-469-0899.

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