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Of*



Orange County Emergency Management

**DATE: 09/11/2008
TIME: 6:00 AM
FROM: Jill Frillou/Orange County PIO/409-882-7860**

MEDIA RELEASE: Warning Message – Mandatory Evacuation

1. The Orange County Office of Emergency Management has issued the following warning for those who live, work, or visiting in Orange County:
2. Due to **HURRICANE IKE**, the County Judge/City Mayor's, under Texas law, has ordered a **MANDATORY EVACUATION** for Special Needs Citizen's and general population beginning 6:00 AM Thursday, September 11, 2008, to the following area to protect their health and safety and the health and safety of possible rescuers:

AFFECTED AREA: ALL ORANGE COUNTY

3. Recommended evacuation routes from the area(so) at risk include:
 - State Hwy 87 N
 - FM 105 N. to Hwy 96
 - Hwy 62 N to Hwy 96
4. There will be **no shelters** in Orange County.
5. Low lying areas are expected to have a possible 10 -15 ft. tidal surge.
6. Mayor Kirk Roccaforte, encourages all Bridge City residents to be aware of high tides to the area of Bridge City with possible flooding beginning Friday, September 12th by noon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl K. Thibodeaux", written over a horizontal line.

Judge Carl K. Thibodeaux
Orange County Judge