



DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Office of the Governor

RICK PERRY
Governor

Mailing Address:
PO Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0220

Contact Numbers:
512-424-2138 Duty Hours
512-424-2277 Non-Duty Hours
512-424-2444 Fax

Physical Address:
5805 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78752

STEVEN McCRAW
Director
Office of Homeland Security

JACK COLLEY
Chief

Dear Colleagues,

Texas is a state rich in resources and challenges. Those challenges include the fact that our state has experienced more federally declared disasters in recent years than any other state in the nation.

Each year, the National Weather Service, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, local officials and emergency managers throughout Texas join together in a public awareness campaign to prepare our people to deal with severe weather events.

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas has been set for Feb. 24 - March 1, 2008.

The goal of Severe Weather Awareness Week is not only to educate new residents and new generations about the dangers of Texas weather, but also to remind our residents to update their emergency plans, double check emergency supply kits and to be prepared for tornadoes, floods, hail, straight-line windstorms and other potentially dangerous events.

Severe Weather Awareness Week materials for 2008 are available on our website. These materials may be used in any way you choose. There are also materials providing tips on conducting your own local awareness campaigns, working with Texas media, civic groups and organizations, business leaders and the education community.

Again and again you have supported these statewide efforts to keep our citizens and communities safe and to raise awareness of the continuing dangers of severe weather events in Texas. Thank you for everything you do for our state.

Sincerely,


Jack Colley
Chief