

City of Friendswood Emergency Notification Systems

The Office of Emergency Management maintains three emergency notification systems.

1) The City of Friendswood Information Radio WPMZ659 is broadcasted on AM 1650 on the radio dial including a re-broadcast of the Houston/Galveston National Weather Service, as well as other important local information.

2) First Call and Early Neighborhood Warning System - The City of Friendswood has become one of the few cities in the area to be protected by two telephone-based community warning systems for major emergencies in Friendswood and surrounding communities-- the **First Call Interactive Network (First Call)** and the **Neighborhood Early Warning System (NEWS)**. These systems allow the City to quickly alert citizens in the area affected or the entire city of an emergency or potentially dangerous or hazardous condition. The systems, when directed, will begin calling all the phone numbers in the affected area, alerting those individuals to the situation and how to protect themselves. Citizens with unlisted numbers who wish to be part of the Notification System are encouraged to contact the Office of Emergency Management at 281-996-3335 to register their numbers.

The City of Friendswood has recently completed the installation of the **Siren Alerting System**. A total of seven sirens have been installed throughout the city that will sound in the event of an emergency such as a hurricane, a pipeline rupture, or a tornado. Once the sirens have sounded, citizens are urged to stay inside and tune into their local radio and television station for information. Additional information and updates are announced on

Friendswood Information Radio WPMZ659 AM 1650 as conditions dictate. Citizens are asked to remember that they may be contacted via the First Call system with additional information.