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HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT TO KICK OFF 2007 TEXAS HURRICANE EXERCISE

(Harris County, TX) – Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will kick off local participation in the 2007 Texas Hurricane Exercise tomorrow at Houston TranStar. The annual hurricane exercise, facilitated by the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management, tests elements of state and local plans in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

The exercise, which has grown considerably since hurricanes Katrina and Rita, is expected to be the largest in Texas history. Over 45 agencies will join the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at Houston TranStar as part of this year’s drill.

Media will be allowed in the Briefing Room & Emergency Operations Center at the start of the exercise, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, to receive the first inject of drill. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will then call elected officials in the region and across the state to engage his counterparts in a coordinated hurricane response.

Media will have the opportunity to sign-up for periodic updates immediately following the press availability as part of the exercise.

**WHO: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett
& Regional Offices of Emergency Management**

WHAT: 2007 Texas Hurricane Exercise Kick Off

**WHERE: Houston TranStar
Briefing Room, Second Floor
6922 Old Katy Road
Houston, Texas 77024**

**WHEN: Wednesday, June 6th
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM**

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