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NEWS ADVISORY

COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT SCHEDULES MONDAY NEWS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS UPDATES

- WHO:** Harris County Judge Ed Emmett
Mark Sloan, Harris County Emergency Management Coordinator
Stephen Lee, Resident Agent, Houston Office, Federal Communications Commission
- WHAT:** News Conference
- WHEN:** 3:00 p.m. today, June 1, 2009
- WHERE:** Main Lobby
Houston TranStar Building
6922 Old Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and representatives of the Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Communications Commission will meet with the news media this afternoon to discuss updates in the way Harris County and its residents need to prepare for this year's hurricane season, which began today.

Emmett, who returned last week from a two-day Hurricane & Severe Weather Summit in College Station sponsored by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, will brief the media on a range of preparations and responses the county will implement to prepare for this hurricane season, which ends Nov. 30.

"Although forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have projected a near-normal season for 2009, those of us who live along the Texas Gulf Coast know it only takes one hurricane to create a disaster," Emmett said. "A recent poll showed that 55 percent of those living in hurricane-prone areas had no family disaster plan. While it's true that we can't control the weather, we can – and we must - prepare for it."