

IBERIA PARISH

All Hazards Reentry

I. Summary

A need to control access into an area post disaster was noted after Hurricane Katrina. Lack of guidelines for access into post disaster area resulted in delays and loss of or delays in obtaining critical utilities and services.

This document outlines Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for emergency response and emergency management personnel at a local level that will clarify the roles, responsibilities and processes that will be followed to ensure that critical infrastructure providers are given timely and efficient access to hurricane or other disaster-affected areas for the purpose of repairing the infrastructure.

II. Tiers

Following any major disaster, it is anticipated that reentry will occur in a tiered approach, based on key roles, restoring normal operations after a disaster. Admittance will be granted based on the immediate needs and requirements of the Parish through the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Parish and State Governments.

These tiers include:

- A. Tier 1 –
 - 1. Search and Rescue Personnel
 - 2. Infrastructure and Utilities Repair
 - 3. Official damage assessment
 - 4. Other personnel at the discretion of local, Parish and State jurisdictions.
- B. Tier 2 –
 - 1. Relief
 - 2. Healthcare agencies
 - 3. Banking Organizations
 - 4. insurance agencies
 - 5. Business operators considered critical to the recovery effort
 - 6. Other personnel at the discretion of the Parish OHSEP.
- C. Tier 3 – Businesses not included in Tier 2 and residents will be allowed to return as areas are deemed safe.

III. Identification Procedures

Federal, State and local government agencies and law enforcement officials agree to recognize specific identification from critical infrastructure owners and operators, and their contractors, subcontractors as they seek access into a restricted disaster area.

Law enforcement and Louisiana National Guard (LANG) can contact the local EOC on LWIN Radio System on Talkgroup Iberia-1. Constant communications with the local EOC will ensure that proper admittance is granted.

Once identity and attributes are authenticated, access is granted at the discretion of the law enforcement or LANG official(s) at the check point. Each person working at a checkpoint is required to ensure that the identification is valid and matches the person listed on the reentry placard and letter of access.

A. Iberia Parish Reentry Placard – Obtaining, Renewing and Using the Placard

1. Send a letter on company letter head stating the name(s) of individuals applying for a placard. The letter must be from a company head and state what role the individual and company play in disaster recovery. This letter must be addressed to and can be mailed or dropped off at the address below:

Brandon Miguez, Director
Iberia Parish Office of Homeland Security and
Emergency Preparedness
1111 Ember Drive
New Iberia, LA 70560

2. The placard, once approved, is good for a period of one year. The placard will expire May 31st of each year and must be renewed by memorandum to the Office of Homeland Security indicating any changes to an organization's issuance of respective placards.
3. Placards are issued to an individual and may not be transferred to another person.
4. If you are stopped at a checkpoint during reentry, you are required to have ALL of the following on you:
 - a. A valid state driver's license and company-issued ID.
 - b. Marked company vehicles (companies should have standardized markings.)

- c. Letter of Access (LOA) issued by the company (with verified phone number) stating the bearer and vehicle is an authorized responder to the event.
- d. A current Iberia Parish Reentry Placard.

Failure to have any of these items could result in you being denied entry into the affected area.