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STORM INFORMATION AND UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Yesterday evening, a storm hit Shreveport and surrounding areas causing power outages, fallen limbs, and other damage. Mayor Arceneaux reassures residents that despite the challenges brought by yesterday's inclement weather, Government Plaza is still open to the public. While several phone lines are currently down, the city is actively working to restore them to full functionality as soon as possible.

The city asks for the community's patience and understanding as they work through these outages to ensure uninterrupted service provision. Residents are encouraged to utilize alternative means of communication, such as email or in-person visits, for any urgent matters.

For further updates on the status of Government Plaza services, residents are encouraged to monitor the city's official website and social media channels.

The storm also caused numerous power outages in the SWEPCO service area.

In the aftermath of a severe storm, navigating the streets safely is paramount. To assist motorists in safely navigating through post-storm challenges, we offer the following guidance:

1. ****Treat Traffic Lights as 4-Way Stops: **** If traffic lights are out due to power failures or damage, treat intersections as four-way stops. The first vehicle to arrive should stop, and

then has the right of way. If vehicles arrive at the same time, the vehicle to the right has the right of way. Be especially courteous and cautious.

2. **Reduce Speed and Increase Distance:** Roads may be slick and debris-strewn after a storm. Reduce your speed and increase following distance to allow for unexpected obstacles or sudden stops.

3. **Stay Informed:** Keep abreast of road closures, detours, and weather updates through local news sources or official channels. Avoid unnecessary travel in heavily affected areas.

4. **Use Headlights and Signals:** Ensure your vehicle's headlights are on, even during the day, to increase visibility for yourself and other drivers. Use turn signals well in advance to communicate your intentions.

5. **Watch for Fallen Debris:** Be vigilant for fallen trees, branches, or debris on the roadway. Proceed with caution and report any hazards to local authorities.

6. **Avoid Flooded Areas:** Do not attempt to drive through flooded roadways, as water depth can be deceiving and pose significant dangers. Turn around and find an alternate route.

7. **Patience is Key:** Traffic congestion and delays may be inevitable during post-storm cleanup efforts. Exercise patience and refrain from aggressive driving behaviors.

By adhering to these safety tips and exercising caution, drivers can contribute to safer roadways and facilitate the post-storm recovery process.

If you have questions or need further information, please reach out to Leigh Anne Evensky at 318-205-4993.

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