



SHREVEPORT FIRE

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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SFD Encourages Safety during Flooding Incident

As the Red River rises, causing waters to encroach onto low lying areas, the Shreveport Fire Department encourages recreational fishermen, outdoor observers and home owners to use extreme caution in and around high waters. Wildlife occupying the water are in their natural habitat. Therefore, to prevent injury and drowning, the SFD advises enthusiast to avoid low lying areas that are prone to flooding and stay on higher ground.

SFD OFFERS SOME FACTS AND FLOODING SAFETY TIPS:

- DO NOT allow children to play in drainage ditches nor in overflow areas of the Red River.
- As the water moves inland, move to higher ground.
- DO NOT walk through moving water. As little as 6 inches of moving water can cause you to fall or even drown.
- DO NOT drive into flooded areas. If flood waters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground as quickly and safely as possible.
- Avoid contact with electrically energized equipment while you are wet or standing in water.
- If you are using portable generators due to power outages, place generator outside to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning
- Keep a cell phone nearby to call 9-1-1, if needed.
- Flash floods can bring walls of water from 10 to 20 feet high therefore be vigilant. ###