National Hurricane Preparedness Week Announcement

In conjunction with the National Hurricane Preparedness week, which is recognized from May 22 – May 28th, 2011, the University of the Virgin Islands encourages everyone to give serious consideration and planning for the upcoming hurricane season which begins on June 1st and continues through November 30th.

NOAA predicts that the 2011 hurricane season will be an above active one with 12-18 named storms and expects 3-6 of those will become major storms. Below is the 2011 list of names that will be used for this season:

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In preparation for the upcoming season, departments and Emergency Operations Area Representatives (formerly Building Coordinators) are asked to begin active preparation for the season. Updated plans for hurricane preparedness will be posted on the Emergency Preparedness website in June. The following actions are recommended in preparation for the hurricane season:

- Review of emergency plans for your designated area
- Conduct an assessment of emergency supplies
- Review of MOU’s and other advance arrangements where necessary
- Inventory and document equipment and other assets
- Back-up critical files
- Elevate items that can be damaged by flooding
- Create/update contact lists of co-workers

Employees are also urged to be prepared and stay informed during the upcoming hurricane season. The following tips and websites are provided for your guidance.

- Take protective measures in and around your home such as debris removal, storm shutters, etc.