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CITY OF BROWNSVILLE RESPONDS TO SEVERE WEATHER IMPACTING COMMUNITY

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (October 2, 2021) – Yesterday, heavy rains and thunderstorms moved throughout the afternoon into the late evening, resulting in flash flooding in the Brownsville area, impacting various residents. The City of Brownsville, along with the State of Texas have worked together to respond accordingly to severe flooding incidents, leading to the city's issuance of a disaster declaration earlier today.

In all, the Office of Emergency Management reported, from the National Weather Service, that Brownsville received a total of 8.09 inches of rain, with wind gusts of up to 46 miles an hour, making this rainfall a record event, surpassing the last record in 1958, which amounted to a total of 2.4 inches of rain. Most notably, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., the city saw the most substantial downpour of rain, which included 5.2 inches, resulting in the heaviest flooding.

The City of Brownsville continues to be dedicated to ensuring the safety of the community and to provide support to individuals who may have been impacted by the continuous rainfall and flooding. Residents who have been impacted are encouraged to use a self-reporting tool, called iSTAT, for Texans affected by heavy rains. The QR code to access the tool can be found here:



TDEM iSTAT

Alternatively, residents can access the tool at: <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>, where they will have the ability to choose from the following:

- **Submit General 2021 Incident Damages**
- **Enviar Danos Generales por Incidentes de 2021**

The iSTAT helps the state identify damages to private homes and businesses and assists emergency management officials to assess the damages that occurred. The iSTAT can be completed online (by computer or mobile device) or on the Survey123 application (iOS and Android).





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The Brownsville Police Department, along with the Brownsville Fire Department, Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB), and numerous wrecker services have worked diligently to help anyone that needs assistance. The city's phone lines are open in response to the situation until 5 p.m. today. Please call (956)546-HELP or email 546help@brownsvilletx.gov, where operators remain on standby to take calls and process any emails in response to the situation.

For more information, please contact the City of Brownsville's Communications and Marketing Department at (956)547-6505 or email at communications@brownsvilletx.gov.



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