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## City of Brownsville Crews Dispatched to Help Clean-up in Port Isabel After Last Night's Severe Weather Storm

Brownsville City officials dispatch crews to ensure roads, residential areas, and other City areas are free from debris in the City of Port Isabel.

**BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS (May 13, 2023)** – The City of Brownsville mobilized its Engineering and Public Works and Fire Department crews, early this morning, to assist residents of neighboring Port Isabel in the aftermath of a destructive tornado that hit the area last night. The storm, characterized by the National Weather Service as an EF1 tornado, on the Enhanced Fujita scale, brought powerful winds, heavy rain, and caused extensive property damage.

The decision to send the crews was taken swiftly, as Brownsville City officials recognized the need for immediate response to help the affected residents in their medical emergencies, cleanup, and recovery efforts. The crews focused on providing medical attention, transporting victims to local hospitals, clearing debris, assessing damage, and assisting residents as needed.

"Our thoughts are with our neighbors in Port Isabel," said Helen Ramirez, AICP, Brownsville City Manager. "We continue to stand ready to assist in any way we can. It's times like these when communities must come together to support each other."

Affected residents are urged to report any damage to their homes or surrounding property to local authorities. City officials are coordinating efforts with local and state emergency services to provide relief to those in need.



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The City of Brownsville supports the City of Port Isabel ensuring community solidarity and resilience in the face of adversity. The cleanup operation is expected to continue for several days as the crews work diligently to help Port Isabel return to normalcy.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all the City employees who are working around the clock in these challenging conditions to serve our community. Their dedication and hard work are truly exemplary.

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