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Dear Friends:

I hope you and your families are well, are staying cool in this hot and humid weather and driving carefully in the recent downpours.

In the wake of all the recent storm activity that we have experienced in the Pacific, I have included important information on hurricane preparedness.

As always, should you have any questions or comments to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Mahalo nui loa for allowing me the privilege of serving as your state representative.

Aloha,

Central Pacific Hurricane Center

<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc/>

Hawaii State Civil Defense

<http://www.scd.hawaii.gov/>

Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.honolulu.gov/dem.html>

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As you may recall, Representative Har secured financing for our district's newest school, Ho`okele Elementary. With the anticipation of its July 29th opening, Representative Har proactively took measures to mitigate the traffic issues existing on Kunehi Street and Kapolei Parkway.

Representative Har initially met with the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and requested that the left lanes on Kapolei Parkway be restriped to allow for additional capacity heading east and west bound. Rep. Har also met with all area stakeholders to secure special duty officers to assist with traffic flow, at no cost to tax payers. Finally, to ensure the safety of our keiki and parents walking and biking to school, Representative Har contacted the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) requesting that DTS modify the traffic signal at Fort Barrette Road and Kapolei Parkway to allow for more time when pedestrians cross. DTS has provided assurances to Representative Har that they will continue to monitor all of the aforementioned intersections and will make further changes as needed.

While the first day of school proved challenging, the traffic issues appear to have subsided. As we continue to monitor the situation to ensure the safety of our keiki, we appreciate your continued patience.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS RELEASED FOR KALAELOA

Governor Ige recently released \$583,790 in capital improvement funds, otherwise known as infrastructure funds, for improvements and new hangars at Kalealoa Airport. This funding is slated for design of 100 new T-hangars and related infrastructure. The estimated completion date for this project is December 2016.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR KUNEHI STREET

Beginning on September 14, 2015, the Gas company will be performing work on Kunehi Street and Kapolei Parkway. Due to the traffic during peak school hours, the Gas company has agreed to perform their work outside of pick-up and drop-off times. Residents of Mehana and parents driving their children to and from Ho`oleke Elementary should be aware of this work that will take approximately two months to complete.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY TIPS

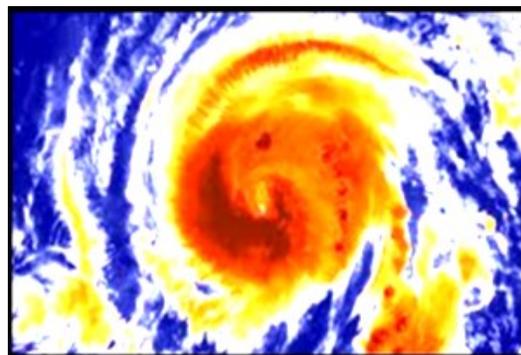
Having been fortunate to have escaped the first storms of this hurricane season, I want to ensure that everyone in our community is prepared and remains safe should a major hurricane develop. It is important that you and your family have all the information you need to survive a threat.

What to do:

Should a Hurricane warning be issued, important emergency information will be broadcast over television and radio stations using the Emergency Alert System. In the event of electrical outages, please keep a battery operated radio and spare batteries on hand. If you live on the shoreline or near the ocean, please be sure to check the coastal evacuation maps in the telephone white pages or visit the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at www.oahuDEM.org.

When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch/Warning is issued:

- Follow instructions issued by civil defense.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all windows and door openings with boards, shutters or other shielding.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Notify a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- Leave immediately if ordered to do so. Evacuate areas that might be affected by storm surge flooding.



Basic Hurricane Supply Checklist:

- In air-tight containers, store at least two weeks of food and water.
*That means at least 14 gallons per person of drinking water and non-perishable canned provisions and manual can opener.
- Have a two week supply of prescription medicines and first-aid kits.
- Stock up on extra batteries or have hand crank radios and flashlights.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duck tape to "shelter-in-place".
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Cell phone with charger, inverter or solar charger.



For more information on how to prepare for a hurricane, please visit the City's Department of Emergency Management's Website at www.oahuDEM.org or the Hawaii State Civil Defense Website at scd.hawaii.gov.

Please be advised that there are six (6) emergency shelters in our community: Kapolei High School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei Elementary School, Mauka Lani Elementary School, Makakilo Elementary School and Barbers Point Elementary School.

For the latest storm-tracking information, please visit: the Central Pacific Hurricane Center at www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc/