



Response Team (CERT) concept was initially developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985, and was created to: educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and train them in basic disaster response skills. To become a CERT member, individuals must undergo the classroom-delivered CERT training where they will acquire basic knowledge and skills in:

- Disaster preparedness
- Team organization
- Fire safety and suppression
- Disaster medical operations
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster psychology
- Terrorism awareness/prevention

Contact Georgetown County Emergency Management about CERT Training at 843 545-3273

Plan for Pet Disaster Needs



- Emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate to allow pets -- well in advance of needing them.



- Take pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. While the sun is still shining, consider packing a "pet survival" kit which could be easily deployed if disaster hits.



- Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site. If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home. Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.

- Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness for your pet so that if he panics, he can't escape.

- Visit petswelcome.com for a pet friendly hotel

HURRICANE WATCHES AND WARNINGS

TROPICAL STORM WATCH

An announcement that tropical storm conditions with sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING

An announcement that tropical storm conditions with sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are expected somewhere within the specified area within 36 hours.

HURRICANE WATCH

An announcement that hurricane conditions with sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are possible within the specified area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

HURRICANE WARNING

An announcement that hurricane conditions with sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are expected somewhere within the specified area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

COMMON TERMS

EVACUATION

Is mandated by the Governor requiring evacuation of everyone within a certain evacuation zone.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION

Is a tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed is 38 mph or less.

TROPICAL STORM

Is a tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed ranges from 39 mph to 73 mph.

HURRICANE

Is a tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed is 74 mph or higher.

STORM SURGE

An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm, and whose height is the difference between the observed level of the sea surface and the level that would have occurred in the absence of the cyclone. Storm surge is usually estimated by subtracting the normal or astronomic high tide from the observed storm tide.

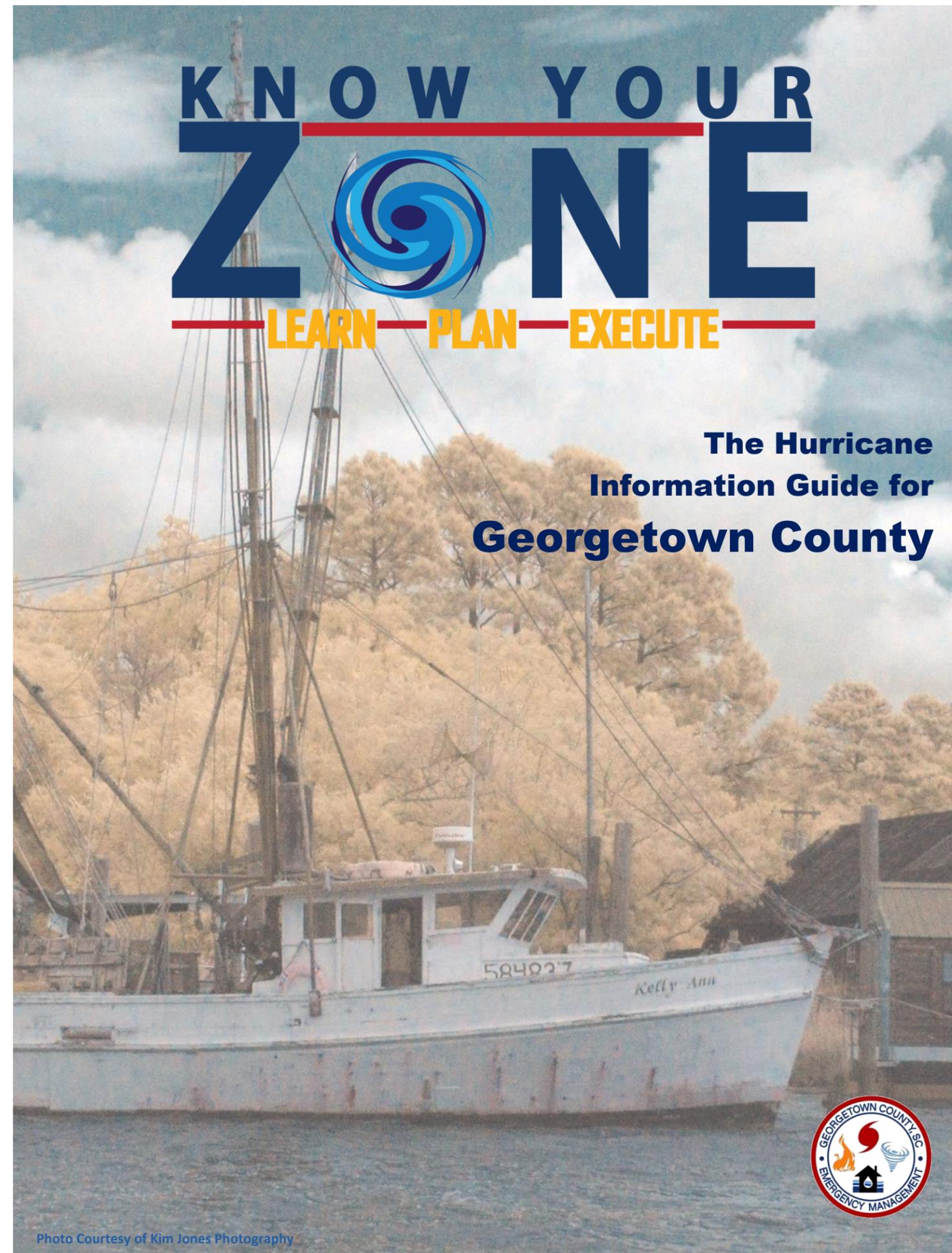
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The Hurricane Information Guide for Georgetown County

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