



# Press Release

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## Chambers County Judge's Annual Hurricane and Disaster Workshop

**Chambers County, TX, June 5, 2018:** County Judge Jimmy Sylvia hosted his annual Hurricane and Disaster Workshop on June 5, 2018. Since Hurricane Rita struck Chambers County in 2005, Judge Sylvia has made a conscious effort to have a preparedness workshop every year at the beginning of hurricane season. "It is important for all of our community partners, such as industry, schools, hospitals, first responders, and cities in Chambers County to plan together. By getting together at the beginning of hurricane season, this helps us all get in the right frame of mind and be better prepared to handle disasters that may arise," said Sylvia.



Hurricane season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. However, historically it is most likely that a hurricane will strike our area during the months of August or September. According to the National Weather Service, the 2018 Hurricane Season will be near or above average, forecasting 10 to 16 named storms, five to nine hurricanes and one to four major hurricanes this season.

Judge Sylvia organized an agenda of speakers for this year's workshop, including local officials, state and federal representatives, the National Weather Service, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. "We are all in this together, and we all have to work together to effectively manage major disasters and the subsequent, and sometimes long, recovery process," said Sylvia.

**RIGHT:** Judge Sylvia meets with Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. Chief Kidd was the keynote speaker at the Judge's Hurricane Workshop on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Judge Sylvia has taken the effort to form relationships with local, state, and federal officials that are instrumental in disaster response and recovery.



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