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Board Memo 127-2024: Update on Tropical Storm Francine

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Michael Swigart, Executive Director Continuity and Preparedness, regarding tropical storm Francine.

Situation:

- Tropical Storm Francine is located about 381 miles Southwest of Morgan City LA. On the forecast track, Francine is anticipated to move away from the coast of northeastern Mexico and south Texas this afternoon, move across the northwestern Gulf of Mexico tonight, and then make landfall in Louisiana on Wednesday.
- Maximum sustained winds remain at 65 mph. Strengthening is expected through Wednesday morning and will likely become a hurricane later today or tonight. Francine is expected to weaken quickly after landfall.
- All potentially impacted areas are executing the 48- and 24-hour checklists today.
- Normal operations across all functions today.

People:

- Employee emergency contact information has been updated.
- Employee baseline numbers have been finalized to include domiciled employees.

Property:

- All potentially impacted facilities have or will complete preparations to secure facilities and protect mail, vehicles and assets in locations with flooding concerns.
- Vehicles are being topped off at the end of each day.
- All portable generators have been tested and fueled.

Product:

Delivery & Retail

- Operations have been suspended for five (5) offices in the Louisiana District due to mandatory evacuation orders.
- Collection boxes in the evacuated areas will be pulled today and then sealed.
- The delivery plan for tomorrow is to have carriers in three, 3-digit service areas off the streets early tomorrow, 705 (2 pm), 701/708 (6 pm) (ahead of conditions deteriorating). The times and scope may be adjusted based on location conditions.

Processing & Logistics

- Processing and Logistics are finalizing plans for operational adjustments needed for tomorrow afternoon and evening.
- Logistics continues to conduct outreach to contractors for availability and expectations.

- UPS is planning normal operations into New Orleans. Fed Ex has normal operations into New Orleans this evening and will provide an update for tomorrow's operational plans.

Communications:

- The Employee Emergency Hotline has been updated to reflect normal operations for today.
- Unions and Management Associations have been briefed daily.
- Pre-hurricane stand up talks (SUTs) are being provided and will continue on a daily basis across all functions.
- Industry Alerts will be posted for the five (5) suspended post offices and suspended drop shipments.
- Next scheduled touchpoint is 1200 (Eastern) Wednesday September 11, 2024.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you and be safe.

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