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## Text Messaging and Emergency Preparedness

Mississippi Department of Transportation debriefing after hurricane Katrina taught responders that all employees need to learn text messaging. During Katrina, text messaging was a fast, efficient and reliable way to communicate. Responders discovered that text messaging is a viable option when land and cellular phones and other devices failed.

“Everyone should have a plan for communicating in times of emergencies. Text messaging is efficient. In the time it takes a person to make a one-minute voice call, hundreds of thousands of text messages can be exchanged,” said Tom Wheeler, President and CEO of Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA). ”

CTIA urges wireless users to learn the text messaging on their phones or devices:

**Prepare.** Most phones are easy to use and learn. People new to text messaging, shouldn’t wait for an emergency to learn. Review the directions for text messaging in the owner’s manual or on the carrier’s web site.

**Pre-Program.** Enter the wireless phone numbers of people to contact an emergency.

**Plan.** Let people know to look for a text message on their cellular phones.

**Practice.** Send test messages until comfortable. Ask others to send you test messages. Practice so that users won’t forget or be flustered texting in a stressful situation.

Immediately after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, cellular networks were overloaded. In New York City, cellular traffic increased 1,300% over peak usage. During the peak hour of 11:00 a.m., about 95% of calls couldn’t get through due to congestion.

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