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CITY OF CONROE RAIN AND FLASH FLOODING

For Immediate Release
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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe and surrounding region has experienced heavy rainfall beginning in the early morning hours of April 18, 2016. Approximately 4 to 8 inches of rain has already fallen in some areas with several more inches possible. Extensive flash flooding has occurred as a result with more flooding possible as bands of thunderstorms move across the area.

The City of Conroe Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated as a precautionary measure. There has been no disaster declaration made by the City of Conroe or surrounding jurisdictions. City of Conroe personnel are currently working to assess damages, street conditions, and are assisting citizens with evacuations and temporary shelter, when necessary.

Conroe Fire Department personnel have assisted approximately 20 citizens with evacuation from their homes, primarily in the Southern Oaks Subdivision in the Southeast area of town. Water as deep as waist high has been encountered in that area. Those evacuating their homes have either sought shelter with family and friends or at a temporary shelter set up at the City of Conroe Activity Center located in Candy Cane Park. Other shelters open in Montgomery County include: First United Methodist Church - 4308 W Davis, Conroe; East Montgomery County Friendship Center - 21679 McClesky Rd, New Caney; and South County Community Center - 2235 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands. There have been no reported injuries or deaths reported as a result of the weather.

The City of Conroe would like to offer the following safety tips:

1. Turn Around Don't Drown. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.
2. If there is any possibility of flash flooding occurring in or around your home, move immediately to higher ground. As conditions worsen, it can become very difficult or impossible for rescue personnel to make access to your location.

Flash flooding will be possible Tuesday and possibly Wednesday as additional rounds of showers and thunderstorms move over already saturated soil. The City of Conroe will be keeping a close watch on the situation and will send updates as developments occur.

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