

## Parish of Ascension office of communications

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## ASCENSION PARISH GOVERNMENT DECLARES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

**ASCENSION PARISH, LA-** In response to the forecasted extended subfreezing temperatures and potential precipitation of rain, sleet, or snow, Ascension Parish Government, under the leadership of Parish President Clint Cointment, has declared a local state of emergency. This declaration grants the authority to take immediate measures to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of Ascension Parish.

Due to the anticipated closure of roads and bridges, which poses a significant risk to the safety of employees, all non-essential parish offices and buildings will be closed on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. This decision has been made in accordance with the Ordinances of the Parish of Ascension, the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, and other prevailing acts.

The primary objective of this declaration is to minimize the threat to property and the well-being of the citizens of Ascension Parish.

President Clint Cointment emphasizes the importance of prioritizing the safety of all residents during this challenging weather event. The local state of emergency will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information and updates, please follow the Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness social media channels and your local weather stations.

In an effort to enhance emergency communication, President Cointment encourages residents to sign up for the Everbridge Emergency Alert system, a free service capable of notifying of potential emergencies via cell, text, email, or landline telephone. Interested parties can register by visiting <a href="everbridge.apgov.us">everbridge.apgov.us</a>. For those without computer access, contact the Citizen Service Center at 225-450-1200. Or for more information, <a href="exemplastic-ascension-parish.net/departments/homeland-security">exemplastic-ascension-parish.net/departments/homeland-security</a>.