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To: Citizens of Central  
From: Mayor David Barrow  
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Re: Storm Conditions Today in Central

Last night at this morning, we had between 4 and 5 inches of rain fall in a relatively short period of time. Flash Flood Warnings were issued for all of East Baton Rouge Parish. Despite the tremendous amount of rain falling in a short period of time, we had only a few drainage issues, mostly from isolated flash flooding. Once the rain stopped, the water subsided rapidly. This serves as a reminder to please help keep your drainage pipes, culverts, and catch basins free from leaves, yard clippings, and trash. Culverts and pipes that are clear before a rain event can become clogged during heavy rain events due to yard debris.

The Central Fire Department did respond to stranded motorist attempting to drive through a roadway filled with water, and the vehicle became trapped in a roadside ditch. Please do not attempt to drive through flooded roadways. This warning is issued too often, yet some people still attempt to do so. Videos from around East Baton Rouge Parish showed motorists being swept away by high waters and rescued by first responders.

A large tree fell across Greenwell Springs Rd just west of Magnolia Bridge Rd causing a closure for about 2 hours this morning as city workers and DEMCO workers cleared the tree and repaired power lines that were damaged.

Perhaps the most damage occurred in Comite Hills West on Brillock Ave as a possible tornado touched down around 8:50 a.m. One house sustained severe damage when a tree fell through the front of the house. Another house sustained minor damage. Numerous trees and fences along the street were toppled as well. Fortunately, there was only minor injuries suffered at one residence. The National Weather Service is expected to visit the area within the next day or so to confirm. Video camera footage from nearby residences shows a possible tornado touching down briefly.

The safety of our citizens is of the upmost importance, and I appreciate all the law enforcement officers, fire departments, and public safety officials who were kept busy this morning. I also want to thank Congressman Garrett Graves, EBR Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, and Metro Councilman Scott Wilson for calling me today checking on the conditions in Central.