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Aerial Photography Available To Public

High resolution aerial photographs, taken two weeks after Hurricane Katrina, are now available for public viewing according to James Coleman, Chairman of the Washington Parish 9-1-1 Communications District. The photographs are being made available to assist citizens in their recovery efforts and to help document damage in the parish. They were recently acquired from the Army Corps of Engineers at no cost to the parish.

The photographs, taken by high flying aircraft, cover all of Washington parish, and can be easily accessed and downloaded from the 9-1-1 website : www.wpcde-911.com

In addition, the latest parish road maps and fire district boundary maps are also available for viewing on the 9-1-1 web site, according to Coleman. "These maps may help some of our newer residents find their way around and also to understand what fire district they reside in. This is especially important given the recent number of grass and structural fires in the parish."

Coleman went on to say, "Dispatchers in the parish are also reporting that they are receiving a number of non-emergency 9-1-1 calls". It is suggested that callers utilize the non-emergency telephone numbers if they do not need an immediate response by a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic. The non-emergency telephone numbers are : Bogalusa PD 732-3611, Franklinton PD 839-4474, and the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office 839-3434.