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Public Safety Provides Assistance to Victims of Katrina Seeking Replacement Driver Licenses, ID Cards

MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Department of Public Safety has established a toll-free number for displaced victims of Hurricane Katrina who are seeking replacement driver licenses or identification cards, according to Col. W.M. Coppage, Public Safety director.

The toll-free number, 1-866-283-2838, is available to residents of Alabama who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina and to evacuees from storm-ravaged areas of Mississippi and Louisiana who have sought shelter in Alabama.

“We understand and are working to accommodate the special needs of those displaced by the hurricane, who may not have a single identifying document and who desperately need a duplicate driver license or identification card,” said Coppage. “At the same time, we must ensure that the integrity of our license issuance system remains intact.”

Coppage said DPS has established a special protocol for providing replacement driver licenses and identification cards for victims of Katrina. He said Alabama is working with Mississippi, Louisiana and others states to verify licensing information to allow issuance of replacement documents as quickly as possible.

Additional information, including driver licensing contact information for Mississippi and Louisiana, also is available at the Department of Public Safety’s Web site, www.dps.state.al.us.

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