Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR: Thursday, March 19, 2020
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--Thursday Press Conference Advisory--

Mississippi River Mayors To Host Press Teleconference
Address Disaster Response Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Mississippi River mayors will convene via teleconference on Thursday morning, March 19, 2020, to address the upcoming spring flooding and their local responses to disaster during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We expect this spring to bring disaster impacts that could be severe in some areas. The Mayors of the MRCTI will conduct a call to discuss how cities will respond to impacted areas even with Coronavirus contagion as an additional concern. There is a storm system approaching the Mississippi River Corridor now implicating 43 MRCTI cities with possible impacts.

Who:
Presiding
- Hon. Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
- Hon. Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair
- Hon. Sean Dowse, Mayor of Red Wing, MN
- Hon. Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI
- Hon. Mike Bawden, Mayor of Riverdale, IA
- Hon. Rick Eberlin, Mayor of Grafton, IL
- Hon. Phil Stang, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO
- Hon. Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN
- Hon. Kevin Smith, Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR
- Hon. George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS
- Hon. Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA

What:
- Call with leadership of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative to discuss disaster response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When:
- 10:00am – 10:30am CT
Where:
Teleconference

How:
- Teleconference Available for remote participation
  - Please RSVP to JGwinner@LS2group.com
  - Dial in 1-605-475-6333
  - Passcode: 521827

The Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) is a coalition of 95 mayors from across the Mississippi River corridor, which spans along ten states from Minnesota to Louisiana. The Mississippi River provides drinking water to more than 20 million people and 50 cities. More than 40 percent of the nation’s agricultural commodity output moves on the Mississippi River. The River’s resources support 1.5 million jobs and create $496.7 billion in annual revenue.

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