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Employee Hurricane Pass
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To make re-entry easier after an event, rear view mirror color coded hangtags are being issued according to a designated commercial and residential district zone. These hangtags have valuable information for both hurricane preparedness and island re-entry on the reverse side. It is suggested that people keep these in their vehicles glove box for easy access, when not in use.

In addition to residents, other property owners and those with commercial interests to obtain the Hurricane Hangtags prior to when a hurricane warning has been issued. Those with commercial interests must have a valid occupational license prior to applying for a Hurricane Hangtag and the new hangtag program will include a system of four zones to cover the possibility of phased re-entry.

The hangtags can be hung from the rear view mirror of any vehicle are color coded to allow officials to determine at a glance where the vehicle will be heading once entering the island. By the color of the hangtag, those checking IDs can tell right away where the occupants of the vehicle are headed. In the event that it would be dangerous for anyone to return to Bokeelia, they would be flagged over and told not to enter at that time, but if the same person was from St. James City and all was safe at the south end of the island, they would be allowed to pass without having to stop and present identification if their hangtag color indicates that they were going to the south end of the island. This will expedite the safe return for islanders and will create a lot less delay time than the previous method of having to stop and check every vehicle that approaches the bridge.

With cooperation from Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Department Useppa Island Fire Department will collect filled out forms and submit them directly in order to facilitate all island employees requiring a tag to obtain them with ease. Hurricane passes will not be accepted once a

Hurricane Stickers will not be issues once a hurricane warning has been issued. Forms are available for download at useppafire.org or from your department heads. UIFD will be submitting the first round on September 20, 2019. Please fill out the forms and return them to your department heads by the end of your work day September 19, 2019. Department heads will then submit all forms to UIFD. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us via email at uifd@useppafire.org.