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SUBJECT: The City of Pass Christian Completes Retrofitting of Fire and Police Department Buildings

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(Pass Christian) - The City of Pass Christian, Harrison County Civil Defense and The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced today the completion of the retrofitting of the City of Pass Christian Fire Department building and the retrofitting of the City of Pass Christian Police Department building.

The retrofitting project was funded with a \$100,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant through MEMA and the Harrison County Civil Defense office. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a federal disaster recovery program offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

An assessment of the city's public safety facilities revealed that the fire and police department buildings, which were built in the 1980's, were not designed to withstand current windloads from hurricanes. The recently completed retrofitting project brings the two structures up to current wind and hurricane codes.

The City of Pass Christian has also been awarded Hazard Mitigation Grants for a flood control project and for the elevation of several flood-prone structures the city recently completed a Hazard Mitigation plan which was funded by MEMA.

In making the joint announcement, MEMA Director Robert Latham, Jr. stated, "The City of Pass Christian has demonstrated through this project their commitment towards protecting the citizens of the city. I congratulate Mayor Billy McDonald in his leadership and vision."

Attending the announcement were MEMA Director Robert Latham, Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald, Harrison County Civil Defense Director Linda Rouse, and FEMA Project Impact representative Steve Denham.

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