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LAKE & BOAT SAFETY TIPS

LAKE HOUSTON IS PATROLLED BY THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S LAKE PATROL DIVISION, TEXAS STATE TROOPERS, AS WELL AS TEXAS GAME WARDENS.

90% OF ALL DROWNINGS OCCUR WHEN A PERSON IS NOT WEARING A LIFE JACKET.

Wear a Life Jacket: All vessels are required by law to have a life jacket on board for each passenger.

Familiarize Yourself with the Lake: Know what zone you are in and have an idea of what zones you will be traveling through to get to your destination. Be aware!

Communicate: Tell other people where you are going and when you plan to return.

Balance Your Boat: Be sure to balance the gear in your boat and don't overload it. You may capsize it.

Be Time Aware: Make sure you don't get caught in the dark on the water by checking the time for sunrise and sunset.

Be Weather-Wise: Always check local weather conditions before departure. If there is bad weather ahead, it might be best to stay off lakes and rivers.
Double check for wind advisories before heading out on the water, especially for small watercraft.

Prepare for anything: Carry a first aid kit, a survival kit, and be prepared for an overnight stay if things don't go as planned.

Know the signs of drowning: Drowning happens fast and silently, be vigilant of those in the water. Signs to look for include a head tilted backward and arms that are pushing downward. Distressed swimmers may be clinging to any object floating on the water, treading or bobbing in the water.

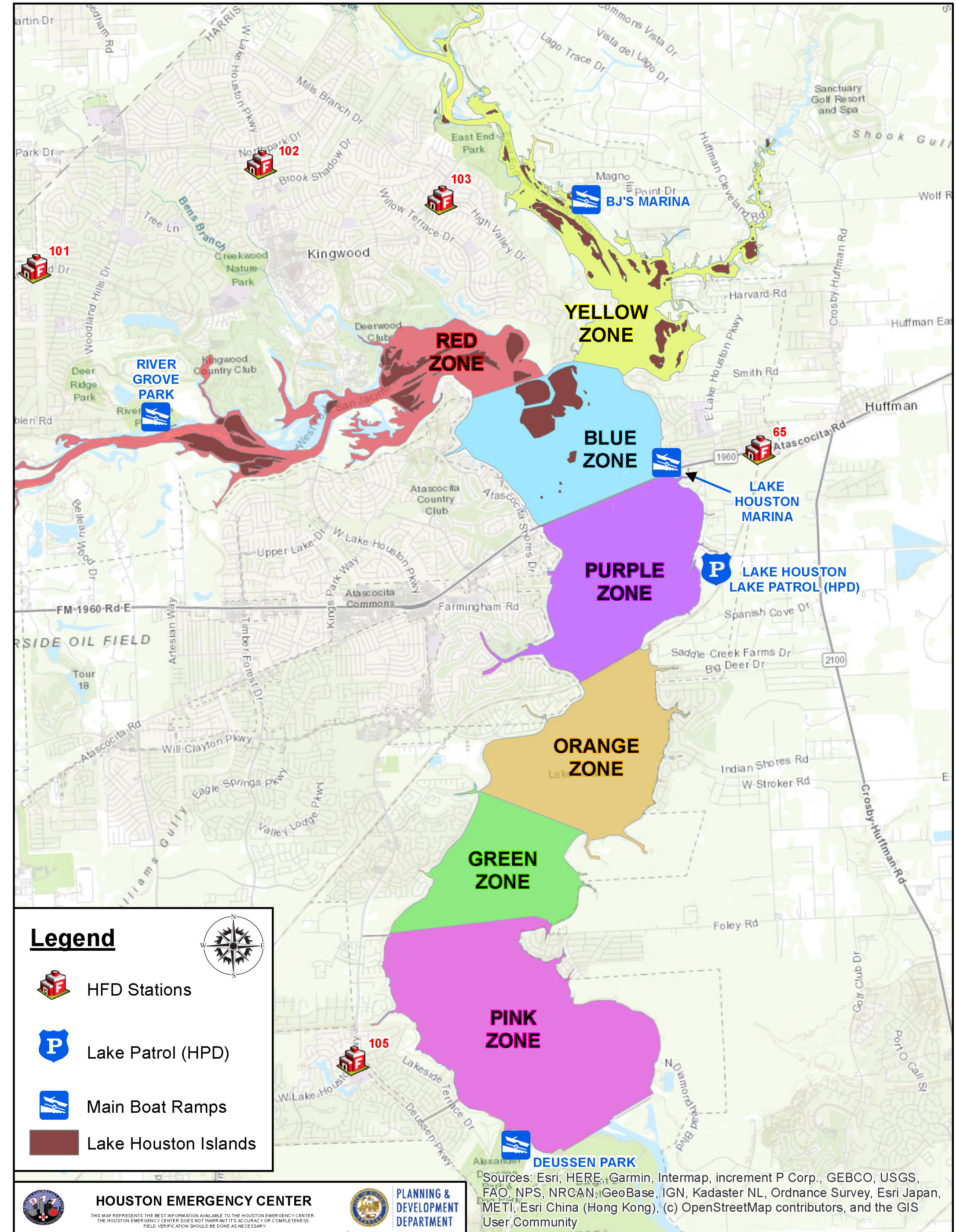
LAKE HOUSTON CONTACTS

ALL EMERGENCIES: 9-1-1

Houston Fire Station 65 (Huffman): (832) 394-6700

Houston Police Department (non-emergency): (713) 884-3131

HPD Kingwood Division - Lake Patrol Unit: (832) 394-9854



Legend

- HFD Stations
- Lake Patrol (HPD)
- Main Boat Ramps
- Lake Houston Islands