



Press Release

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Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia acknowledges the good working relationship Chambers County has had with Harris County, and looks forward to continuing that relationship with the current Harris County administration, including Judge Lina Hidalgo and the Harris County Commissioners Court. Chambers and Harris are neighboring counties along the Texas Gulf Coast, and share some of the same industrial growth. “We received frequent updates from Harris County Office of Emergency Management regarding the recent ITC fire, and we appreciate that they kept us well informed,” stated Sylvia. Sylvia further stated that Harris County deployed resources to help Chambers County during the recent cargo aircraft crash in Chambers County.

In Texas, County Judges are the Directors of Emergency Management for their respective counties. Sylvia knows the pressure this can entail. “Judge Hidalgo stepped up to the task and took care of her citizens,” stated Sylvia, regarding the ITC fire. “At the end of the day, that is what it’s all about. Representing citizens as a whole – all of your citizens,” a statement Sylvia re-iterates. Chambers County’s population is 22.3 percent Hispanic and 8.7 percent African American. In the past, Judge Sylvia has directed his Office of Emergency Management to distribute emergency preparedness information in not only English, but Spanish and Vietnamese as well. “English, Spanish, and Vietnamese are the predominate languages spoken in our county, and it is important we reach everyone, regardless of race or ethnic origin. We have to reach people in as many ways as we can during an emergency or disaster,” said Sylvia.

Regarding a recent statement made to the Houston Chronicle by Precinct 2 Commissioner Mark Tice, Judge Jimmy Sylvia states that this is not the opinion of Chambers County Commissioners Court, or Chambers County as a whole. “Commissioner Tice is an elected official, and he has been an asset to Commissioners Court thus far in his term. However, the statements he made are his and are not made on my behalf, or on behalf of the Court. I am currently in the process of reaching out to Judge Hidalgo and have left a message with her office,” said Sylvia.