



## EILANDGEBIED ST. MAARTEN NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN

### INFORMATION ABOUT REQUESTING A HURRICANE EMERGENCY PASS 2010

The Governor of the Island Territory of Sint Maarten in his capacity as Local Chief of Police can take certain measures to maintain public order during emergency situations (General Police Ordinance Sint Maarten 1975, Art. 1). After a disaster has struck, and a curfew has been imposed, the public roads can only be accessed by emergency crews. The Governor will ensure curfew is limited to the essential minimum time that is needed to execute the relief effort.

The Governor can issue hurricane passes that will give the bearer an exemption to the curfew. Passes are issued in the following categories:

- government personnel;
- personnel of crucial companies or organizations (see specifications below);
- (sub)contractors for the Sector ROB;
- transportation passes for hotel staff (see specifications below);
- business owners and members of vital organizations to assess possible damage to their property.

This application procedure is **only intended for applicants from the business sector and vital organizations**. They are advised to read the following information very carefully:

- Businesses and vital organizations can request personal passes for their key personnel. In principle only one (1) pass is granted per business, but for larger companies more passes can be requested.
- This pass will allow the bearer to visit his place of business to assess possible damage to the property, **ONLY** during certain hours that will be stipulated and announced by the Governor in a curfew situation.
- Proof must be submitted that one has a business on given address and/or is a member of a vital organization for which a pass is requested. Therefore a copy of the most recent business license (2010) should be submitted (or proof of registration at the Chamber of Commerce for vital organizations).

- The application form has to be completed and submitted to the offices of the Fire Department & Disaster Management, located at Jackal Road 5, Cay Hill before May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, with all necessary documents attached:
  - copy business license fee paid for 2010;
  - copy new model Sint Maarten ID-card (old cards are null and void);
- When the request is submitted per form **NafI. 50,-** in leges stamps, to be obtained at the Island Receiver, needs to be included. This is a non-refundable handling fee.
- One (1) passport picture must be submitted with the request for new applicants.
- The emergency pass is only valid for the 2010 hurricane season and will remain the property of the Island Territory. Passes have to be requested on an annual basis.
- The Governor approves the granting of the hurricane passes to applicants. Persons whose applications have been turned down will be notified on behalf of the Governor. Appeal is not possible.
- Persons without a valid residency permit will not be issued a pass.
- One will be informed by email or telephone when to pick up the pass at the Office of the Fire Department & Disaster Management on Jackal Road 5, Cay Hill (office hours are Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM).
- The Island Territory is authorized to verify the information that is supplied by the person / business requesting the emergency pass.
- Failing to comply with the abovementioned procedure, omitting information or handing in the form too late will result in the application being turned down.

### **Exemptions:**

- Crucial staff & members of SMPA NV, PJIAE N.V. (including airline personnel), N.V. GEBE, Telem Group, UTS, East Caribbean Cellular, St. Maarten Cable TV, SMMC, Sea Rescue, Zenitel, Emergency 24, Red Cross, WIMA, WIEMS and White-Yellow Cross use their own pass to go to their place of work (and return home). They do not require a hurricane pass. Abovementioned companies and organizations are required to submit a list of their essential staff members.
- (Sub)Contractors and their staff, hired by Sector ROB, involved in the clean up campaign after the storm, are provided with special passes through ROB.
- Hotels can apply for hotel staff transportation passes through the system described in this notice.

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