DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Monday, 2 November 2026

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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Monday, 2 November 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | WX-CON: 2 slight | SWX-CON: stand-down

THE ONE THING TODAY

WORK VPN: IVANTI FIX DUE TODAY

Hackers are using a pair of flaws in Ivanti Connect Secure, a VPN many employers use for remote work, to take over the device without logging in. Federal agencies must fix it by November 2.

IF YOU MANAGE A NETWORK: Ask your IT person or provider whether you use Ivanti Connect Secure; if so, update it to version 22.8R2.6 or 25.1.1.3 today and have them check for signs of a break-in. Plex media servers also need updating by November 3.

SINCE OUR LAST BRIEF: a 1,000-year rain fell in Pearl River County, Mississippi on Halloween night, with water rescues and no injuries reported; floods forced evacuations in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and Sedona, Arizona, and dozens of drivers were rescued in the Phoenix area; a minor-to-moderate geomagnetic storm lit up northern skies Saturday; and two more ships were hit in the Persian Gulf.

STORMS TODAY IN THE PLAINS; ELECTION DAY STORMS IN THE MID-SOUTH

Severe storms with damaging winds and a few tornadoes are possible this afternoon and tonight from north Texas through Oklahoma into Kansas, with flash flooding possible in eastern Kansas, western Missouri, eastern Oklahoma and along the Florida east coast. On Tuesday, storms and a flood risk move into the Mid-South. In southwest Colorado, rivers are still high after record flooding. Keep phone alerts on.

SCAM ALERT -- FAKE FLOOD RELIEF

After this weekend's floods in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Mississippi, expect fake relief offers and fake contractors. Real FEMA help is free: never pay a fee or give a gift card or bank password, and apply only through disasterassistance.gov or your county.

WEATHER RADIO -- 20 STATIONS DOWN OR DEGRADED

20 transmitters are off the air or degraded across 11 states. Nine stations in southeast Alaska are back on. Hillsboro and Shelbyville, Illinois are both off the air, and storms are possible there on Election Day, so use phone alerts and local media.

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATUS
Kotzebue, AK	162.550 MHz	Degraded
Nome, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Saint Paul Island, AK	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Zarembo Island, AK	162.450 MHz	Degraded
Baxley, GA	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Summerville, GA	162.450 MHz	Out of service

Kauai, HI	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Hillsboro, IL	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, IL	162.500 MHz	Out of service
Marion, IN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gem, KS	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Ulysses, KS	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gunflint Lake, MN	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Waubun, MN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Artesia, NM	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Carlsbad, NM	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Roswell, NM	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Owyhee, NV	162.450 MHz	Degraded
Albany, NY	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, TN	162.475 MHz	Out of service

FIRES -- QUIET NATIONWIDE

Fire activity is light nationwide. One new fire was reported in Big South Fork, Tennessee.

HEALTH -- EBOLA TRAVEL RULE STARTS NOVEMBER 3

Congo reported 63 new confirmed Ebola cases on October 30. Starting at 11:59 PM Eastern on November 3, everyone flying to the US from another country must confirm they have not been in Congo in the past 21 days. There are still no US cases.

ELECTION DAY -- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

No specific threat to polling places has been reported, and there is no national terrorism advisory. In 2024, hoax bomb threats forced some polling places to evacuate, so check your polling place and hours, bring water and a charged phone, and if your site is evacuated, follow election officials' instructions on where and when to vote.

WHAT TODAY'S IRAN NEWS MEANS FOR YOU

There was no US strike on Iran, and the President has said there will be none before the vote. Two more ships were hit in the Persian Gulf, and Iran is holding indirect talks through Qatar. There is no credible threat to US soil and no national terrorism advisory in effect.

Gas prices: Oil fell to about $109 a barrel. Regular is $4.17, down about 3 cents since Friday, and diesel is $6.29.

Travel: Saudi Arabia shot down a missile and a drone over the weekend. Air India has suspended Saudi flights to November 14, and nonessential US embassy staff remain ordered out. Check State Department advisories and your airline before any Middle East trip.

At home: For American families the Iran conflict still shows up mainly at the gas pump, not as a safety threat.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS -- STORMS TODAY

- ☐ Never drive through water over the road; turn around
- ☐ Keep phone alerts on and your phone charged
- ☐ Know a route home that avoids low-water crossings
- ☐ Know where you will shelter if a tornado warning is issued
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially older adults living alone

ELECTION DAY -- TUESDAY

- ☐ Check your polling place and hours before you go
- ☐ Mid-South and central Illinois: check the forecast; weather radio is out in central Illinois
- ☐ Ignore texts or calls claiming your polling place has moved; check with your county

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- ☐ Look up your local weather radio station in the table above
- ☐ Flood areas: wait for officials to say it is safe before going home
- ☐ Hire only licensed contractors for flood repairs
- ☐ Election season: ignore texts or emails asking you to "verify" your voter registration

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY	Incident Probable, held. Tension overseas remains high, with no credible threat to US soil.
WX-CON 2 -- Slight	Moved: a slight risk of severe storms with a few tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas today, and of flash flooding in eastern Kansas, western Missouri, eastern Oklahoma and the Florida east coast.
SWX-CON -- Stand-Down	A moderate storm came and went Saturday; none is expected through Wednesday.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	20 weather radio transmitters are down or degraded across 11 states (table above); two are out in central Illinois, where storms are possible on Election Day.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov
Disaster assistance: disasterassistance.gov
Flood safety: weather.gov/safety/flood
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/ebola
American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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Ready Ledger: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/ready-ledger/

Ready Trainer: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/sw-rt/

Both together (bundle): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/bn-rlrt/

Our specialty reports are back on schedule: COMMS Watch (alternate Tuesdays from 17-NOV), the AI, Data Center & Infrastructure Threat Brief and the Construction & Manufacturing report (alternate Wednesdays), and the Soft Target Security Brief (Thursdays). The Energy, Transportation, Banking, Healthcare, Household and Water briefs return during November. All reports: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/