Hurricane Jeanne – Information Update No. 4

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Hurricane Watch Upgraded to a Hurricane Warning
Florida East Coast from Florida City northward to St. Augustine

Hurricane Jeanne is currently a Category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph with higher gusts. Jeanne is moving toward the west near 12 mph, and this general motion is expected to continue for the next 24-hours. Florida counties are encouraged to treat Jeanne as a major hurricane. Local interests should take reasonable precautions. Northeast Florida can expect the effects from Hurricane Jeanne to arrive in the watch area as early as Saturday. Rainfall amounts could be in the 6-8 inch range and winds reaching hurricane force.

St. Johns County issuing a Mandatory Evacuation for electrically dependent special needs citizens, residents living in mobile homes | manufactured homes, occupied recreational vehicles, boat residents, low lying areas and flood prone areas starting at 12:00 PM Saturday, September 25, 2004.

Citizens living east of the Intercoastal Waterway, including all of the Barrier Island, need to be aware that there is a strong possibility that a mandatory evacuation could be issued Saturday afternoon for their area.

The Following Shelters will be opening Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 12:00 PM

General Population Shelters

Pedro Menendez High School
600 SR-206 West

Bartram Trail High School
2050 Roberts Road

Special Needs Shelters for Electrically Dependent Special Needs Citizens

St. Johns County Agricultural Center
3125 Agricultural Center Drive

Hastings Community Center
6195 South Main Street

Additional shelters will be opened as needed. Please monitor local television and radio for evacuation updates.

WFOY – 1240 AM | WAOC – 1420 AM | WSOS – 94.1 FM
WSOS – 1170 AM | WOKV – 690 AM | Local Government Television

Please bring the following items to the Shelter:

a). Blankets or Sleeping Bag
b). Medications
c). Toiletries | Personal Care Items | Clothing
d). Pets, Alcohol and weapons are prohibited in all Evacuations Shelters

St. Johns County Emergency Protective Actions

− St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is monitoring Hurricane Jeanne
− St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners has signed a Local State of Emergency
− St. Johns County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 27, 2004
− St. Johns County Schools will be closed on Monday, September 27, 2004