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One Team – One Plan – All Hazards

Tropical Storm Fay

Situation Report #5  Wednesday, August 20, 2008
11:30 AM

Current Situation:

- St. Johns County EOC is at Level 2 – Partial Activation.  We will be activating to a Level 1 this afternoon with 24 hour operations.
- State EOC is at a Level 1 - Full Activation with 24 hour operations.
- St. Johns County will be opening shelters of convenience for residents of mobile homes, manufactured homes, RV’s, Boats, and residents living in low-lying areas.
- The following shelters will be opened at 2 PM today:  General Shelter – Pedro Menendez High School,  Pet-Friendly Shelter – Timberlin Creek Elementary School,  Special Needs Shelter – Pacetti Bay Middle School.
- St. Johns County is currently under a Flood Watch and a Tropical Storm Warning.  A Tropical Storm Warning means that sustained tropical storm force winds (39 – 73 mph) are expected in our area within the next 24 hours.
- Storm Surge and Tide – Based on the current track and intensity forecasts, onshore winds could result in total storm tides of 1-3 feet above normal tide levels.
- Winds – Winds will increase later today with winds of 15 – 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph are possible beginning later this afternoon and as the storm approaches early Thursday morning sustained winds will increase to 60 – 70 mph with gusts to 80 mph near and to the right of the storm track.
- Inland Flooding – Rainfall amounts could potentially reach 6 to 12 inches with locally higher amounts likely.  This amount of rain can produce flooding of roads and other poor drainage areas.  If approaching a flooded roadway, turn around, don’t drown.  Persons in normally flood prone areas should be prepared to take immediate protective actions should flash flood warnings be issued.
- Tornados – Isolated tornados will be possible until Fay moves west of the area, especially along the coast.
- Today’s Weather - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Breezy, with a north wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
- Tonight’s Weather: Tropical storm conditions possible. Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 76. North wind 9 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%
- All Government offices continue to operate at regular business hours.

**County Actions:**

- Emergency Operations Center is at a Level 2 – Partial Activation. We will be activating to a Level 1 this afternoon with 24 hour operations.
- St. Johns County has Declared a Local State of Emergency.
- St. Johns County BOCC, Administrator and appropriate staff have been briefed.
- Early Voting is fully operational per the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections
- St. Johns County Emergency Management is participating in State Conference calls with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center.

**ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering**

- Facilities Maintenance Department is taking necessary measures of insuring emergency generators at key locations are up and ready if necessary.
- All generators, portable pumps, hoses, and fuel levels have been checked
- All vehicles and heavy equipment fuel tanks have been checked
- Sand bags are ready as required at government buildings with lower elevations
- Operations and Maintenance personnel have been placed on-call for the north and south areas of the county
- Laboratory personnel have been placed on-call for after hour bacteriological sample requirements
- Marsh Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant has been designated the north hub of operations
- 214 Water Treatment Plant has been designated the west hub of operations
- Anastasia Island Wastewater Treatment Plant has been designated the south hub of operations
- Chemicals and chemical feed equipment to be monitored closely for proper operation and feed requirements
- Wastewater Spill Kits have been inspected and are located at specified locations
- Courthouse Building Operations is securing outdoor items that may become projectiles in high winds and has removed all flags to avoid damage.

**ESF 4 and 9 – Firefighting and Search and Rescue**

- All stations are securing buildings, attached structures and any loose items around the station grounds
- Fueling all apparatus, power equipment, generators etc.
- Liaison available in the EOC

**ESF 12 – Energy**

- JEA is monitoring the storm and planning accordingly
- FPL is monitoring the storm from the SJCEOC
- Per JEA and FPL policy, restoration crews cannot go out in high winds due to the conditions being unsafe.
- All utilities are functioning normally at this time

**ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donations**
• American Red Cross is available and ready to assist
• Christian Disaster Help is on standby and ready to assist

**ESF 16 – Law Enforcement and Security**
• Increased traffic patrols and street deputies
• Several deputies have been trained and equipped with chainsaws

**ESF 18 – Business and Industry**

• Northrop Grumman
  o Northrop Grumman Crisis Management team is following TS Fay.
  o Preparations are being made at the site for Tropical Storm weather
• Hydro Aluminum
  o Initiated preliminary planning on possible actions concerning Tropical Storm Fay and monitoring situation continuously

**Damage Assessment**

• Property’s Appraiser’s office staff is on standby, vehicles are gassed and ready for Damage Assessment.

**Parks and Recreation**

• The Recreation and Parks Department have secured a fuel delivery for this morning at the Mizell location (Diesel and unleaded).
• The beaches are open but no toll booth attendants will be present.
• All park and beaches trash cans are secured throughout the county.
• Port-a-lets will be removed today from park facilities and beaches.
• The two school busses are being delivered to the fairgrounds this morning.

**Sandbags**

Empty sandbags are available at the following locations and can be filled by residents for use:

• Simms Pit: 536 S. Holmes Blvd.
• Onion Patch Pit: 1762 Borrow Pit Rd. (13 North turn off of 13 north onto Scott Rd.)
• Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra: located behind Library and Fire Station
• Smith Road: 8220 Smith Rd, Hastings, behind the Equestrian Center

**Closures/Cancellations**

• St. Joseph Academy is closed
• Cathedral Parish School will be closed Wednesday and Thursday
• Flagler Estates Road and Water District Board Meeting has been canceled
• The Castillo San Marco and Fort Matanzas have closed and will remain closed till Friday
• VA Outpatient Clinic will be closing at 12 PM today and will be closed tomorrow.
• Catholic Charities will be closed today and possibly tomorrow
• NO courthouse closings at this time
• St. Johns School Board has cancelled all activities today
• All Libraries will be closing at 6 pm for the rest of the week.
• All Council on Aging Centers are closed today and tomorrow
• Council on Aging Medical Transportation is only running for life sustaining operations
• Sunshine Bus is operational as long as the weather permits
• There will be NO Garbage Collection in St. Johns County on Thursday
• Community First Credit Union will be closing at 3:00 pm today
• Flagler Hospital is closing today at 7:00 PM, and tomorrow only the ER will be open.

On-Line Information and Briefings:

• National Weather Service – Jacksonville Office: 
  [http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jax/index.shtml](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jax/index.shtml)  This link will take you to the NWS Jacksonville Office, at the top of this page you will see a link called Local Tropical Video: Fay. Click on “Fay” and you will be able to watch the NWS Jacksonville Local Briefing with video and sound. This is updated twice a day.

• National Hurricane Center
  [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/)  This year the National Hurricane Center has a new product on its main webpage. The above link will take you to their main page and you will see a map called Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Activity. This is an informational map that illustrates the current storms and possible areas of development. If you roll over the areas of development or existing storms you will get a brief overview.

Special Note

• St. Johns County Emergency Management is requesting that any departments or organizations that are taking any actions relative to Tropical Storm Fay please advise us by email so that they can be added to our situation reports that are forwarded to the State EOC.

• Next Situation Report will be issued Wednesday Evening.

  Citizens Information Line 904-824-5550