Tropical Storm Fay

Situation Report #6       Wednesday, August 20, 2008
6:00 PM

Current Situation:

- St. Johns County EOC is at Level 1 – Full Activation with 24 hour operations.
- State EOC is at a Level 1 - Full Activation with 24 hour operations.
- St. Johns County has opened three shelters of convenience for residents of mobile homes, manufactured homes, RV's, Boats, and residents living in low-lying areas.
- The following shelters are currently open: 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, Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory 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. Substantial beach erosion is likely along the immediate coast.
- Winds – Winds will increase to 35 to 45 mph with higher gusts through early Thursday, with the strongest winds likely along the immediate coast.
- 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 through Thursday
- Tonight’s Weather – Tropical storm conditions possible. Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 76. Breezy, with a northeast wind around 22 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
- Tomorrow’s Weather – Tropical storm conditions expected. Showers and thunderstorms. High near 82. East wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 33 and 38 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
- All St. Johns County Government offices will be closed Thursday.
County Actions:

- Emergency Operations Center is at a Level 1 – Full Activation with 24 hour operations.
- St. Johns County has declared a Local State of Emergency.
- St. Johns County BOCC, Administrator and appropriate staff are being briefed on a regular basis.
- 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.
- 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.
- Town of Hastings has fueled all vehicles and equipment.
- All storm drains, culverts, and ditches in the Town of Hastings have been cleared and sandbags and rock bags are ready for us as needed.
- Town of Hastings operations and maintenance staff have been placed on call.

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
• Carlisle Interconnect Technologies
  o Closing the manufacturing production area until Friday, August 22, 2008

Damage Assessment

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

Parks and Recreation

• The beaches are closed
• All park and beaches trash cans are secured throughout the county.
• Parks and Recreation and the Amphitheater will be closed Thursday. Maintenance crews will report to the fairgrounds.
• PLEASE NOTE: it is ILLEGAL to remove beach sand to fill sandbags or for any other reason.

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

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Closures/Cancellations

• St. Johns School Board has delayed the beginning of the school year until Monday, August 25, 2008.
• Flagler College will be closed Thursday
• St. Joseph Academy is closed
• Cathedral Parish School will be closed Thursday
• Lighthouse Church of God has canceled Church services for this evening and Beacon of Hope Christian School will be closed Thursday.
• Catholic Charities will be closed Thursday
• All Council on Aging Centers are closed Thursday
• Sunshine Bus is operational as long as the weather permits
The Castillo San Marco and Fort Matanzas have closed and will remain closed till Friday.
State Park Campgrounds in St. Johns County have been evacuated and closed until Friday.
All Beaches are closed and will be closed Thursday to vehicular traffic. County Pier closing at 7 pm today and will be closed tomorrow.
Concerts in the Plaza scheduled for Thursday have been cancelled.
St. Johns County Government Offices will be closed Thursday.
All early voting locations will be closed Thursday.
The Courthouse will be closed Thursday.
All Libraries will be closing at 6 pm for the rest of the week.
The Historic Architectural Review Board’s Meeting on Thursday has been cancelled.
St. Augustine City Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25th has been cancelled.
There will be NO Garbage Collection in St. Johns County on Thursday.
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Flagler Estates Road and Water District Board Meeting has been canceled.
VA Outpatient Clinic will be closed Thursday.
Flagler Hospital will be locking down all entrances EXCEPT the Emergency Room Entrance at 7 PM. All elective services are cancelled.
St. Augustine Airport expects to close at 8:00 pm tonight. It will re-open upon a complete inspection of airport facilities and determined it safe to do so.
Prime Outlets will be closed Thursday.

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 Thursday Morning.

Citizens Information Line 904-824-5550