St. Johns County Emergency Management

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St. Johns County Urges Residents to Stay Indoors and Avoid Travel

St. Johns County, Fl – As Hurricane Matthew approaches St. Johns County, Emergency Management wants to emphasize to residents the impending impacts the storm will have on our County. According to the most recent information released by the National Weather Service, the County is experiencing wind speeds in excess of 40 mph, heavy rainfall, and is anticipating dangerous storm surge in coastal and low-lying areas by midday Friday.

St. Johns County is urging all residents to stay indoors and off the roads as much as possible during and after the storm, and to use their best judgement if travel cannot be avoided. Although weather conditions will eventually improve, roadways will be blocked by trees or debris, traffic signals will be non-operational, many areas will experience significant flooding and downed powerlines, and dangerous wildlife will be displaced to residential areas.

As a reminder, a curfew for the City of St. Augustine Beach, the City of St. Augustine, and those portions of St. Johns County east of the Intracoastal Waterway on the barrier islands will be in effect from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily until further notice. Residents who remain within the evacuation zones during Hurricane Matthew could experience an interruption in first responder services as weather conditions deteriorate.

For the most up-to-date storm information, including bridge closures, shelters and supplies, and evacuation updates, please visit www.sjcf.us or follow the County on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SJCFL. Residents can also call the Citizen Information Line at 904.824.5550 for storm-related questions or concerns.

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