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HURRICANE WILMA SITUATION REPORT

Pre-Storm Situation Report 04
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EOC Activation Level: 3-Monitoring

Newest information is highlighted.

The Hurricane Information Line is activated today from 8 a.m.- noon

The number is (772) 462-2766.

This number should be used for all SPECIAL NEEDS questions.

Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.

Sunday Information Line hours: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.;

Monday Information Line hours: 6 a.m. until further notice.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Based on the overnight Hurricane Wilma forecast, several adjustments to the County Actions have been made. Additionally, all notifications and advisories are subject to change based on future forecasts.

The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center is continuing to monitor this storm. St. Lucie County EOC is participating in state sponsored conference calls in conjunction with the National Hurricane Center. We will continue to monitor the storm track and will advise as additional information is provided with the National Weather Service. St. Lucie County is advising that citizens' storm preparations should be underway at this time. For more information on Hurricane Preparedness, visit www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

St. Lucie County Government:

- ❑ St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at full activation Monday, Oct. 24, 2005 at 8 a.m. The EOC will be at partial activation Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8 am until 10 p.m.
- ❑ A local State of Emergency will be declared at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Clerk of Courts offices will close today at 3 p.m. until further notice, and Courts will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- ❑ Monday's hours of operation of St. Lucie County Solid Waste Baling & Recycling Facility will depend on wind conditions.
- ❑ All other County Government offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- ❑ The following County facilities will be closed as of 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21: all libraries, parks, Oxbow Eco-Center, Fort Pierce Community Center, Lincoln Park Community Center, St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Ravenswood Pool.
- ❑ Fairwinds Golf Course will close at noon on Saturday, Oct. 22.
- ❑ The following St. Lucie County Government offices will be OPEN all day Friday, Oct. 21: Board of County Commissioners, Tax Collector's office and Sheriff's administration office.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Solid Waste Baling & Recycling Facility will have normal business hours on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, will take place as scheduled.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Special Board of County Commission meeting (scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25) regarding the FP&L coal plant has been rescheduled to Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections office will be closed Thursday, Oct. 20 until further notice.
- ❑ Beaches will be closed beginning Friday, Oct. 21 until further notice. (No lifeguards).

Schools:

- ❑ Indian River Community College will cancel all classes and activities, at all campuses, from Friday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. through Sunday evening, October 23. Students are advised to monitor college radio station WQCS 88.9 FM for further updates.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be in session (OPEN) on Friday, Oct. 21 (full day).
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be CLOSED Monday, Oct. 24.
- ❑ A decision on whether schools will be open or closed on Tuesday, Oct. 25 will be made at a later time.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will be open full day on Friday, Oct. 21 and closed on Monday, Oct. 24.

Fort Pierce:

- ❑ The City of Fort Pierce is requesting business, homeowners, etc. to remove outdoor signage along the right-of-ways prior to Hurricane Wilma. These objects will become missiles in the hurricane force winds. The City will make every attempt to clear the roadways of temporary signage prior to the storm but also needs the help from the public.
- ❑ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) Director Bud Boudreaux has announced that all normal FPUA operations, including the lobby, will be closed effective at noon on Friday, Oct. 21.

Port St. Lucie:

- Port St. Lucie City Hall will be closed at noon, Friday, Oct. 21 until further notice.

Community Transit:

- Community Transit will close bus service on Monday, Oct. 24 due to the high winds anticipated. A decision regarding Tuesday's service will be made at a later time.