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HURRICANE WILMA SITUATION REPORT

Press Conference at 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 24, at Emergency Operations Center, 101 North Rock Road, Fort Pierce.

Residents are encouraged to listen to WQCS/88.9 FM at 8 a.m., Noon and 5 p.m. for information about Hurricane Wilma. WQCS will use this schedule to provide information to St. Lucie County residents.

Pre-Storm Situation Report 08
Created (Date/Time): Sunday, October 23, 2005 @ 6:00 P.M.
EOC Activation Level: Full

Newest information is highlighted.

**The Hurricane Information Line is activated.
The number is (772) 462-2766.
Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.**

CURRENT SITUATION:

The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor this storm. St. Lucie County EOC is participating in state sponsored conference calls in conjunction with the National Hurricane Center. Residents' hurricane preparations should be rushed to completion at this point.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

Navigation: North Hutchinson Island bridge will be locked down at 6:00 p.m.

Generator Safety: NEVER use a generator indoors, including in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. DO NOT refuel inside and allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

Distribution Points:

- St. Lucie West Centennial High School will NOT serve as a distribution center in Port St. Lucie.

Evacuations:

- At this point, only residents, emergency workers, business owners and service personnel will be allowed on South and North Hutchinson Island. Fort Pierce Police Department has officers stationed at the base of both bridges.
- Mandatory evacuations of the barrier islands and mobile and manufactured homes begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

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Shelters:

- As of 5:00 p.m. 432 St. Lucie County residents are in six (6) shelters. (Special Needs: 101, General Shelter: 331)
- The following General Shelters will be open at 2 p.m. today: Lakewood Park Elementary, 7800 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce and Floresta Elementary, 1501 SE Floresta Drive, Port St. Lucie.
- The following Special Needs Shelters will open at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23: Dan McCarty Middle School, 1201 Mississippi Avenue in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.
- The following General Shelters will open at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23: Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 1801 Panther Lane in Fort Pierce, and Morningside Elementary School, 2300 SE Gowin Drive in Port St. Lucie.
- No lunch will be served at any shelter on Sunday, Oct. 23.
- **Residents going to a General Shelter must have a picture ID.**
- Residents going to any shelter should bring a pillow, blanket, three day supply of non-perishable food, three day supply of water, prescription medicines, important papers, change of clothing, and personal hygiene articles. No pets, alcohol or firearms permitted in any shelter.

Health Department:

- St. Lucie County Health Department will be closed to routine services on Monday, Oct. 24.
- Oxygen patients seeking shelter are required to bring their own oxygen tanks and concentrators to the shelter.
- St. Lucie County Health Department first shift personnel are to report to their assigned shelter by 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 23.

St. Lucie County Government:

- **St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at full activation Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005 at 7 p.m.** The EOC will be at partial activation Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8 a.m.
- The St. Lucie County Board of County Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at County Commission Chambers. Although County Offices are closed that day, the public will be able to attend the meeting if needed. The agenda will only consist of consent items.
- The St. Lucie County Landfill will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- 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 Friday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. until further notice, and Courts will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- 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:

- All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll Catholic High School will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- Florida Atlantic University's classes and normal business operations will be closed beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 through Monday, Oct. 24. All programs and offices at the A.D. Henderson University School, FAU High School and the Karen Slattery Child Development Center will be closed on Monday. Classes and regular university operations are expected to resume on Tuesday, Oct. 25. For continual updates on FAU's status, visit www.fau.edu.
- Indian River Community College will close at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, and remain closed through Monday, October 24. All classes, activities and events scheduled for the weekend through Monday night are canceled.
- 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.

- 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:

- Fort Pierce City Hall, City Marina and Solid Waste Department will close on Monday, October 24, 2005 until further notice.
- The Indian Hills Golf Course will remain open for business until Sunday, October 23, Noon and then close until further notice.
- 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 to all public business, Monday, Oct. 24. Only essential employees should report to work.

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.