

Tropical Cyclone Decision Making Timeline for Senior Officials

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EOC Activation Local Response Level -144 hours Local government is in day-to-day operations. Standard contact and coordination with State and neighboring local emergency management agencies. Local watch center/warning points in normal status providing ongoing situational National Weather Service - Ruskin office may initiate weather call. -120 hours 3 Monitoring continues. Advisories for media outlets, social media, and county agencies being provided. Preparation activities are being reviewed and initiated. Departments begin review & activation of Department Disaster Plans (DDPP). Begin documentation of any actions or events. Initiate contact with surrounding counties. -96 hours Advisories for media outlets, social media, and county agencies being provided. Initiate contact with County Admin, liaisons, partners, and healthcare facilities. Partial EOC activation (12-hour shifts), assess evacuation routes, and make initial provisions to manage protective actions. Begin mass care preparations & transition to Special Needs triage. Prepare for Special Needs Call-Out and activation of the Storm Information Hotline. -72 hours Issuance of State of Local Emergency (SoLE) between 72-36 hours. Initiate briefing schedules for Cities and Leadership Team. Determine government offices and school closings. 2 Begin evacuation preparation, activate American Red Cross and Shelter Volunteers. Mass care readiness and activation of ACS (HAM radio). Special Needs Call-Out and activation of the Storm Information Hotline. 48 hours Initial shelters open, including Special Needs depending upon level of evacuation. Evacuation for Special Needs depending upon level of evacuation. Targeted evacuation orders issued. -36 hours Activation of the SCAT emergency transportation routes & traffic control plans. Activate Internal EVAC and COOP plans. Activate additional staffing and expand hours of operation for Contact Center. -24 hours Continue overseeing evacuation of general population, secure shelters, and cease all transportation/traffic operations by -6 hours. Shut down of government offices. -12 hours Department Operation Centers (DOCs) open by -12 hours. Tactical First In-Teams Operational in place by -4 hours. Complete evacuation operations. Begin preparations for response and recovery activities. Zero Hour Key: Local Decision-Making Timeline 1 = Data Gathering/Assessing 2 = Partial EOC Activation 3 = Mobilization 4 = JIC Established 5 = EVAC/COOP Activation 6 = Shelters 7 = Targeted Evacuations 8 = Emergency Transportation Routing 9 = EOC Full Activation