

Hurricane Irma Timeline:

- **Monday, September 4, 2017 (144 Hours):**
 - FDEM Initiated preliminary briefing at 11:15 am regarding Hurricane Irma
 - National Weather Service (NWS Ruskin) provided email briefing regarding storm (12:00 pm)
 - Contact, notification, and coordination began with partners regarding Hurricane Irma throughout afternoon and evening
 - Sarasota County departments notified of potential storm with direction to initiate Department Disaster Plans (DDPP) at the 120 hour mark starting 07:00, September 5, 2017
- **Tuesday, September 5, 2017 (120 Hours):**
 - Daily Conference calls with State continues at 11:15 & 5:15 (continued throughout event)
 - Sarasota County Command & General Staff Meeting held at EOC at 11:00
 - Sarasota County departments begin completion of DDPP at 120 – 96 hour mark. Continuous throughout incident with daily status reports of benchmarks to EOC
 - Dissemination of information/advisories for Hurricane Irma begins through all media outlets including social media
 - NWS Ruskin continues email briefings
 - Situation Reports provided and coordination continued with cities and partners
 - EM notifies health care facilities and ALFs with guidance on approaching storm
 - Began regional coordination call with neighboring counties: 4:00 pm
- **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 (96 Hours):**
 - Emergency Operations Center moved to Level 2 Activation
 - NWS Ruskin moved to daily webinars 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 - Command & General Staff Planning Meeting 09:00 (Continuous throughout incident)
 - Daily Executive Policy Group Meetings initiated (12:00)
 - City, County, Constitutional Leadership Conf. Calls initiated (1:00)
 - Sandbag Operations initiated for residents. Supported request to provide sandbags to various cities and partners
 - Initial decisions on government hours of operations prior to landfall. School closures announced for Friday, September 8, 2017.
 - Initial press conference with County Administrator, Sheriff, School Dist. Superintendent, and EM Chief. (Discussed school closures, preparations, and advisories)
 - Initiated emergency contracts for shelter operations
 - Code Red notification to PSN registrants advising storm approach and expectations for shelter activation/callout
 - Contact Center operations extended to 8:00 pm. Continuous throughout incident
- **Thursday, September 7, 2017 (72 hours):**
 - Incident Actions Plans initiated for EOC operations
 - Executive Policy Group Meeting (10:00) Continuous through incident
 - City, County, Constitutional Leadership Conf. Call (City Managers & leadership at EOC) (11:00) Continuous throughout incident

- City of Venice makes decision to open and manage shelter at Venice Community Center. County Emergency Management advises dangers based upon potential impact. Requests any shelter resource needs be placed in Web EOC.
- County initiates Declaration of State of Emergency (coordinated with Cities as possible)
- Press conference County Administrator, City Managers, Sheriff, School Superintendent, and EM Chief (Discuss storm track, initiation of SOE, and protective actions)
- EM and School District provide Just In Time Training for all shelter managers and school principals to ensure team preparedness for shelter operations
- EM and Health Department provide Just In Time Training for all PSN phone bank operators in advance of activation
- Initiated Shelter Operations through request from State to support potential evacuees from South Florida. Opened Brookside Middle School.
- Initiated contract for IMT support in Planning Section to augment needed staffing
- EOC to Level I activation supporting shelter operations and storm prep. (Continuous throughout incident)
- **Friday, September 8, 2017 (48 hours):**
 - Initial Voluntary Evacuation for Zone A, barrier islands, low lying areas, and manufactured homes initiated at 8:00am
 - PSN Phone Bank and callouts begun at 08:00 for transportation to start 9/9/17
 - 3 shelters opened at 10:00 am:
 - Booker High
 - Woodland Middle
 - Atwater Elementary
 - HAM Radio operations initiated at EOC and shelters
 - Initiated Disaster Catering contract through Emergency Procurement to begin Saturday afternoon throughout lockdown and after impact
 - Initiated Debris Management Plan and implemented debris management contracts
 - Mandatory Evacuation Orders initiated for Zone A, barrier islands, low lying areas, and manufactured homes at 12:00 with barrier island evacuations to be complete by 8:00 pm. Saturday, September 10, 2017.
 - Press Conference held to announce evacuations, shelter openings, updated storm track, and protective actions
 - Initiated SCAT Emergency Transit Routing to support move of residents to shelters
 - Request by Charlotte County to support PSN sheltering within 24 hours
- **Saturday, September 9, 2017 (24 hours):**
 - PSN Transit Operations initiated at 08:00
 - PSN Shelters Opened
 - Tatum Ridge Elementary
 - Cranberry Elementary
 - LaMarque Elementary

- 4 Additional General Population Shelters opened at 10:00 am:
 - Southside
 - Philippi Shores
 - North Port High School
 - Heron Creek Middle School
- Executive Policy Group discussed initiating Curfew at 8:00 pm. for barrier islands following the completion of evacuation.
- County, City, Constitutional Leadership meeting also discussed Curfews. Final policy decision was to NOT implement curfew until after the storm and known impacts. Bridges to barrier islands guarded by law enforcement until winds exceeded 45 mph
- 2 additional shelters opened based upon demand for additional space:
 - Riverview High School
 - Gulf Gate Elementary
 - Total population of all shelters to include PSN at impact is almost 20,000
- Voluntary Evacuation ordered for Zone B at 12:00 pm.
- Department Operating Centers (DOC) set-up and ready for activation by 8:00 pm.
- Tactical First-In Teams in place and ready for deployment post storm by 8:00 pm
- Multiple resource requests placed in EM Constellation for USAR teams, and strike teams for post storm response. Base of Operations identified and approved by the State for resource processing post storm
- EOC placed on Lockdown at 12:00 based upon potential impacts early in am. All day shift personnel required to be in EOC by lockdown.
- **Sunday, September 10, 2017, (Impact, approximately 4:00 pm)**
 - Additional Executive Policy Group Meeting added 10:00 am and 9:00 pm.
 - Additional County, City, Constitutional Leadership Meeting added 11:00 am & 9:30 pm.
 - Presidential Pre-landfall Disaster Declaration made for Florida to include Sarasota County
 - Executive Policy Group reviewed and implemented policy as needed for Post Storm Actions to include:
 - Re-Entry action plan
 - TFIT Response plan
 - First-Push for primary roads
 - Debris plan and resource needs
 - Shelter Demobilization plan
 - Damage Assessment plan
 - All emergency response operations suspended at approximately 4:00 pm as winds exceeded 45 mph.
- **Monday, September 11, 2017 (Move to Post Impact)**
 - Winds subside to below 45 mph at approximately 1:30 am.
 - Decision made to deploy TFIT Teams and Emergency Response prior to sunrise and response begins at 1:30 am
 - All 911 emergency call requests in queue are answered by 3:00 am.

- TFIT teams push through primary roadways by sunrise to include initial review of barrier islands.
- EOC provides process to all shelter managers on demobilization process at 6:00 am.
- Southern barrier islands from Manasota to Siesta by 8:30 am.
- Longboat Key remains closed to reentry until approximately 4:00 pm.
- Shelters are cleared for citizens to leave and demob by 8:30 am.
- Extensive communications push begins on safety information related to storm damage and response by County
- FPL estimates 218,000 customers without power. Restoration begins for Critical Infrastructure
- Damage Assessment Teams deployed to assess all Critical Infrastructure
- County Departments implement internal damage assessment processes
- Damage Assessment begins for initial windshield assessments across county
- County, City, Constitutional Leadership Meetings held with additional decisions made on government hours of operations for remainder of week.
- County government identifies move to open government on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 as possible based upon power
- Ashbritt Debris Contractor identifies that they do not have capacity to provide support to County for debris hauling.
- Crowder Gulf identifies capacity issues but begins process to bring subcontractors into the County.