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Unified Command Incident Situation Report

August 18th, 2008 at 1000 hrs EDT

Tropical Storm Warnings remain in effect for the following areas: Florida East Coast from Jupiter Inlet southward, Florida West Coast from Bonita Beach southward, Lake Okeechobee, Florida Keys from Ocean Reef to Key West, including the Dry Tortugas and Florida Bay. A Hurricane Watch remains in effect for the following areas: Florida Keys from Ocean Reef to Key West, Dry Tortugas and Florida Bay, and the Florida coast from Card Sound Bridge to Tarpon Springs. A Tropical Storm Watch remains in effect from Jupiter Inlet to Sebastian Inlet. Heavy rainfall amounts of 4-8 inches are possible over Southern Florida today and a Flood Watch has been issued for much of South Florida and the Treasure Coast through Tuesday evening. Storm surge values today along the Florida Keys may reach 2-4 feet, with higher amounts up to 7 feet possible on Tuesday along the Southwest Florida Coast.

Executive Orders/ FEMA Declarations:

Executive Order (#08-170)

State Actions:

Level 1 Full

County Activation:

Level 1 Full:

Broward
Collier
Lee
Miami Dade
Monroe
Pinellas

Level 2 Partial:

Alachua
Charlotte
DeSoto
Duval
Gilchrist
Glades
Hardee
Manatee
Miami Dade
Okeechobee
Polk

Confirmed Fatalities (ESF16): (0)

None

Confirmed Injuries (ESF8): (0)

None

County Shelters (ESF6 & ESF8) (6):

Monroe:

General (4 Shelters Open, Total of 14 Individuals)

Miami Dade:

Special Needs/General (1 Shelter Open, Total of 42 Individuals)

Evacuations (Plans) (0):

Collier:

Voluntary

Lee:

Voluntary

Monroe:

Tourist
Special needs
Mobile homes and low lying homes

FL DOC:

The Big Pine Key Road Prison

Damages (Recovery) (0):

Single Family Homes: (0)

Minor: (0)
Major: (0)
Destroyed: (0)

Businesses: (0)

Minor: (0)
Major: (0)
Destroyed: (0)

Government Buildings: (0)

Minor: (0)
Major: (0)
Destroyed: (0)

Power Outages: (0)

Counties (0):

Companies (0):

Progress Energy - (0)
Florida Power and Light - (0)
Other - (0)

Government Closings (2):

Monroe:

State Parks in Lower Keys

Collier:

Big Cypress National Preserve

School Closings (3):

Broward
Miami Dade
Monroe

Road Closures (FHP):

None

Port Status (ESF10) (0):

Key West :

Closed

Miami:

Preparing for possible closures

St. Petersburg:

Preparing for possible closures

Emergency Management Assistance Compact:

None

State Emergency Management :

State Emergency Operations Center (Approximately 150)

Deployed Resources:

SERT Personnel: (18)

Liaisons (Ops Support) (1)
Coast Guard Liaisons (2)
Incident Management Team (7)
Florida Recovery Office Incident Management Team (7)
State Logistics Response Center (1)



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DAILY TALKING POINTS
Monday, August 18, 2008

• **URGENT INFORMATION**

- **A HURRICANE WATCH AND TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS FROM CRAIG KEY WESTWARD AND NORTH TO TARPON SPRINGS. THIS INCLUDES ALL ADJACENT COASTAL WATERS INCLUDING FLORIDA BAY.**
- **A TROPICAL STORM WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF FLORIDA FROM OCEAN REEF NORTHWARD TO JUPITER INLET AND FOR LAKE OKEECHOBEE.**
- The Governor has declared a State of Emergency and has issued an Executive Order as of Saturday afternoon. The State Emergency Operations Center is at a Level 1 activation which is a full activation to support county operations in advance of Tropical Storm Fay.
- The Florida Emergency Information Line (FEIL) will be activated this morning. The number is 800-342-3557.
- Monroe County Emergency Management officials continue mandatory visitor evacuations. Residents living in low-lying areas, mobile homes and live-aboard boats should evacuate to local shelters. State and local offices in Monroe County are closed Monday.
- Tolls are suspended on Florida's Turnpike from Milepost 0 in Florida City northbound to the Miami-Dade / Broward County line. All residents of the Florida Keys should heed the advice of local officials if asked to evacuate. Remember to evacuate tens of miles, not hundreds.
- A special needs shelter is now open at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami-Dade County.
- Tropical Storm Fay is expected to produce rainfall totals in the 5-8" range across most of the Florida peninsula and Keys through midweek. These rainfall totals could produce flooding, particularly in urban areas. The threat for tornadoes will increase, beginning Monday morning in the Keys, with the threat spreading northward through the peninsula on Monday night and Tuesday. Tornadoes and flooding can occur far from the center of impact.



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- All other Floridians should closely monitor this storm and monitor their local media outlets for the most current information and guidance from officials in their area. A NOAA Weather Alert radio can be a lifesaver especially during the overnight periods.
 - Because of the uncertainty of the forecast, all Floridians are urged to closely monitor the storm, review their family plans and make sure they have the necessary supplies on hand.
- **UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WATCH AND WARNING**
 - A hurricane watch is issued by the National Hurricane Center when a hurricane is about 36 hours away from landfall. A hurricane watch means your family should begin following your disaster plan.
 - A hurricane warning is issued when the storm is 24 hours, or less, away from land and when winds are expected to reach 74 mph or greater. If your plan is to evacuate, remember it's too late to leave after tropical storm force winds reach your area. That's because it is not safe to be outside and certain routes and bridges may be closed.

If your family does not have a plan, go to www.floridadisaster.org today and create a family disaster plan. All residents are urged to Get A Plan!

