

# SITUATION REPORT No. 2

## Hurricane DENNIS

The Florida State Emergency Response Team

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State Emergency Operations Center Level: 1

Operational Period: July 8, 2005 0700 Hrs. – July 8, 2005 1900 Hrs.



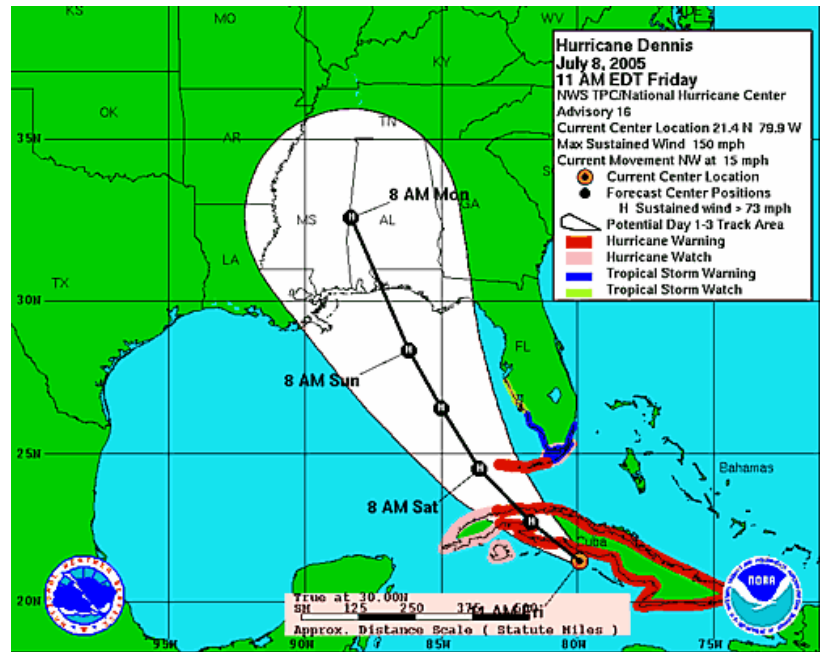
### CURRENT SITUATION

The State Emergency Operations Center is currently at Level 1 Activation and continuing to prepare for Hurricane Dennis' possible landfall in the Florida Keys and along Florida's Gulf Coast.

### WEATHER SUMMARY:

At 11:00 am the center of Hurricane Dennis was located near latitude 21.4 north and longitude 79.9 west or about 130 miles west of Camaguey, Cuba and about 250 miles south-southeast of Key West, Florida.

While some wobbling has occurred (as is typical of a major hurricane), Dennis is expected to continue moving toward the northwest near 15 mph. On this track the center should make landfall along the south-central coast of Cuba this afternoon. Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 150 mph with higher gusts. Dennis is a strong Category 4 Hurricane. Some weakening is forecast as Dennis moves over Cuba and is expected to remain a major hurricane as it emerges over the straits of Florida and the southeastern Gulf of Mexico tonight.



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### CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Evacuation** – Several counties have ongoing evacuation orders.
2. **Sheltering** – Counties continue preparation for possible sheltering operations.
3. **School and Government Office Closures** – Several counties are prepared to close schools and government offices in response to Hurricane Dennis. (see county actions).
4. **Tropical Storm Watch** – A Tropical Storm Warning and a Hurricane Watch is in effect for the remainder of the Florida Keys east of the seven mile bridge to Ocean Reef and Florida Bay. A Tropical Storm Watch remains in effect along the Florida west coast north of Bonita Beach to Longboat Key.
5. **Tropical Storm Warning** – A Tropical Storm warning remains in effect for all areas of the Florida Keys east of the 7 Mile Bridge to Ocean Reef and Florida Bay. A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued along Florida's West Coast south of Bonita Beach and the Florida East Coast south of Golden Beach.
6. **Hurricane Watch** – A Hurricane Watch is in effect for the Florida Keys east of the 7 Mile Bridge to Ocean Reef and Florida Bay.
7. **Hurricane Warning** – A Hurricane Warning has been issued for the Lower Florida Keys from the 7 Mile Bridge Westward to the Dry Tortugas.

## COUNTY ACTIONS:

Area/County	EOC Activation Status	LSE Declared	Evacuation Status	# of Shelters Opened	School Closure Status	County Office Closure Status
Area #1						
<b>Bay</b>	Monitoring	Yes				
<b>Escambia</b>	Monitoring	Yes	Voluntary			
<b>Gulf</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Holmes</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Jackson</b>	Monitoring		Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes and RVs			
<b>Okaloosa</b>	Monitoring	Yes	Voluntary	3 will open 7/9/05		
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	Partial at 1200hrs 7/8/05	Yes	Voluntary at 0600hrs 7/9/05	1 gen 1 SPN will open 0600hrs 7/9/05		Close at 1200hrs 7/8/05
<b>Walton</b>	Partial at 1600hrs 7/8/05	Yes	Voluntary	1 gen 1 SPN		
<b>Washington</b>	Monitoring	Yes				
Area #2						
<b>Dixie</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Franklin</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Jefferson</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Leon</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Suwanee</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Wakulla</b>	Partial	Yes				
Area #6						
<b>Collier</b>	Full					
<b>DeSoto</b>	Partial	Yes		SPN on standby		
<b>Hardee</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Highlands</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Okeechobee</b>	Monitoring					
Area #7						
<b>Martin</b>	Monitoring					
<b>Miami-Dade</b>	Partial		Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes	1 host shelter		
<b>Monroe</b>	Full	Yes	Mandatory south of 7 Mile Bridge		Closed 7/8/05	Closed 7/8/05

***County information provided by County Emergency Management.***

## STATE ACTIONS:

- The SEOC is activated at a Level 1.
- SEOC briefings are scheduled for 0730hrs EDT and 1830hrs EDT daily.

## Executive Orders:

Governor Bush has executed the following Executive Order(s):

EXECUTIVE ORDERS		
EXECUTIVE ODER NUMBER	DATE SIGNED	PURPOSE
EO # 05-139	7/7/2005	State of Emergency – Hurricane Dennis

## Federal Declarations:

TYPE OF DECLARATION	DATE OF ACTION	PURPOSE
None at this time		

## SERT REPORTS:

### Operations Support Branch:

- Continue to support evacuations/ sheltering, monitoring fuel situation and progress of storm
- Maintain communications with counties
- Monitoring the status of storm track and monitoring the status of county EOC's and all protective measures
- Monitoring evacuation, planning activities, and all incidents statewide

### Emergency Support Service Branch:

- Conduct Search & Rescue planning meeting this morning for lower and middle Keys
- Assess and respond to county needs and requests for assistance
- Ensure Continuity of Operations (COOP) Readiness
- Assets deployed: Advanced Life Support (ALS) trucks = 3,
- Basic Life Support (BLS) trucks = 6l

### Infrastructure Support Branch

- Supporting evacuations efforts
- Lifted tolls on Alligator Alley and Card Sound Road.
- Monitoring traffic flows
- Investigating fuel issues in Panhandle
- Working phone requests

### Human Services Branch

- Monitoring evacuation/sheltering of residents in the Keys
- Monitoring for requests from the counties

### Logistics

- Logistics Section is continuing to run forecast commodity models of impact counties. Primary focus on Monroe County and the Panhandle Counties at this time.
- Potential State LSA Locations
  - Homestead ARB

- Eglin AFB (Duke Field)
- Tampa Fairgrounds
- State Mobilization Area
  - North Florida Fairgrounds (Leon County)
- FL DOF has two Type I IMT's on stand-by
- FLNG has solders on standby
- Tactical Satellite Data Links on standby
- LSA Resources and Base Camp Resources on stand-by
- Homestead AFB by COB Friday 7/8/05

**Administration/ Finance Section:**

- All funding codes have been established
- Tracking spreadsheets have been set up
- Meal services have been arranged
- Working on travel arrangements for state liaisons
- State agencies should be in contact with their finance officers and tracking their costs

**Recovery:**

- SERT LIAISONS deployments are underway or have occurred to 17 counties
- One on hold; standby personnel have been identified-coordinating with SERT and Ops Chief  
Ops Support/Field Operations and Finance and Logistics

**Information & Planning Section:** Situation and Flash reports are issued as needed each operational period. Counties are reminded to email their Situation Reports to [esf5@inetmail.att.net](mailto:esf5@inetmail.att.net)

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