

SITUATION REPORT No. 5

Hurricane DENNIS

The Florida State Emergency Response Team

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State Emergency Operations Center Level: **1**

Operational Period: July 9, 2005, 0700 Hrs. – July 9, 2005, 1900 Hrs.



CURRENT SITUATION:

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

WEATHER SUMMARY:

At 11 am EDT the center of Hurricane Dennis was located near latitude 24.7 north and longitude 83.8 west or about 125 miles west of Key West, Florida. This is also about 355 miles south-southeast of Apalachicola, Florida and about 480 miles southeast of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Dennis is moving

toward the northwest near 14 mph and this motion is expected to continue today. Maximum sustained winds are near 100 mph with higher gusts. Hurricane Dennis is a Category Two Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Some gradual strengthening is possible during the next 24 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 175 miles.



CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Evacuation** – Several counties have ongoing evacuation orders.
2. **Sheltering** – There are **75** shelters on standby and **18** currently open.
3. **Power Outages** – Currently there are approximately **140,524** customers without power.
4. **Flood Watch** - Flood watches are in effect for South Florida until 7/10/05 morning, for Northeast Florida through 2000hrs 7/10/05, for the entire Florida Panhandle through 7/10/05 evening and for West Central and Southwest Florida until 0800hrs 7/10/05.
5. **Coastal Flood Watch** – A Coastal Flood Watch is in effect until 07/10/05 morning for coastal locations from Bonita Beach north to the Suwannee River, including Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay.
6. **Tropical Storm Warning** – A Tropical Storm Warning is now in effect along the Florida West Coast from east of the Steinhatchee River southward and along the Southeast Florida Coast from Golden

Beach southward including the Florida Keys from the Seven Mile Bridge eastward. A Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for the Florida Keys east of the Seven Mile Bridge.

7. **Tornadoes** - Isolated tornadoes will be possible over the Central and Southern Florida Peninsula and the Florida Keys today.
8. **Hurricane Warning** – A Hurricane Warning remains in effect for the lower Florida Keys from the Seven Mile Bridge westward to the Dry Tortugas. A Hurricane Warning is also in effect for portions of the Northeastern Gulf Coast from the Steinhatchee River westward to the mouth of the Pearl River.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

County information provided by County Emergency Management (new information provided in red)

County	EOC Level	Local State of Emergency	Evacuation Order	# of Shelters Open	Government Closing	School Closing
AREA 1						
Bay	P	Yes	Mandatory evacuations on 7/9 at 0700 hours	1 SPN and 1 general		
Calhoun	F	Yes	Voluntary for low lying areas, manufactured homes, RVs and mobile homes	4 general & 1 SPN on standby		
Escambia	F	Yes	Mandatory for low-lying coastal areas and areas along waterways, Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach and Innerarity Point; also for trailers, RVs and mobile homes	1 SPN 9 general	Closed at 1200hrs 7/8/05	
Gulf	P	Yes	Mandatory evacuation for visitors and residents of Gulf County in the area waterside of Highway 98 between Highway 71 and the Franklin County line, this includes the communities of Simmons Bayou, Jones Homestead, Indian Pass and Cape San Blas. A mandatory evacuation has also been declared for all mobile home residents county-wide. Evacuation is recommended of all coastal and low lying areas in the county.			
Holmes	M	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes in low lying areas	1 SPN on standby		
Jackson	P	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes in low lying areas; mandatory evacuation orders will be considered for 7/9 a.m.	1 SPN open and 1 general on standby		
Okaloosa	F	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes in low lying areas and barrier islands; mandatory evacuations planned for 0600 hours on 7/9	1 SPN 2 general		
Santa Rosa	F	Yes	Voluntary for Navarre Beach, campgrounds, mobile homes and Category IV evacuation zones	1 SPN and 1 general		

Walton	F	Yes	Mandatory for nonresidents and RV/Parks/Campgrounds south of State Hwy 20; Voluntary for all low lying areas, mobile homes and flood prone areas north of State Hwy 20	1 SPN and general population		
Washington	F	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes in low lying areas			
AREA 2						
Columbia	M					
Dixie	M	Yes		1 shelter on standby		
Franklin	M	Yes	Mandatory for all barrier islands (including St. George & Dog islands), Alligator Point, low-lying areas and mobile homes			
Gadsden	M	Yes				
Jefferson	P	Yes	Monitoring			
Leon	P	Yes		1 SPN 1 general		
Levy	M	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes	1 general		
Liberty	F		Voluntary for mobile homes, modular homes and low-lying areas	1 shelter open		
Madison	M	Yes				
Suwannee	P	Yes				
Taylor	M			1 shelter on standby		
Wakulla	P	Yes	Voluntary for coastal areas	1 shelter		
AREA 3						
Alachua	P			1 SPN and 1 general standby		
Gilchrist	M					
Levy	P					
AREA 4						
Manatee	F	Yes	Voluntary for all mobile homes and low-lying areas			
Pasco	P	Yes		Shelters on standby		
Pinellas	M	Yes	Recommended evacuations for mobile homes and low-lying areas	9 shelters will be opened		
Polk	M	Yes				
AREA 5						
Marion	P					
Osceola	P					
Seminole	F			1 SPN on standby		
Volusia	M					
AREA 6						
Charlotte	P					
Collier	F	Yes	Voluntary for Barrier Islands, MH and special needs patients	1 open		

Desoto	P	Yes		1 SPN on standby		
Glades	P			3 on standby		
Hardee	P	No	Possible voluntary evacuations at 0900 hours tomorrow (7/9).	None		
Highlands	M					
Lee	M	No	No evacuations	1 shelter open		
Okeechobee	M					
Sarasota	F	Yes	Recommended for all low-lying areas and SPN	2 shelters open		
AREA 7						
Martin	M					
Miami-Dade	P		Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes	1 host 1 SPN		
Monroe	F	Yes	Mandatory south of 7 Mile Bridge	1 on standby	Closed 7/8/05	Closed 7/8/05
Palm Beach	M					

STATE ACTIONS:

- The SEOC is activated at a Level 1
- SEOC briefings are scheduled for 0730hrs EDT and 1830hrs EDT daily
- The Florida Emergency Information Lines (FEIL) have been activated 1-800-342-3557
- County conference calls are conducted daily at 1115hrs and 1715hrs.
- **From the State of Alabama** - At the request of the State of Alabama Department of Transportation - As of 0800 hours, 7/9/05, reverse laning of Interstate 65 has been authorized the the Alabama Department of Transportation. The reverse laning will be in effect from the Mobile River, north to near Montgomery at the intersection of US-8- and I-65 (or exit 168). The reverse laning will begin at 0600 CDT with the closing of the southbound lanes, starting just south of Montgomery. Once the southbound lanes are cleared of traffic, I-65 will be one way, northbound, beginning near Exit 31(Stockton Exit). This reverse laning will remain in effect until further notice.

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		

Personnel Deployment:

SERT PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT			
Type Personnel	Location Of Deployment	Personnel Deploying	Date of deployment
SERT Liaisons	Bay, Calhoun, Collier Miami-Dade, Highlands, Okaloosa, Monroe, Santa Rosa	8 SERT team members deploying (tracker message 72)	7/8/05
SERT Liaisons	Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Levy, Walton, Wakulla, Washington	10 SERT team members deploying (tracker message 72)	7/9/05

SERT REPORTS:

Operations Support Branch:

- Response Liaisons continue to monitor and task resource requests
- Additional SERT Liaisons have been identified and are standing by
- Will continue to task and monitor resource requests
- Will complete SERT Liaison assignments, as required

Emergency Support Service Branch:

- Identify hospitals and nursing homes that require evacuation assistance in the Panhandle
- Sacred Heart Hospital (Destin) has evacuated. Plans to close at 0700 CDST, 07/09/05
- Implement SAR plan for Keys; finalize SAR plan for Panhandle

Infrastructure Support Branch:

- 35,000 Sandbags delivered in Panhandle
- Monitoring Traffic Counters
- Supporting Protective Measures
- Coordinating Contingency Fuel Planning for Post -landfall
- Fuel Issues
- Supporting Panhandle Evacuations
- Unmet Needs:
- Potential needs for fuel tenders
- Identifying locations for fuel sites (tracker 192)

Human Services Branch:

- Monitoring evacuation/sheltering of residents in the Panhandle
- Monitor for emerging issues from possible flooding in the peninsula
- Monitoring for requests from the counties

Logistic Section:

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

- State Mobilization Area at State Farmer's Market, White Springs (I-10/I-75)
- Federal OSA at North Florida Fairgrounds (Leon County)
- FL DoF has two Type I IMT's on stand-by
- FLNG has solders on stand by to support both State LSA's and PODS, staffing based on availability.
- Tactical Satellite Data Links on stand-by to support LSA's, Base Camps and Forward Operations Bases
- Ordering LSA Resources
- Base Camp Resources on stand-by

Administration and Finance:

- Continue to make arrangements for staff deployment and purchasing needs

Public Information:

- Continuing to field media calls
- Planning press conferences for at 0900 and 1400 hours
- Planning Executive fly-in schedule

Recovery Section:

- Continuing to deploy SERT liaisons
- Additional SERT Liaisons identified and standing by
- Identifying Preliminary Damage Assessment Teams- Individual Assistance and Public Assistance
- Identifying Debris Management Teams

Information and Planning: Fact Sheets, IAP's, Situation and Flash Reports are being developed and published as scheduled. Counties are reminded to email their Situation Reports to esf5@innetmail.att.net.

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