

SITUATION REPORT No. 6

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.

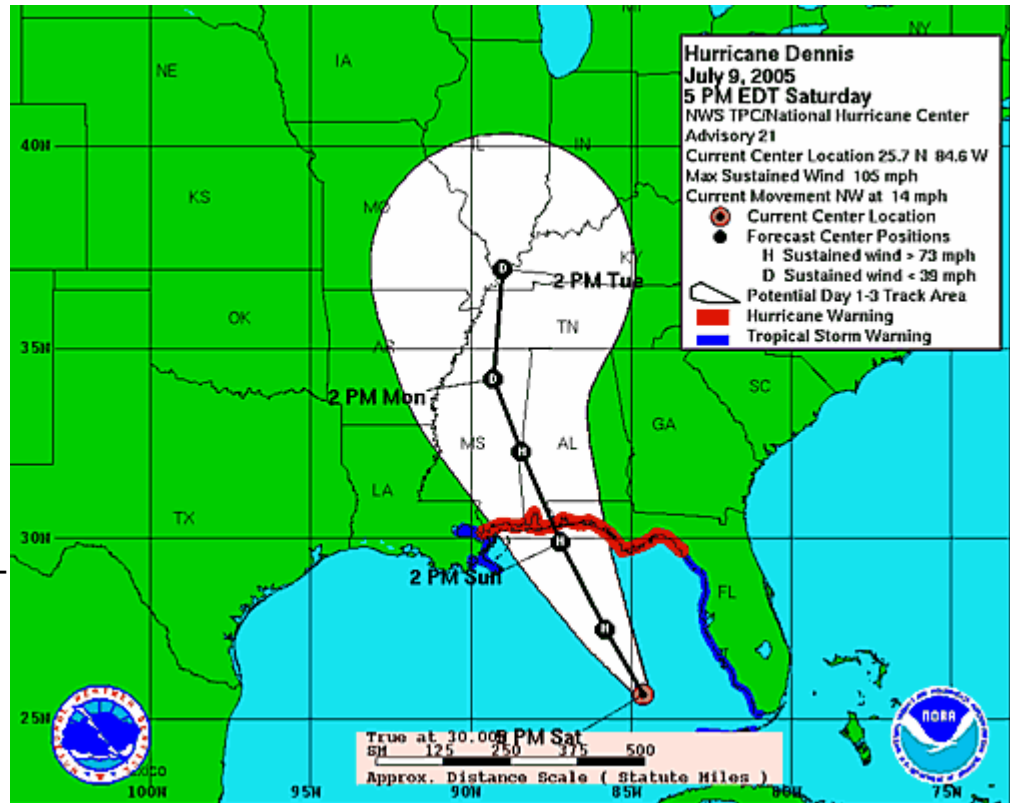


CURRENT SITUATION:

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 5 pm EDT the center of Hurricane Dennis was located near latitude 25.7 north longitude 84.6 west or about 320 miles south-southeast of Panama City, Florida and about 415 miles Southeast of Biloxi, Mississippi. Hurricane Dennis is moving toward the northwest near 14 mph and this motion is expected to continue



today with a gradual turn toward the north-northwest tonight or Sunday. Maximum sustained winds recently reported by an air force reconnaissance aircraft were near 105 mph with higher gusts. Hurricane Dennis is a strong category two hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Additional strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours and will become a category 3 hurricane again later tonight or early Sunday. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 40 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 approximately **35** general and **16** special needs shelters currently open.
3. **Power Outages** – Currently there are approximately **162,258** 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 to Flamingo and for the lower Florida Keys west of

the Seven Mile Bridge. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for the lower Florida Keys from the Seven Mile Bridge westward to the Dry Tortugas.

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 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	Curfew
AREA 1							
Bay	P	Yes	Mandatory evacuations	1 SPN and 1 general			
Calhoun	F	Yes	Voluntary for low lying areas, manufactured homes, RVs and mobile homes	4 general & 1 SPN			
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	Mandatory for mobile and manufactured homes in low	1 SPN 3 general			

			lying areas and barrier islands				
Santa Rosa	F	Yes	Voluntary for Navarre Beach, campgrounds, mobile homes and Category IV evacuation zones	1 SPN and 2 general			Effective 7/10/05 6pm-Noon
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 1 general only			Effective 7/9/05 10pm-6am South of Highway 20 7/10/05 6pm-10am Countywide
Washington	P	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes in low lying areas		Closed 7/11/05	Closed 7/11/05	
AREA 2							
Columbia	M						
Dixie	P	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					
Leon	P	Yes		1 SPN 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	Yes	Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes	Closed			
AREA 4							
Citrus	P						
Hernando	M						
Hillsborough	M						
Manatee	F	Yes	Voluntary for all mobile homes and low-lying areas	1 SPN 1 general			
Pasco	P	Yes		Shelters on standby			
Pinellas	M	Yes	Recommended evacuations for mobile homes and low-lying areas	9 shelters			

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 Closing at 1900hrs			
Desoto	P	Yes		1 SPN on standby			
Glades	P			3 on standby			
Hardee	P		Possible voluntary evacuations at 0900 hours tomorrow (7/9).				
Highlands	M						
Lee	M						
Okeechobee	M						
Sarasota	F	Yes	Recommended for all low-lying areas and SPN	2 shelters open			
AREA 7							
Martin	P						
Miami-Dade	P		Voluntary for mobile and manufactured homes	1 host 1 SPN			
Monroe	P	Yes	Mandatory south of 7 Mile Bridge	1 on standby	Closed 7/8/05	Closed 7/8/05	
Palm Beach	M						

ROAD CLOSURES:

(provided by Florida Highway Patrol)

- Skyway Bridge in Manatee County is closed to “high profile vehicles” until further notice. Passenger vehicles are permitted to cross the bridge.
- Sunshine Skyway Bridge I-275 in Pinellas County is closed in both directions to “high profile vehicles” due to high winds until further notice.

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 (tracker message 72)	7/8/05
SERT Liaisons	Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Levy, Walton, Wakulla, Washington	10 SERT team members (tracker message 72)	7/9/05
DMAT	Meridian, Mississippi	1 team	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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