



# SITUATION REPORT No. 2 Tropical Storm ERNESTO



The Florida State Emergency Response Team  
August 28, 2006 Published at 1330 Hours  
State Emergency Operations Center Level: 1

Operational Period: August 28, 2006 0700 Hrs. – August 28, 2006 1900 Hrs.

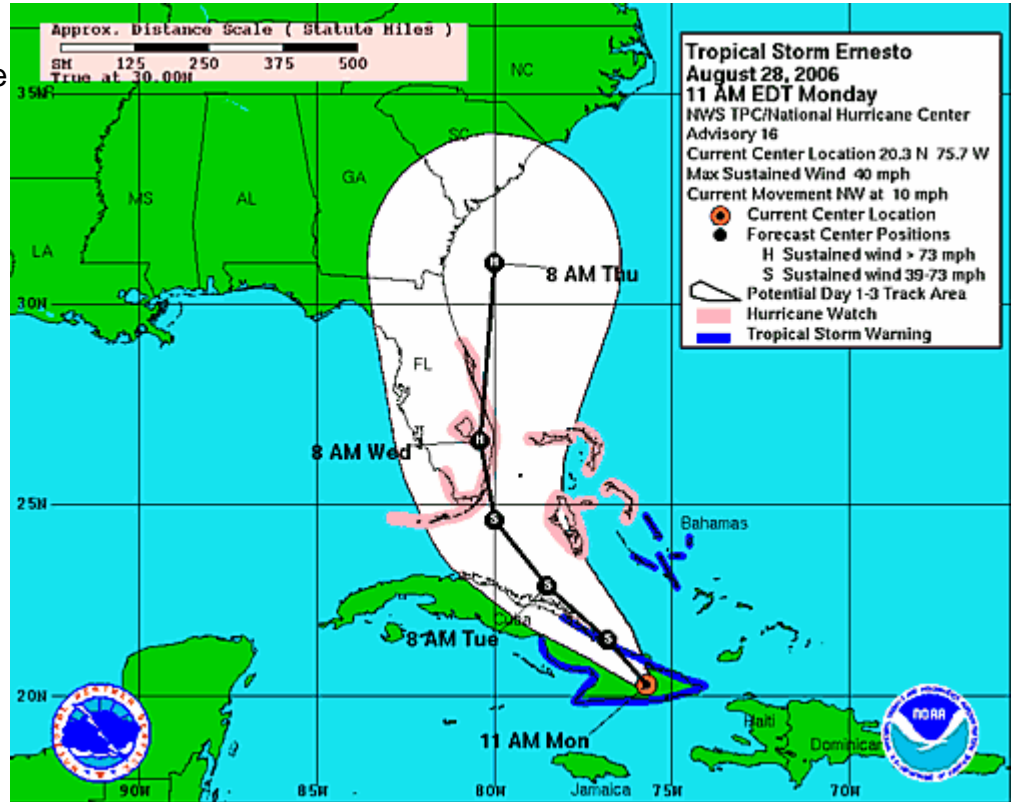
## CURRENT SITUATION

The State Emergency Operations Center is currently at Level 1 activation and continuing to prepare for Tropical Storm Ernesto's possible landfall in the Florida Peninsula.

## WEATHER SUMMARY:

At 1100 am the center of Tropical Storm Ernesto was located near latitude 20.3 north longitude 75.7 west or about 35 miles west-northwest of Guantanamo Cuba. Ernesto is moving toward the northwest near 10 mph and this general motion is expected to continue for the next 24 hours. On this track the center will continue to move over eastern Cuba today and possibly emerge off the north coast of Cuba tonight.

Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 40 mph with higher gusts. Additional weakening is likely as Ernesto moves over land today but re-strengthening is expected when the center moves over the waters to the north of Cuba. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the center.



## CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Hurricane Warnings** – None at this time.
2. **Hurricane Watches** – The watch has been extended along the Florida east coast to New Smyrna Beach southward and Deerfield Beach (Broward County) on the east coast to Chokoloskee (Main land Monroe County), and all of the Florida Keys on the west coast.

## Mandatory Evacuations

- Non residents and tourists – Monroe County
- All residents – None at this time.
- Barrier islands– None at this time.
- Mobile homes, low lying and/or substandard areas – Monroe County August 28 at 1000 hours
- Specific evacuations orders: Special needs patients today August 28 at 0600 hours

### **Voluntary Evacuations**

- Barrier islands – None at this time.
- Mobile homes, low lying and/or substandard areas – None at this time.
- Specific evacuation orders – None at this time.

### **School Closings**

- Monroe county school are closed August 28, 2006
- Collier county school open one half day August 29, 2006

### **Sheltering**

- Special needs shelter open at Florida International University at 1000 hrs for Monroe County SpN residents that evacuated at 0630 hrs.
- Confirmed SpN shelters on standby in Collier, Sarasota, and Miami-Dade Counties
- Broward county has one pet shelter in Tarmac and requires registration and is for Broward County residents

### **Tolls Suspensions**

- In Monroe County Card Sound Road tolls have been lifted
- Homestead - Florida City to Miramar North

### **Road and bridge closures**

- Scheduled construction road closures have been suspended to allow for evacuation of non-residents and tourists

### **State Parks**

- Monroe County – all state and county parks closed as of 8/27/06

### **Ports/Seaport Status**

- Port of Key West condition X-Ray

### **Curfews**

- None at this time

## **COUNTY ACTIONS: EOC Activation Levels**

- **Monroe** - Full
- **Miami Dade**- Monitoring
- **Broward**- Partial
- **Palm Beach**- Partial
- **Martin**- Monitoring
- **Collier**- Partial
- **Glades** – Monitoring
- **Brevard** – Partial
- **Lee** – Monitoring
- **Charlotte** – Monitoring
- **Manatee** – Monitoring
- **Sarasota** – Monitoring
- **Citrus** – Monitoring

- **Hardee** – Monitoring

**STATE ACTIONS:**

- The SEOC is activated at a Level 1 and is operational 24 hours a day
- Conference calls with counties conducted daily at 1115 and 1715 hours
- SERT briefings are held twice daily at 0800 and 1830 hours
- SERT Liaisons have been mobilized and are being deployed as needed

**Deployed Personnel**

- Florida National Guard – None at this time.
- Law Enforcement Officers – None at this time.

**Executive Orders:**

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

EXECUTIVE ORDERS		
EXECUTIVE ODER NUMBER	DATE SIGNED	PURPOSE
EO # 06-200	8/27/2006	State of Emergency – Tropical Storm Ernesto

**Federal Declarations:**

TYPE OF DECLARATION	DATE OF ACTION	PURPOSE
None at this time		

**SERT REPORTS:**

**Operations Support Branch:**

**Emergency Services Branch:**

**Infrastructure Branch:**

**Human Services Branch:**

**Logistics:**

State Assets

- 285 trucks water, 293 trucks ice, 92 trucks tarps

Federal Assets

- 52 trucks water, 4 trucks food, 4 trucks tarps
- DRC’s – 8 staged in Atlanta, 12 enroute to Atlanta, 20 available by Tuesday

**Administration/Finance Section:**

**Public Information:**

**Recovery:**

**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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