



SITUATION REPORT No. 3 Tropical Storm ERNESTO



The Florida State Emergency Response Team
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Operational Period: August 28, 2006 0700 Hrs. – August 28, 2006 1900 Hrs.

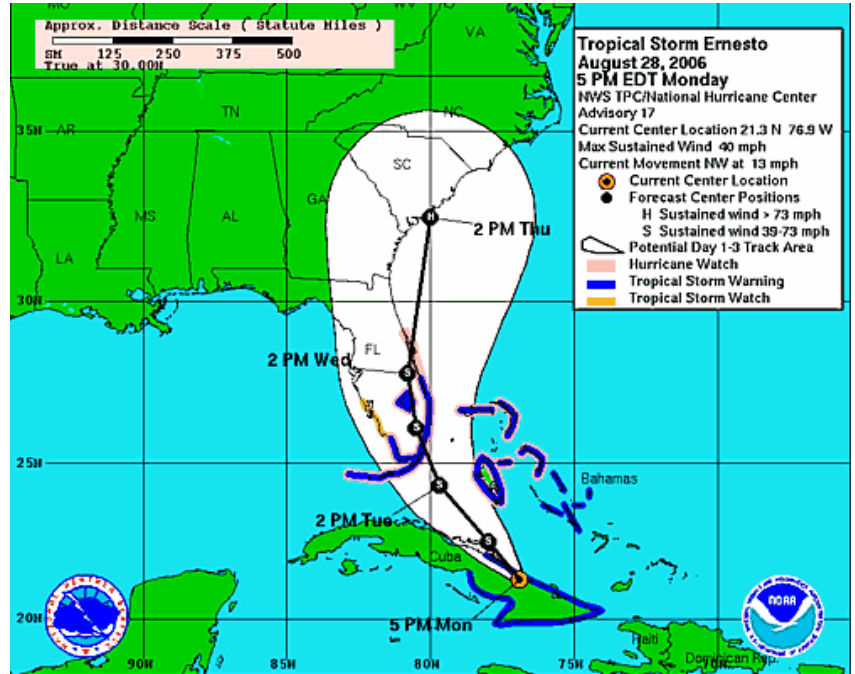
CURRENT SITUATION

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 5:00 pm the center of Tropical Storm Ernesto was located near latitude 21.3 north longitude 76.9 west. This position is just inland over eastern Cuba about 60 miles east of Camaguey.

Ernesto is moving toward the northwest near 13 mph and this general motion is expected to continue for the next 24 hours. On this track the center should emerge into the Atlantic north of Cuba tonight. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts. Strengthening is forecast after the center moves back over water. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles from the center.



CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Hurricane Warnings** – None at this time.
2. **Inland County Warning and Watches** - Brevard, Broward, Eastern Collier, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Martin, Miami-Dade, Mainland Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Seminole, Volusia.
3. **Tropical Storm Warnings**- Issued from Vero Beach southward on the east coast. Also, from south of Chokoloskee southward on the west coast and for Lake Okeechobee as well as all of the Florida Keys from Ocean Reef to the Dry Tortugas. These areas are also under a **Hurricane Watch**.
4. **Mandatory Evacuations**
 - Non residents and tourists – Monroe County @ 1:00PM on 8/27
 - All residents – None at this time
 - Barrier islands– None at this time
 - **Monroe County:** Mobile homes, low lying and/or substandard areas (August 27 at 1:00 pm)
 - **Broward:** Mobile homes, low lying and/or substandard areas (August 29 at 6:00 am)
 - **Monroe:** Specific evacuations orders: Recommended residents who are still experiencing roof problems from Hurricane Wilma

6. 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

7. School Closings

- Monroe county school are closed August 28, 2006
- Broward County schools are closed tomorrow August 29, 2006
- Collier county school open one half day August 28, 2006
- Miami-Dade school closed on 8/29-30/06

8. Government and State Offices

- Miami-Dade county offices closed on 8/29-30/06

9. Sheltering

- One Special needs shelter open at Florida International University at 10:00am in Miami-Dade county for Monroe County SpN residents that evacuated at 0630 hrs.
- Confirmed SpN shelters on standby in Collier (8/28/06 at 6:00PM)
- Broward county will open tomorrow Tuesday August 29, 2006 @ 10:00am

10. Pet Shelters

- Monroe -None open at this time
- Broward-Open at 10:00am on 8/29/06
- Palm Beach –Open at 10:00am on 8/29/06
- Highlands- Open on 8/29/06 (limited to cats and dogs only)

11. Tolls Suspensions

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

12. Road and bridge closures

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

13. State Parks

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

14. Ports/Seaport Status

- Port of Key West condition X-Ray

15. Curfews

- None at this time

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
- Florida Emergency Information Line activated (1-800-342-3557)

COUNTY ACTIONS:

County	EOC Level	Local State of Emergency	Evacuation Order	# of Shelters Open	Government Closing	School Closing
Primary Area Of Interest						
Charlotte	Monitoring					
Collier	Partial			1 SpN-standby		½ day 08-29-06
Lee	Monitoring					
Manatee	Monitoring					
Miami-Dade	Monitoring		Evac Zone A 8/29	1 SpN 8/28		YES 08-29-06
Monroe	Full	YES	Mandatory -Nonresidents and tourist 1:00pm 8/27 Mobile Homes, low lying and substandard areas 10:00am 8/28	1 SpN 8/28 at FIU in Miami-Dade county		YES 08-28-06
Sarasota	Monitoring					
Secondary Area of Interest						
Broward	Partial	YES	Mandatory -6:00am 8/29 Mobile Homes, low lying and substandard areas. SpNs patients 6:00am 8/28 Voluntary -Barrier islands 6:00am 8/29	6 General 10:00am 8/29 1 SpN- 10:00am 8/29 1 Pet shelter 10:00am 8/29		YES 08-29-06
Citrus	Monitoring					
Hardee	Monitoring					
Okaloosa	Monitoring					
Palm Beach		Yes	County voting evacuations	1 Pet shelter 10:00am 8/29		
Highlands	Partial			1 Pet shelter (limited to cats and dogs)		

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:

ESF 13 – Military Support

- On SAD: 91 Soldiers, 17 Airmen
 - ALERTED/STANDBY: 164th ADA Primary TF, 53rd INF - Backup
- MISSIONS PAST 24 HOURS:
- Activate JEOC to Level 1
 - Activate ESF 13 to Level 1
 - Activate ESF 5's Activation to Level 1
 - Provide LNOs to ESF 16 Multi-Agency Command (MAC) in Miami
 - Activated MACOM Planning Cells (6 PAX)
 - EMAC request for Monroe County (C-130 for disabled) cancelled by SEOC
 - Request for 500 Security Force cancelled by ESF 16 (FDLE)
 - On Duty: 146 Soldiers and Airmen
 - Providing support to SEOC ESF's 5, 13, and Logistics
 - Providing LNOs to ESF 16 Multi-Agency Command (MAC) in Miami
 - Activated 4 MACOM Planning Cells
 - EMAC request for Monroe County (C-130 for disabled) cancelled by SEOC

Emergency Services Branch:

ESF 4 & 9 – Firefighting & Search and Rescue

- Requested FEMA to federalize two USAR Task Forces
- Other USAR teams have been identified as state assets and are on standby pending storm development

ESF 8 – Health and Medical

- Total of 7 high risk patients transferred out of Monroe county
- One shelter (FIU) open with 4 patients and no caregivers
- 9000 dialysis patients (Keys to Volusia - of which 2792 are in Miami) being dialyzed on a regular schedule - no problems anticipated
- Some hospitals seeing slight surge in asthmatic and respiratory distress
- Pre admitting brain and spinal cord and hospice high risk patients
- 2 DMAT's and 2 NDMS Strike Teams forward staging in Orlando

ESF 10 – Environmental Protection

- Identifying Personnel for Haz-Mat Teams
- Communicating with EPA and U.S. Coast Guard
- Contacted FlaWARN for Water Facility Response Network
- Monitoring Gyp Stack Impoundment Status
- Established Cost Tracking

ESF 16 – Law Enforcement

- Law Enforcement-MAC established in Miami
- State and Local LE for Mutual Aid Response identified and prepared to respond
- Prison work camps in Keys closed and inmates moved to institutional facilities
- State parks in Keys closed and secured

Infrastructure Branch:

ESF 1 & 3 – Public Works

TOLL STATUS

Tolls remain suspended until further notice as follows:

- Northbound Homestead Extension Florida Turnpike (HEFT) from Florida City to Miramar
- Traffic Counters activated to monitor traffic in support of evacuation efforts
- Fuel at FDOT maintenance yards being filled and monitored
- SEOC Staffed for ESF 1 & 3 24hour

Level 1 operations

- TEOC Staffed for operations
- Identifying VMB's, Cones and Barricades for MOT of DRC's
- Ground Recon teams identified
- Rotary Recon teams to be identified
- Tolls suspended on HEFT - From Florida City to Miramar, northbound only - to support evacuation efforts
- Inventories taken for sandbags
- Inventories taken for generators
- Army Corp of Engineers
- Sandbag Inventory identified
- Lake Okeechobee level at 12.13 ft
- No issues anticipated

ESF 2 – Communications

- Contacting/Coordinating with Telecommunications Vendors- reports/standby
- Responding and coordinating communications requests for resources and equipment
- Charging sat phones and cell phones for delivery and pick-up
- CSA's prepared for LSA Homestead and West Palm Beach with phone lines and dsl connections (technicians dispatched)
- Coordinating contracts, agreements, etc for communications equipment services (i.e. cell phones, sat phones, sat links)
- Conference lines (Reservationless)

ESF 12 – Energy

FUELS

- All ports are open
- 17 – 9000 gallon Tender tankers
- 4 – 4500 gallon Tender tankers for search and rescue are ready for deployment
- Retail fuel consumption has increased 10 fold, long lines have been reported
- Installed generators at retail petroleum stations

Florida Turnpike – All Service Plazas

- Monroe County – 13 facilities
- Dade County – 10 facilities
- Broward – 18 facilities
- Palm Beach County – 2 facilities

ENERGY

- Coordinating efforts in trying to restore electric power at early voting sites
- Monitoring nuclear power plant status
- No fuel generation problems per the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council

Human Services Branch:

ESF 6 – Mass Care:

- Has at least 100 ERV's staged and ready to move into Florida
- 4 Kitchens staged and ready to move into Florida
- 400,000 Heater meals staged and ready to move into Florida
- 300,000 Blankets staged and ready to move into Florida
- 200,00 Clean up kits staged and ready to move into Florida
- 20 Support trailers staged and ready to move into Florida

ESF 11 – Food and Water:

- LSA teams notified and on standby
- Authorization to release Commodities in affected counties has been issued
- Water and ice being uploaded from state warehouses

ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donations:

- Contacted county ESF 15 members in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe
- Participated in the Miami-Dade Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) conference call
- Participated in the Florida VOAD conference call
- Update the Volunteer Florida website to reflect ESF 15 disaster operations
- Activated and staffed the Volunteers and Donation Hotline – (800) FL-HELP1 or (800) 354-3571 – current hours of operations (8AM to 5 PM)
- Received an offer of hygiene kits and clean up kits from Church of Jesus Christ Later Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah

ESF 17 – Animal Protection

- ESF17 Incident Management Team (IMT) activated
- State Agricultural Response Team (SART) participating agencies contacted and assisting

ESF 18 – Business and Industry

- ESF 18 Conference Call with local Economic Development Partners for local status/activity scheduled for 10 am 8/29
- Logistics/ESF 18-FRF Conference Call with FRF members scheduled for 1:30 pm 8/29 for store status/COOP implementation
- ESF 18 Conference Call with Tourism Industry local partners at time to be determined on 8/29

Logistics:

- Uploading water, ice and tarps from state warehouses

- Will establish State LSA's at Palm Beach Fairgrounds (PRIME POWER TASK FORCE with USACoE) Wednesday AM
- Will establish a joint State / Federal LSA / FOSA at Homestead ARB Wednesday AM
- Heavy equipment package ordered
- Prepared to support county PODs. Will deliver commodities to CSAs in most counties vs POD direct

Total of 46 PODS identified by counties:

- 3 Monroe
- 3 St Lucie
- 1 Highlands
- 14 Dade
- 9 Broward
- 16 Palm Beach
- FLNG to directly support 7 PODs
- 2 Type I Base Camps and 1 Type V Mobile Base Camp on stand-by
- Working closely with FEMA on pre-staging additional resources fir the State
- Working with USACoE to establish typical State / Federal Prime Power Task Force as in the past

EMAC/Mutual Aid:

- EMAC A-Team from Kentucky (arriving 8/29/06)
- Planner from Santa Rosa County (arriving 8/29/06)

Finance /Administration Section:

- Funding codes have been established for TS Ernesto
- Emergency Purchasing Cards have been activated
- State Agency Finance Officers have been notified to begin tracking costs related to TS Ernesto
- Several Purchase Requisitions have been submitted to support Logistics
- Assisting with travel for deployments

Public Information:

- Continue to field press calls
- Continue to coordinate media availabilities
- FEIL has been activated
- IRT has been activated

Recovery:

- Nothing reported this operational period

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

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