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Pasco County Releases Preliminary Irma Statistics

~~ County Strives to Keep Citizens Informed Before, During, and After Storm~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The Pasco County Public Information Office and Emergency Management Planning Section have released a preliminary set of statistics relating to Hurricane Irma. Pasco County, with more than 200,000 households, was spared a Category 4 storm, but the impact of Irma was still widespread throughout the County. All information is as of September 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted:

- **Residences Affected**
 - Four homes have been reported as destroyed
 - 56 homes have major damage
 - 124 reported with minor damage
 - 205 homes have been affected
 - Inspectors have been in the field to verify the damages
- **Businesses Affected**
 - 94 businesses have reported damages to their properties
 - Special teams have been deployed to distribute flyers in West Pasco to businesses with visible damages
- **More than 2,889 citizens reported damages to the County via the MyPasco App.**
- **Electrical Outages**
 - Pasco County's four power companies reported a high of 217,382 addresses without power. Pasco County has 261,000 addresses
 - The four power companies include: Duke Energy, Tampa Electric Company, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, and Sumter Electric Cooperative
- **Shelters**
 - Pasco County opened 26 shelters during Irma

- The shelters housed 24,100 residents total, including special needs
- **Roads** – At the peak, 749 roads were closed
- **Food** – The Pasco County School District provided food for the 24,100 residents being housed at the shelters
- **Sand** – 606,800 sandbags were used containing more than 9,524 cubic yards of sand
- **Resident Information Center** (Between 9/8/17 – 9/14/17)
 - 20,340 phone calls were answered
 - More than 1,000 emails were received
- **Traffic Signals** – At the peak of the storm, 97 traffic signals out of 260 total were out of power
- **Public Information**
 - The Joint Information Center (JIC) has been using social media in addition to press releases and video links to provide up to the minute information to our residents in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language
 - The JIC has prepared 57 press releases (in Spanish and English) and is averaging between 4 and 10 posts per hours since last Tuesday in response to Irma
 - The JIC has prepared 42 media alerts
 - The JIC arranged 5 press conferences
 - The JIC fielded 67 media inquiries
 - 12 reporters embedded in the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center
 - 126 individual questions called in by reporters and responded to by personnel of the Joint Information Center (not including questions asked during press conferences)
 - Information picked up by news organizations/reporters that was put out by the Pasco County Public Information Office via the Joint Information Center resulted in:
 - Total Local TV Audience: 7,183,126
 - Total Local TV Publicity: USD \$660,242
 - Total Online News Visitors: 65,281,205
 - Pasco County Facebook traffic since 9/6/17 reached 224K with an engagement reaching 42K
 - Pasco County Twitter traffic since 9/6/17 reached 74K with an engagement reaching 4.3K
 - Main Pasco County Facebook page reached more than 200,000 people in one day
- **Website – www.pascocountyfl.net**
 - Pasco County has reached all over the globe: Nearly 426,000 visitors from all but 24 countries in the world have visited our website from 9/5-9/14
 - In the lower 48 states, 416,984 visited the website, with more than 203,000 from Florida (on 9/13)

- **Hours Worked – Employees**
 - Estimated number of hours worked during emergency by BCC employees is still being calculated as we continue recovery operations
 - We anticipate significant increases in both regular time hours reported and in overtime hours
 - Regular time: 10,293 hours (as of 9/14/17, 11:30 a.m.)
 - Overtime: 7,104 hours (as of 9/14/17, 11:30 a.m.)

- **Pump Station** – During the height of the storm, Pasco County had 425 pump stations out.