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Pasco County EOC UPDATE

~~Here are the latest updates from Pasco County~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Florida Governor Rick Scott visited the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Sunday morning for an operational briefing from Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie. Governor Scott, along with Pasco County Chair Kathryn Starkey, Commissioner Jack Mariano and Sheriff Chris Nocco, toured some of the most-damaged areas of Pasco County. During his visit, Governor Scott said Pasco County suffered the worst flooding impact in the state from Hurricane Hermine.

RIVER LEVELS

Currently, the Anclote River is the only river in the United States at major flood stage. The Anclote crested at 25.08 feet overnight and is forecasted to slowly recede out of major flood stage around 8:00 a.m. Monday.

ASSESSMENTS

Damage and human needs assessment teams spent Sunday touring flooded areas by boat – checking on residents and taking photos of home and property damage. Emergency Management staff urges citizens to report storm-related damage by calling Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.

RESCUES/EVACUATIONS

Rescue crews went door-to-door in the Elfers/Anclote area Sunday; all residents who wanted to evacuate are out of their homes. 15 people are being housed at the Mike Fasano Regional Shelter. Evacuations are affecting residents in 2,477 homes as follows:

Four areas are under mandatory evacuations, for 744 homes:

- Worthington Court Apartment complex, Rowan Road and State Road 54 in New Port Richey
- Blue Heron Mobile Home Park, 6615 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey
- Elfers Parkway Area along the Anclote River
- Suncoast Gateway Mobile Home Park, 6010 Ridge Road, Port Richey

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Evacuation is **recommended** in the following areas, affecting 1,733 homes:

- Bass Lake Area, New Port Richey
- Lake Worrell, New Port Richey
- Magnolia Valley Area, New Port Richey

ROAD CLOSURES

As of 3:30 p.m. Sunday, there are 5 road closures in Pasco County, mostly due to standing water.

HOSPITAL CLOSURES

Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point is still **closed** due to storm damage.

SANDBAGS

- West Pasco Government Center and Mitchell Park sandbag sites are open until 6 p.m.
- Emergency Management ordered 250,000 sandbags Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016
- Pasco County has handed out 38,000 sandbags since Monday, August 29, 2016
- Pasco County gave out 33,000 sandbags earlier this season, for a 2016 total of 71,000 sandbags

LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE

- Residents who would like to dispose of flood-damaged items, can take them to the West Pasco Landfill at 14606 Hays Road in Spring Hill Sunday, September 4 until 7 p.m. and Monday, September 5 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All **fees** will be **waived** for dumping storm-related items
- Garbage trucks will NOT be collecting trash along residential streets covered in standing water to prevent further damage to roads and homes

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Moon Lake Park Boat ramp is **closed** due to high water in the lake; the park is **open**
- Key Vista Nature Park is **closed** due to ground saturation and trees continuing to fall
- J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park is **open**; the bike trail is **closed** due to flooding
- Robert K. Rees Memorial Park is **open**
- Anclote Gulf Park is **open**; the new Dog Park is **closed** due to flooding

EOC

The Pasco County EOC will scale back operations overnight Sunday and will stay at a Level 2 partial activation through Monday, September 5, 2016.

PASCO CUSTOMER SERVICE

Citizens who have questions, need assistance, would like to help or want to report storm damage can call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 or send an e-mail to:

customerservice@pascocountyfl.net.

Citizens are encouraged to use social media to post flooding or other storm-related photos and information using the hashtags #pascocounty #pascostorm.

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