

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 3, 2016 2:00 pm. Office of Emergency Management Pasco Emergency Operations Center Public Information Office 8744 Government Drive, Building A Phone: 727.847.2411 pio@pascocountyfl.net

Pasco County EOC UPDATE

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

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County received a strong thunderstorm Saturday that started around 7 a.m. and went through a wide area of Pasco County from SR 54 and 52 – dumping heavy rainfall on already saturated areas. We are seeing flooding and potential flooding in the following areas: Ridge & 52, Elfers & SR 54, Moon Lake, Bass Lake, Lake Gordon, Lake Worrell, Cranes Roost, Port Richey, Holiday Hills, Jasmine Lakes, and Timber Oaks.

MAJOR ROADS:

- As of 1:24 p.m. the west bound lane turning lane at Rowan and SR 54 is impassible
- Barricades are set up at Ridge Rd/US 19; Main St/US 19; and Kinsmere Dr. in Trinity
- High Tide at 2:15 p.m. could cause additional flooding along the Anclote and Cotee Rivers

EVACUATIONS:

- Pasco Fire Rescue and Pasco Sheriff's Office crews are assisting residents with a self-evacuation at the Worthington apartments at the southeast corner of Seven Springs Blvd and SR 54 and at the Suncoast Gateway Mobile Home Park at 6010 Ridge Road. If you evacuate, make sure you bring your ID, money, any medicines, and pets

RIVER LEVELS:

- Pasco Emergency Operations Center is concerned with a flood gauge at the Anclote River@ Elfers, where readings are about 4 feet below what actual readings are and flooding is occurring in the area.

EOC:

- The EOC is reminding citizens NOT to wade through flooded areas. We have received reports of some sewage backflow in pipes, lift stations and overflow ponds. Assume all flood water is contaminated.
- The Pasco EOC is now at a very active Level 2 monitoring and responding to the rescue and recovery phases of Tropical Storm Hermine.

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POTENTIAL WATER ISSUES:

- Pasco County Fire Rescue has requested mutual aid assistance for potential water rescues.
- Hillsborough County is providing swift water rescue units, including 2 engine companies, 2 small john boats and FWC is seeing if additional resources can be made available. Some of the boats are being staged at SR 54 and Rowan.

PASCO CUSTOMER SERVICE:

-Citizens who need assistance or would like to help can call the Pasco Customer Service number at 727.847.2411 or email customerservice@pascocountyfl.net.

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