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## **Pasco County EOC Upgrades to Level One Activation Status**

*~~ Hermine damage assessments have started~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- Pasco County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) upgraded to a Level One Activation status as of 9 a.m. Friday. Teams will also be in the field conducting Hurricane Hermine damage assessments. Pasco County EOC staff continues to monitor the situation with the National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service Tampa, Tampa Bay Emergency Operations Managers and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

A Flood Watch is in effect until 8:00 p.m. on September 2, 2016. Hurricane Hermine made landfall and has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm. The storm is expected to continue to tracking northward. Heavy rain of 2-3 inches or more is still possible. Winds are forecasted to be 20-25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. Pasco County residents can expect tides and surge to be a factor for the next high tide cycle today.

Anclote River at Elfers is forecasted to reach 20.1 feet, which is minor flood stage, at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2016. View the latest update at <http://bit.ly/2cvG9IV>

Cypress Creek Gauge at Worthington Gardens is forecasted to reach 8 feet, which is minor flood stage at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2016. View the latest update at <http://bit.ly/2ckXFyq>

Pasco County Government Offices are open. However, some offices may have limited staff and services as they are providing support for EOC operations.

Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) will resume regular service on all routes starting at 10:30 a.m. Friday. PCPT will not service the following areas due to flooding:

- Route 14 - Sea Forest
- Route 21 - Hudson Beach
- Route 18 - Sponge Docks

## 2-2-2 EOC UPGRADES TO LEVEL ONE

Bus schedule times may vary due to traffic conditions, detours, weather or unforeseen events. For more information, call PCPT at 727-834-3322.

Pasco County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources staff is currently assessing storm damage at County passive (nature) parks. All Recreational Centers are open. The following parks currently remain closed:

- Robert J. Strickland (Hudson Beach) Park
- Robert K. Rees (Green Key) Park
- Eagle Point Park
- Key Vista Nature Park
- Anclote Gulf Park
- Anclote River Park
- Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park
- Middle Lake Park
- Withlacoochee River Park

The boat ramp at Moon Lake Park is closed.

Crews Lake Park has completed damage assessment and is now open.

The Pasco County Customer Service line is open through 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2016. Please call 727.847.2411 with any questions or concerns. Citizens are encouraged to use social media to post flooding or other storm-related photos and information using the hashtags #pascocounty #pascostorm.

Citizens who would like more information about preparing for flooding, hurricanes or other disasters can go to the Pasco Emergency Management webpage at: [www.pascoemergencymanagement.com](http://www.pascoemergencymanagement.com).

For more information go to [www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net)

