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Pasco County Emergency Operations Center Activation

~~EOC monitoring storm; encouraging residents to prepare for potential flooding~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The Pasco County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will stand down to a partial activation Sunday afternoon starting at 12 noon and will be fully activated again Monday at 6:00 a.m. ahead of a low pressure system moving into the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Weather Service has issued a tropical storm warning for parts of Florida's West Coast, including Pasco County, as the area of low pressure moves quickly across the eastern Gulf. Pasco County residents will begin to feel the impact from this storm as early as Sunday evening, with the full force of the storm arriving Monday around 7:00 a.m.

The biggest threat from this storm will be heavy rain, which could cause flooding in some low-lying areas and in streets prone to flooding.

"We are going to flood in parts of Pasco County," said Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie. "Our message today to residents is to be prepared."

Sandbags are available at 8 locations – Pasco County handed out 7,500 sandbags Saturday. For a full list of sandbagging locations, please visit:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3475>.

Currently, no shelters are open in Pasco County; however, Emergency Management staff is monitoring the situation closely and are ready should the need arise.

For more information about preparing for flooding, tropical storms or other disasters, please visit: www.pascoemergencymanagement.com.

To speak with someone in Pasco County customer service, call **727.847.2411**. Phone lines will be answered through 5 p.m. Sunday and will open first thing Monday at 6:00 a.m.