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GOV. SCOTT ISSUES UPDATES ON HURRICANE HERMINE RECOVERY EFFORTS

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott issued the below update from the State Emergency Operations Center on recovery efforts following Hurricane Hermine.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS BY STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES HAVE GREATER THAN 2% POWER OUTAGE:

STATEWIDE: 18,293 HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITHOUT POWER

- Leon – 11% (16,161 homes without power).
- Wakulla – 18% (1,540 homes without power)
- Taylor – 2% (133 homes without power)
- Gadsden – 2% (363 homes without power)

- 22 State Facilities reported without power

County Buildings are Closed in 1 County:

- Wakulla

School Information

Have reopened today, Tuesday, September 6th: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Hernando, Holmes, Jackson, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Walton, Washington, UF Lab and Florida School for Deaf and Blind.

Will reopen on Wednesday, September 7th: Gilchrist (Teacher Work Day), Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla Counties, as well as, FSU and FAMU Lab

Law Enforcement

(FDHSMV, FWC, FDLE)

- 23 out of 27 assigned missions are complete
- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has two ongoing missions: one in Pasco County to provide public assistance and deliver water and one in Levy County to perform flooding reconnaissance.
- The state is deploying 20 law enforcement officers from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Capitol Police and other state agencies to patrol Leon County tonight
- One death confirmed in Florida by a medical examiner as a result of hurricane

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Transportation and Public Works & Engineering

(FDOT)

- Continuing to work missions for pumps, bridge inspection and generators for signalized intersections without power, debris management and public information support
- Providing fueling for the generators deployed in the Tallahassee area for the operation of traffic signals
- Coordinating ‘cut and toss’ activities associated with utility restoration in Leon, Wakulla County and the City of Tallahassee
- SR 72 in Sarasota is closed with emergency repairs planned
- Continuing to monitor office and school closures
- Providing maintenance and inspections of traffic signals.
- Florida’s com Traveler Information System is one of the most effective ways drivers can keep informed about the state’s roadways during and following any severe weather

Business, Industry & Economic Stabilization

(DEO, OIR)

- Business Damage Assessment surveys from the following counties have been submitted to the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center (VBEOC)
 - Alachua
 - Charlotte
 - Hillsborough

- Leon
- Pasco
- Polk
- Wakulla
- The state continues to support impacted businesses and will report major closures on a case by case basis
- Activating the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support recovery
- Developed a hotel availability reporting tool for hotels to regularly notify the state of their lodging capabilities
 - Currently more than 80 hotels reporting
- Continue to assist the Human Services branch by filling unmet needs with private sector assistance
- Responding to business inquiries received through the Private Sector Hotline: 850-410-1403.

Food & Water

(FDACS)

- Continue to support mass feeding partners
- Food Safety Rapid Response Teams have been deployed and assessed 244 food establishments permitted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). This assessment will take place in 29 counties
- Assessing ice needs for feeding agencies
- Bottled water shipped to impacted areas from state warehouse:
 - Leon County – 6 Trailers
 - Gadsden County – 3 Trailers
 - Dixie County – 1 ½ Trailers
 - Pasco County – 1 Trailers
 - Wakulla County – 6 Pallets

Health & Medical Services

(DOH, AHCA, APD, DCF, DEA)

- Monitoring post-impact Health Care Facilities to fulfill needs as requested
- Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point (Pasco County) has been reopened and is accepting patients
- Assisting Leon County Health & Medical Services with prioritizing power restoration
 - Providing generators as needed
- Monitoring and updating boil water notices. To see all current notices, please visit [org/info](#)
- Providing personnel bug repellent to Dixie and Levy Counties

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Human Services Branch

(DBPR, DCF, FDACS, Volunteer Florida)

- Supporting county transition of shelter occupants to alternative housing
- Performing mass feedings in impacted areas
- Supporting mass care with food, water and bulk distribution (including cleanup kits)
- A map of feeding locations and charging stations can be found [HERE](#).
- Statistical updates are compiled on a daily basis. The following resources have been provided to communities in need:
- Tarps shipped to impacted areas from state warehouse:
 - Levy County – 350
- ADA cots loaned from state warehouse:
 - FSU – 250 Each for students displaced by power outage in a dorm
 - AmeriCorps – 50 Each for volunteers coming in to support
- Comfort Bath Wipe Packs shipped to impacted areas from state warehouse:
 - Leon County – 56,000 Units

Elder Affairs:

- Assessing impact on individuals in homes within the impacted area to ensure there are no unmet needs.

The Salvation Army:

- Providing Services in 7 Counties with 18 Feeding Units
 - Meals Served: 2,981
 - Hydration (Water, etc.): 2,960
 - Snacks: 3,214
- Cumulative to Date:
 - Meals Served: 9,602
 - Hydration: 9,420
 - Snacks: 7,583

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Missionaries:

- Provided one shower to Wakulla County and have a field kitchen in Leon County.
- Cooked 1,479 meals, served by American Red Cross mobile feeding units.

The American Red Cross:

- **7 shelters open | 40 sheltered**
 - **Wakulla County:** Crawfordville Elementary School | 379 Arran Rd
Crawfordville FL 32327

- **Leon County:** Bethel AME Church | 501 W. Orange Avenue Tallahassee FL 32310
- **Columbia County:** Mason City Community Center | 11110 US Hwy 441 S Lake City FL 32025
- **Pasco County:** Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter | 11611 Denton Avenue Hudson FL 34667
- **Taylor County:** Taylor Elementary | 1600 E. Green Street Perry FL 32347
- **Dixie County:** Trail Rider Community Center | 239 NE 241st Street Cross City FL 32628
- **Levy County:** Williston High School | 427 W. Noble Avenue Williston FL 32696

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Environmental Protection

(DEP, Water Management Districts)

- Monitoring Florida's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network System and following up on wastewater releases
- Troy Springs State Park in Suwannee County is the only state park that remains closed. DEP is working to clear damaged areas and will reopen the park once it is safe and secure.

Resource Management and Communications

(DMS)

- Charging Stations have been placed at the following locations in Leon County for individuals to utilize:
 - **CenturyLink Locations**
- 1544 Governors Square Blvd. Tallahassee

- **T-Mobile/Metro PCS Locations**
 - 3813 N. Monroe Street Tallahassee FL 32303
 - 1424 Capital Circle NW Tallahassee FL 32303
 - 3111 Mahan Dr Tallahassee FL 32308
 - N Monroe St Suite B Tallahassee FL 32303
 - 2450 Spring Hill Dr #2 Tallahassee FL 32305
 - 1918 W. Tennessee Tallahassee FL 32304
 - **Verizon Locations**
 - Governor's Square, 2014 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32301
 - 1889 N M L King Jr Blvd, # 1, Tallahassee, FL 32303

- Bradfordville Center, 6721 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312

- **AT&T Locations**

- 1706 W Tennessee St, Tallahassee, FL 32304
- 3521 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32309
- 100 N Magnolia Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32301

- **Sprint Locations**

- 1584 Governors Square Blvd #14, Tallahassee, FL 32301
- 2264 N Monroe St #2, Tallahassee, FL 32303
- A map of feeding locations and charging stations can be found [HERE](#).
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) currently has all towers operational.
As of this afternoon:
 - 5 towers on back-up generators
 - 3 towers have been restored to normal operations since last night
- Wireless (Big Bend/ Gulf Coast Counties)
 - 7 towers are not operational (5 due to power loss)
 - 65 towers are on back-up generators
 - 20 towers have been restored to normal operations since last night
- Landlines (Leon County)
 - 4,500 customer outages
 - 2,000 outages have been restored since last night

Military Support

(Florida National Guard)

- The Florida National Guard continues to provide logistical support at the State Logistical Response Center in Orlando.

Volunteer and Donations

(Volunteer Florida)

- Volunteer Florida has established a list of organizations that are serving individuals, families, and businesses following Hurricane Hermine so that those who want to provide assistance can donate locally. The list can be found [here](#).

- Florida Baptist Convention has deployed 3 chain saw crews to assist with debris removal in three counties; the number of counties continues to expand as more teams are deployed.
- Volunteer Florida has activated Citizen Emergency Response (CERT) teams from 5 counties to assist American Red Cross and The Salvation Army at feeding and distribution sites.
- Volunteer Florida is working with FAMU and Florida Baptist Convention to identify potential housing for volunteers.
- Volunteer Florida partners 2-1-1 and Florida Association of Food Banks are surveying members to identify needs for children, elderly, and individuals with special needs.
- Working with 2-1-1 to obtain a listing of types of calls received requesting assistance and information
- Working with Business, Industry and Economic Stabilization Emergency Support Function to request donation of distribution supplies (i.e. food and cleanup kits) to provide to impacted areas – located warehouse.

Recovery Section

(DEM)

- Collecting data from Initial Damage Assessments for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance
- The Recovery Coordination Center is now activated
- Individual Assistance:
 - Taylor County has requested: Joint Individual Assistance/Preliminary Damage Assessment Team Scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th
 - Dixie County has requested: Joint Individual Assistance/Preliminary Damage Assessment Team Scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th and Wednesday, September 7th
 - Levy County has requested: Joint Individual Assistance/Preliminary Damage Assessment Team Scheduled for Thursday, September 8th
 - Individual Assistance Requested: Currently working with FEMA and the county to schedule Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments for Franklin, Hernando, Leon and Wakulla Counties.
- Public Assistance:
 - Dixie County has requested: Joint Public Assistance/Preliminary Damage Assessment Team Scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th
 - Levy County has requested: Joint Public Assistance/Preliminary Damage Assessment Team Scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th
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- Vector Control:
- Governor Scott and State Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip held a call with all 51 mosquito control districts on Sunday, September 4th, to stress the importance of mosquito control and response following Hurricane Hermine

American Red Cross – Damage Assessments:

Central Florida Disaster Assessment

Field report on the observations of the damage assessment teams sent into Pasco County for the following areas:

- **Magnolia Valley area:**
 - Sequoia, Live Oak St, Bergen Ct, flooded unable to access
 - Foxwood and Cayuga, Cherry Tree Ln, Clovis Ct flooded unable to access
 - Holly Lake Ln. near Clovis flooded unable to access
 - Duck Ln flooded unable to access
 - Valley Dr near Cherry Tree Ln flooded unable to access
 - Celeste Ln near Congress St flooded unable to access
 - Leo Kidd Ave and Siesta Ln flooded unable to access
- **Sun Coast Gateway and mobile home park:**
 - Unable to access 175 homes, pumping in progress
- **Lake Worrell:**
 - Cameo Dr. (Starting at house #85361) unable to access including Sunrise Ln.
 - Other areas in Lake Worrell are okay.
- **Bass Lake Area:**
 - Brookwood Dr. and Outpost Rd unable to access neighbor at 9005 Outpost Dr stated 1 foot initially entered her home.
 - Westlock Dr. Unable to access.
 - Royal Palm Ave unable to access near Osceola Dr.
 - Rest of Bass lake unable most roads but houses appeared to have NVD.
- **Elfers Parkway Area:**
 - Creek Dr. in addition to all connected roads flooded unable to access.
- **Worthington Court Apartment Complex:**

- Apartment's flooded in rear water above a/c units unable to confirm apt numbers due to flooding (approximately 8 buildings)
- NOTE: Heavy mosquito infestation
- **Blue Heron Area:** (Actual name is Blue Heron Point 21 mobile homes affected 36")
- East of Congress approximately 2-3 blocks over Aurora and Carnelian flooded
- West side of Blue Heron, (Blue Heron Point 21 mobile homes affected 36") septic tanks flooded requesting water and supplies
- **Griffen Park Mobile Home Park:**
- Canton and Mango St. unable to access, 12 mobile homes observed flooded
- Peony St and Canton unable to access flooded (large mobile home park unable to observe majority of homes)
- Salvation Army is in area providing food and water to Blue Heron locale.

*All the following numbers are Preliminary Disaster Assessments gathered from local emergency management except for the DDA completed in Hillsborough County.

North Florida Disaster Assessment:

- **Leon County:** 80% completed Killlearn Lakes, Damage mostly affected or minor. We will continue to have teams in all regions of Leon county tomorrow
- **Wakulla County:** 80% completed Crawfordville.
- **Taylor County:** Steinhatchee is 90 % Complete and 80% of the unincorporated area north of Steinhatchee have been completed.
- **Levy County:** Teams continue to work in this county
- **Dixie County:** Teams continue to work in this county

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The Florida Division of Emergency Management is the state agency charged with preparing for all types of disasters in Florida. The Division is the state's disaster liaison with federal and local agencies, and is the lead consequence management agency for the State Emergency Response Team (SERT). The Division maintains the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Tallahassee and the State Watch Office, the 24-hour communications and command center for response coordination. Follow the Division on social media at www.facebook.com/FloridaSERT or on Twitter @FLSERT

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