



St. Johns County Emergency Management

FLASH Report #1 Hurricane Irma

September 5, 2017 - 0900

Emergency Operations Center Level: 3 (Monitoring)

Current Situation:

Hurricane Irma is moving west at 14 mph across the Atlantic, just west of the Leeward Islands with maximum sustained winds of 175 mph, making it a dangerous Category 5 hurricane. Hurricane Irma will continue on a west to northwest track toward the southern Bahamas and Cuba through the end of the week.

There remains a high degree of forecast uncertainty with Irma's forecast track beyond Friday.

Potential Impacts per NWS Jacksonville:

- An increasing threat of dangerous rip currents through the weekend.
- Coastal hazards including elevated surf, coastal flooding, and beach erosion toward the end of the week.
- Locally heavy rainfall will be possible this weekend.
- Small Craft Advisory for portions of adjacent coastal waters by Thursday or Friday.

It is still too early to speculate on other potential local impacts from Irma. **BEWARE** of unwarranted speculation based on forecast models at this time.

Local Actions/Activities:

- St. Johns County Emergency Management is closely monitoring Hurricane Irma and beginning preparedness actions for potential impacts. We are participating in conference calls with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, National Weather Service Jacksonville and National Hurricane Center for the most up-to-date information.
- St. Johns County Emergency Management is asking all staff with Emergency Operations Center related responsibilities to closely monitor the progress of Hurricane Irma.

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