



St. Johns County Emergency Management

FLASH Report #4

Hurricane Irma

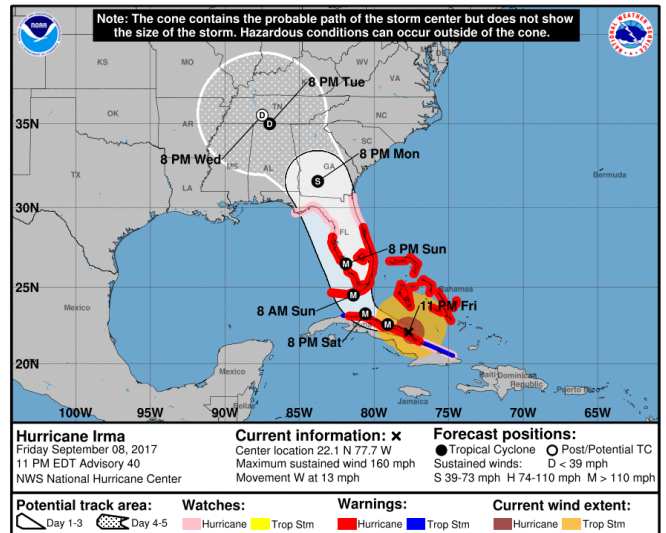
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Emergency Operations Center Level: 1 Full Activation

Current Situation:

Hurricane Irma is moving toward the west near 13 mph. A turn toward the northwest is expected by late Saturday. On the forecast track, the center of Irma will move near the north coast of Cuba through Saturday, near the Florida Keys Sunday morning, and then near the southwest coast of Florida Sunday afternoon.

Irma is a category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph with higher gusts. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the center, and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 185 miles. Some fluctuations in intensity are likely during the next day or two, but Irma is expected to remain a powerful hurricane as it approaches Florida.



Potential Impacts per NWS Jacksonville:

- **St. Johns County is now under a Hurricane Watch. A Hurricane Watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area within 48 hours.**
- Coastal northeast Florida could see 10-15 inches of rain.
- Based on the current track, there is an increased risk of tornadoes for our area.
- Large destructive wave action and above normal astronomical tides may result in further damage to coastal infrastructure if the worst impacts occur near the time of high tide.

Local Actions/Activities:

- St. Johns County has ordered mandatory evacuations for Evacuation Zones A and B beginning Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 0600. One shelter opened at 1900 today and an additional five shelters will open tomorrow at 0600.
- St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center is at a Level 1 Full Activation.

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