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Levy County Emergency Management
October 9, 2018 4 pm Hurricane Michael Update
EVACUATION ORDER IN EFFECT FOR COASTAL LEVY COUNTY
PUBLIC INFORMATION LINES OPEN-352-486-5155

Levy County residents and visitors along the coast are urged to finish their preparations for Hurricane Michael. Residents and visitors must finish preparations now in order to make sure they are safe. THERE IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS STORM SURGE EXPECTED

Public Information: Public Information lines are open at 352-486-5155 for people to call if they have any questions or concerns. Residents and visitors are strongly urged to pay attention to their local media sources and follow us on our social media at www.facebook.com/lcdem and visit our website at www.levydisaster.com

Storm Surge: Dangerous storm surge as high as 10 feet MSL is possible in Cedar Key and along the Levy County coastline. Residents and visitors along the coast must take all necessary protective actions now to ensure their safety. An evacuation order is in effect for all of coastal Levy County including and not limited to Cedar Key, Yankeetown, Fowlers Bluff, and Fanning Springs. **THIS STORM SURGE IS VERY DANGEROUS! TAKE IT SERIOUS**

Watches and Warnings: Levy County is currently under a Tropical Storm Warning and a Storm Surge Warning.

Severe Weather: Severe weather is possible with any type of storm. Levy County could see additional rainfall of up to 3 inches. As the storm moves through, high gusty winds and heavy thunderstorms are possible in the storm bands. Some areas could see storm gusts as high as 50mph with sustained winds 20-30 mph.

Evacuations and Sheltering: An evacuation order has been issued for all Coastal Levy County. For those seeking shelter, a shelter of last resort is open at the Bronson Elementary School located at 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL 32621. **Residents that need evacuation to a shelter and do not have transportation may call 352-486-3485 for transportation assistance.**

Pets: NO Shelters in Levy County are pet friendly. Residents with dogs or cats that need to be sheltered have to bring a crate, food for the pet and a current rabies certification to the Levy County Animal Services building at 12055 NE 69th Ln, Bronson, FL 32621. If you do not provide proof of rabies vaccination, the county veterinarian will administer the vaccination for \$10. Only cash will be accepted.

All dogs and cats will be sheltered at the Levy County Animal Services facility in Bronson. We highly encourage residents and visitors to plan for alternative arrangements for their pets if possible.

Protective Measures: It is absolutely vital that residents and visitors prepare for major storm surge flooding along the coast. The bridges in Cedar Key will become impassable with the storm surge and those areas will be cut off from assistance. **DO NOT WAIT TO GET PREPARED.** Areas outside of the coast need to prepare for high winds, severe thunderstorms, and heavy rainfall.

School and Government Closures: Schools will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Levy County government will be closed on Wednesday, with the exception of public safety departments and the Levy County Landfill.

Boat Ramps: ALL BOAT RAMPS ARE CLOSED.

Road Closures: SR 40 West at the Yankeetown General Store will be closed to all traffic today starting at 5pm. State Road 24 at the Number 4 Bridge going into Cedar Key will be closed to traffic going into the island at 8pm today. Only residents and business owners with proper re-entry credentials after the closure will be allowed onto the island to make any final preparations. The US Hwy 19 bridge in Fanning Springs is not expected to close.

Cedar Key Water: Cedar Key Water District will be shutting off water service beginning at 1a.m. on Wednesday morning in preparation for storm surge