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Biketoberfest safety tips offered in wake of Matthew damage

October 10, 2016 – Flagler Beach and Flagler County officials are urging bikers to be respectful when cruising through areas hit hard by Hurricane Matthew.

“Our residents have been through one heck of an ordeal,” Flagler Beach Police Chief Matt Doughney said. “People’s homes are damaged, they have been without power and everyone is a little stressed out. The last thing they need is to have people speeding down their streets or revving loud engines.”

State Road A1A is closed between South 8th Street and South 22nd Street in Flagler Beach, and on the north end of town between North 19th Street and North 23rd Street. Additionally, State Road A1A is closed to through traffic in the unincorporated areas of Flagler County immediately north of Beverly Beach to the St. Johns County line.

“Even though we are still in the thick of recovery from the storm, we want our visitors to come to the county and enjoy our amenities – most of which are still in place,” Flagler County Administrator Craig Coffey. “Unfortunately, though, the beach is closed because of the amount of debris on it and it is unsafe right now.”

Doughney reminds bikers to follow Florida’s motorcycling laws:

Tickets will be issued for moving violations like careless driving, reckless driving, speeding, drag racing and driving under the influence.

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