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Mandatory evacuations called for eastern most Flagler County

October 5, 2016 – The track of Hurricane Matthew has shifted west, prompting Flagler County officials to call for a mandatory evacuation of zones A and B beginning at 6 a.m. Thursday.

“The current storm surge estimates have risen and that will likely cause a greater impact to Flagler County,” said Steve Garten, public safety emergency manager. “We would like residents to head west. Shelter space is intended for those who have no other option so if you have friends and family you can stay with, please make those arrangements.”

Evacuation Zone A includes everything east of the Intracoastal including Marineland, Hammock, Flagler Beach along A1A.

Evacuation Zone B includes the neighborhoods along Colbert Lane to the south, all of the C section and the F section east of Florida Park Drive and the F section east of Palm Harbor Parkway. This zone also includes the area east of Old Kings Road, south of State Road 100 including Bulow and its adjacent neighborhood, Grand Haven and western Flagler Beach.

These residents will be notified by CodeRED of the evacuation order.

Flagler County is asking residents to respect the evacuation order, especially on the barrier island. Once sustained winds reach 45 mph, the bridges will close and first responders will not be able to respond to the area.

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