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‘State of Local Emergency’ document released to assist residents with insurance claims

October 21, 2016 – Officials in Flagler County have released copies of its signed “State of Local Emergency” document filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller to assist those residents required to evacuate with their insurance claims in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

“For insurance purposes, you are not allowed to just leave your house unless you are required to evacuate,” said Steve Garten, Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager.

Flagler County called for mandatory evacuations of evacuation zones A, B and C on October 5. Residents were notified through CodeRED, sometimes referred to as “reverse 9-1-1,” between the hours of 8:31 p.m. and 9:04 p.m., as well as through radio announcements, social media and other traditional media sources.

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.

Evacuation Zone C is a very small section tucked within the boundaries of B.

It is under the authority of the signed proclamation of the “State of Local Emergency” that mandatory evacuations were ordered.

“This documentation will help our residents make those claims, and get the reimbursements they should for things like overnight hotel stays,” Garten said. “Keep all of your receipts.”