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## Tropical Storm Dorian: Be Aware, Be Prepared, Don't be Scared

**August 26, 2019** – As the peak of Hurricane Season approaches, Tropical Storm Dorian's path towards Florida provides a reminder to Flagler County residents and businesses to remain vigilant.

"It is too early to know if Tropical Storm Dorian – likely to become a hurricane soon – will have an impact on Flagler County," said Emergency Management Director, Jonathan Lord. "However, for residents and businesses that have not made preparations this year for a tropical storm or hurricane, *now* is the time to do so.

Don't wait to see if Flagler County falls within a 'Cone of Uncertainty' or comes under a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Watch. Ready your home and business now."

Residents and businesses are advised to:

- **Get a Kit:** Have an emergency supply kit that contains enough food, water, hygiene and medical supplies, medications, clothing, etc. for at least five to seven days for each member of the household, as well as family pets. Don't forget cash and fuel needs.
- **Make a Plan:** Decide today, that if your neighborhood is ordered to evacuate in an emergency, where you will go, such as a family or friend's home, hotel, or shelter.
- **Be Informed:** Ensure that you are aware of the hazards affecting your home or business, know if you are in a Hurricane Evacuation Zone, and sign up for **ALERTFlagler** to receive emergency messages from the County and your municipality.

Lord says that it is important that residents and businesses remain prepared year round, and not wait until a storm threatens. Now is the time to make sure that preparedness kits contain adequate emergency supplies, and to test and check emergency equipment such as hurricane shutters and generators.

"I don't like seeing residents rushing around at the last minute, trying to get food, water, and fuel, as the supplies are running out," Lord said. "If our community takes the time to be prepared now, then we can all weather the storm and return to our normal daily routines much quicker."

For more information on how to be prepared, including what to include in your emergency supply kit, how to make a disaster plan, and finding out if you are in a Hurricane Evacuation Zone, visit

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[www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency](http://www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency). You can also sign up for **ALERTFlagler** emergency notifications and access the Disaster Preparedness Guide online. Printed Guides are available for pick-up at most public government buildings within Flagler County.

If you or a household member require daily home medical care in an evacuation, or require transportation evacuation assistance, please sign-up for the Special Needs Registry at [www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency](http://www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency) and select 'Individuals with Special Needs' from the menu.

For additional assistance or information from Flagler County Emergency Management, email [EOC@FlaglerCounty.org](mailto:EOC@FlaglerCounty.org) or call 386-313-4200.

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