#### AMERICAN MARITIME OFFICERS PLANS

**2018 NEWSLETTER** 

# ARE YOU READY?

## HURRICANE SEASON JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30

#### **WATCHES + WARNINGS**

Tropical Storm Watch - Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 48 hrs.

Tropical Storm Warning - Tropical storm conditions are expected, usually within 36 hrs.

Hurricane Watch – Hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 48 hrs.

Hurricane Warning –Hurricane conditions are expected, usually within 36 hrs.

Tropical storm –Sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.

Hurricane -Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

#### Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

Category 1: 74 to 95 mph

Category 2: 96 to 110 mph

Category 3: 111 to 129 mph

Category 4: 130 to 156 mph

Category 5: 157 mph or higher



### BE READY BE SAFE BE PREPARED

#### PREPAREDNESS TIPS

The Broward Sheriffs Office wants you to be prepared for hurricane season.

Take the time now to make your plans. Remember, hope for 3, plans for 5. Stock enough supplies for at least 5 days.

KEEP THESE SUPPLY TIPS IN MIND THROUGHOUT HURRICANE SEASON:

- Gather your supplies at the start of the season.
- Store at least one gallon of drinking water per person, per day.
- Stock plenty of ready –to-eat canned food and a manual can opener.
- Stock evaporated milk and other nonperishables like peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, dried fruit, and don't forget your pets' food too.
- Gather baby supplies, like diapers and food.
- Have several battery-powered radios, flashlights, lanterns and extra batteries available. Small battery powered televisions are useful too.
- Store household supplies like unscented household bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, soap/ liquid detergent, plastic bags, paper plates and disposable utensils.
- Make sure you have a two-week supply of prescription medications.
- Keep a first aid kit.
- Store a fire extinguisher.
- Gather important papers, including insurance papers and medical paperwork, and place in waterproof container.

#### **BEFORE THE STORM**

Tune in to your local TV or radio news broadcasts for advisories.

Know the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning.

Make sure your vehicle is full of gasoline.

Withdraw money to last for several days.

Bring inside or secure outdoor items.

Install hurricane shutters or plywood on windows.

Reassure children they are safe.

If you are staying in your home, have a designated safe room.

#### AFTER THE STORM

Stay tuned to local media.

Inspect your home for damage.

Beware of fallen power lines.

Use flashlights for illumination if you have no power.

Cook outdoors using charcoal or propane grills/stoves.

Avoid driving as much as possible.

Treat all intersections as 4 way stops.

Place generators outside and away from windows.

Safeguard your generator against theft. Lock it to a fixed object.

"HURRICANE SEASON BRINGS A HUMBLING REMINDER THAT, DESPITE OUR TECHNOLOGIES, MOST OF NATURE REMAINS UNPREDICTABLE"

#### LESSONS LEARNED FROM HURRICANE IRMA

- Ice, water and plywood are all storm essentials.
- If you have a generator, give it a test run before each hurricane season to make sure it is in working order.
- Whoever added a flashlight to smartphones was a genius.
- The next time FP&L shows up at your door and wants to remove or trim trees on your property, allow them.
- Fallen branches and trees don't just knock out power. They also damage roofs and dent cars. Trim trees early in the year and not the day before the storm.
- Flashlights and Fans use D batteries, many radios use C batteries. Portable Fans use 8 D batteries.
- Buy an inverter for your car, you'll be able to recharge your phones, tablets, laptops, etc., all while enjoying the car A/C. Just make sure the car is parked outside.
- Filling containers with water and freezing them before the storms works for extra ice blocks.
- When a boil water alert is in effect and you have no way to boil water, you'll need plain, unscented bleach and an eyedropper to squeeze out the eight drops per gallon to disinfect it. Add those to the list this year.

Excerpts from Sun Sentinel article written by Michael Mayo—Contact Reporter South Florida.com 9.15.2017





#### **TIPS FOR PET OWNERS**

Before a storm, ensure you have assembled essential items for each pet.

- Two-week supply of food, bottled water and medication.
- **♦** Water and food dishes.
- **♦** Toys and Blankets.
- **Emergency phone number for veterinarians.**
- Veterinary records with rabies certificate, current license tag number and identification chip or tattoo number.
- Be sure your pet has received a rabies vaccination and is wearing his Broward County Pet Registration Tag on a secure collar.
- If your pet has a microchip, be sure the chip number is registered and the owner information is current. Chips can be registered for FREE at www.found.org.
- Photo of your pet (to prove you are the owner).
- Cleaning supplies (newspapers, plastic bags, disinfectant.
- **♦ Pet first aid book and kit.**

A HURRICANE IS LIKE AN ELEPHANT...



IT CAN GO ABOUT ANYWHERE IT PLEASES!!!

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Emergency** 911

First Call for Help 211

**Broward County Hurricane Hotline** 311

954-831-4000

**Broward County Human Services Department for Special Needs Shelter Registration** 

954-357-6385

**Broward County School District Hotline** 

754-321-0321

Fema Hotline 1-800-342-3557

1-850-413-9900

**Broward County Emergency Management** 

**Pet Friendly Hurricane Shelter Registration** 

**Broward County** 954-989-3977

**Animal Care & Regulation** 954-359-1313

Insurance—State of Florida Department of Financial 1-800-22-STORM

**Service Hurricane Hotline** 

**Price Gouging Hotline** 1-800-HELP-FLA

1-800-352-9832 In Spanish

**Broward County Consumer Affairs Division** 

954-357-5350

**Broward County Waste & Recycling Services** 

954-765-4202

**Broward County Paratransit Services** 

954-357-6794

**Mass Transit Rider Services** 954-357-8400





#### 2018 **HURRICANE NAMES**

Alberto

Beryl Chris Debby Ernesto Florence Gordon Helene Isaac Joyce

Kirk Leslie

Michael

Nadine

Oscar Patty

Rafael Sara

Tony Valerie William



#### **HURRICANE HOTLINE**

Telephone 954-922-7428 ext. 206

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