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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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HURRICANE UPDATE #4

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Sheriff Rick Staly released a community alert video at 3:30pm Saturday on Hurricane Dorian and the need to prepare now. The video is available here: https://youtu.be/nMBZy_94PRs

Transcript below:

Good afternoon Flagler County, I am your Sheriff Rick Staly and I'm at the Emergency Operations Center.

The Hurricane Dorian update for Saturday shows the storm is a very strong Category 4 hurricane and is moving northeast off the coast of Florida. This is very good news as we are no longer expecting a direct hit. This change of course means that a 4-6 foot storm surge is still possible in Flagler County with rains of 8 to 10 inches.

Tropical storm conditions are possible starting Monday and lasting through Thursday. There is a high risk of rip currents and a coastal advisory is already in effect.

We are asking all residents in Hurricane Evacuation Zones A, B, and F, and people living in modular homes, to still be prepared to evacuate in case the hurricane shifts back west or does not continue moving in a more northeasterly direction. At this time no evacuation recommendations are planned. Official evacuations recommendations will be announced by Flagler County Emergency Management if they become necessary Monday.

Shelters will not be opening Sunday and, IF need will open Monday. There is a possibility that sheletrs may not be needed if Dorian continues its northeast movement. Continue to monitor Flagler County Emergency Management for updates on the need to evacuate or shelter information.

The Inmate Work Crew has been available to assist in filling sandbags at the Malacompra Park site off A1A in the hammock and Hidden Trails Community Center in Daytona North but has ended operations for Saturday. We are working with Flagler Beach and the county for Sunday sandbag services so watch our Facebook and website for details.

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The Flagler County Emergency Hotline is open and available 24-hours a day. If you have any storm-related questions, you can call 386-586-5111 day or night and someone can help you.

If you are a business owner and need assistance with anything storm related, there is a Business Emergency Line to assist you before, during, and after the storm. The number is 386-313-4923.

The next 24-hours will really allow the National Weather Service models to better predict Dorian's movement and projected landfall. Remember this storm is still very far away and is a dangerous storm. From the past few days, you can see how unpredictable this storm is and how quickly things can change, but right now it is looking much better for Flagler County.

Finally, if you are having a "hurricane party" for Labor Day weekend I ask you to be responsible. Deputies are on patrol and you don't want to end up in the Green Roof Inn for Labor Day or during the hurricane. Your priority should still be to prepare your home, business and family in the event Dorian changes course.

Flagler Schools has announced they have cancelled school for Tuesday.

Thank you for joining me as we go Day by Day with Dorian. I want you to know your Sheriff's Office is prepared and ready to handle anything Dorian throws at us.

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