



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From: Lieutenant Michael L. Burzumato**  
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**Re: Tropical Storm Debby Update**

**Date: 06/25/2012**

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A local state of emergency has been issued for Hernando County as of this afternoon. This is a pre-cautionary measure in the event that emergency protective measures are necessary. The Emergency Operations Center has been actively monitoring this system since yesterday afternoon and will continue to monitor the system throughout its duration. Residents are encouraged to report all storm related damage to the Emergency Operations Center at (352) 754-4083.

Residents are advised that if they do have to go out, avoid areas of standing water and do not try to drive through it. Also, make sure to stay away from any downed power lines and report them immediately. If anyone is using a generator, make sure it is in a well ventilated area outside of the home and do not hook it up directly to the residence without an automatic shut off should the power come back on. Residents should continue to monitor their local media for updates and be cognizant that this storm will be around for several days.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office along with several county agencies have been working together throughout last night and all of today addressing numerous concerns that are a direct result from Tropical Storm Debby. The most pressing issue that the county is dealing with at this time is localized heavy flooding in low lying areas and sinkholes forming in various locations throughout the county. Additional rain fall is expected from Tropical Storm Debby for the next 24-48 hours as the storm continues to move very slowly towards the state.

A river flood warning has been issued for the entire Withlacoochee River and residents who live along this area should be cognizant of rising waters and evacuate as needed. Coastal residents are encouraged to actively monitor this system and potential storm surge. Residents are encouraged to move to higher ground if necessary. A tornado watch has been issued for Hernando County until 11pm.

There are currently three locations in Hernando County where sandbags are available.

Spring Hill Fire Station #1  
1479 Parker Ave.  
Spring Hill, Fl.

Spring Hill Fire Station #2  
Bob Hartung Ct.  
Spring Hill, Fl.

Brooksville Fire Department  
60 Veterans Av.  
Brooksville, Fl.

Current road closures in Hernando County are at the following locations:

- Spring Hill Drive from the Hernando County Jail to FDOT Office (Flooding)
- Mariner Bv. from Little St. to Claymore St. (Sinkhole)
- Claymore St. at Keepport Dr. (Sinkhole)
- Citrus Way at US98 (Flooding)
- Old Crystal River Rd. at Ajax St. (Flooding)
- Richloam Clay Sink Rd. at Cortez Bv. (SR50) (Tree down)
- Eppley Dr. at Trudy Ln. (Flooding)
- Croom Rd. from Broad St. east to McIntyre Rd. (Flooding)
- Clinton Dr. from Cortez Bv. to Providence Bv. (Flooding)
- Rosewood Dr. at Lynbrook Ln. (Flooding)