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EVENT	Tropical Storm Hermine		EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION
DATE	1 September 2016		1/ FULL
TIME	10:00 AM		2/ PARTIAL
<b>REPORT</b> #	6	Х	3/ MONITORING

## TROPICAL STORM WARNING, FLOOD WATCH, AND HURRICANE WATCH REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY.

#### <u>SITUATION</u>

- Tropical Storm Hermine continues to move toward the Florida peninsula. This system is currently moving north-northeast at 12 mph. Maximum sustained winds are 60 mph.
- The most significant impacts from Hermine are expected to occur this evening and last through the overnight hours into Friday morning.
- Hernando County is under a tropical storm warning and a hurricane watch. A tropical storm warning means sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are expected due to a tropical storm within 36 hours. A hurricane watch is also in effect for Hernando County. A hurricane watch is issued when sustained winds of 74 mph or higher associated with a hurricane are possible within 48 hours.

#### POSSIBLE IMPACTS

- If you live on or near the coast, you will see flooding this evening and overnight. Residents in extreme low lying areas should consider evacuating to higher ground ahead of the storm. Significant rainfall and storm surge inundation are expected.
- High tide is scheduled to occur at 2:45 p.m. today, 3:19 a.m. Friday morning, and 3:21 p.m. Friday afternoon. The most significant of these will occur on Friday morning, with storm surge of 3 to 5 feet above high tide. Parts of Aripeka, Bayport, Hernando Beach, and Pine Island will experience flooding.
- Rainfall of 6 to 10 inches could produce flooding conditions, especially on roadways in other parts of the county.
- Sustained winds of 25 mph are expected, with wind gusts to 45 mph in rain bands. Secure personal property at this time.
- There is also increased potential for tornadoes today. Stay tuned to local media for the latest weather information. Be prepared to seek safe shelter.

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Check emergency supply kits.
- Plans and preparations to secure personal property should be rushed to completion.
- Relocate to higher ground if you feel unsafe. Flood waters will be capable of quick ponding on roadways.
- Coastal residents should closely monitor the progress of this system through local media outlets, the National Weather Service at <u>http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/</u> or the National Hurricane Center at <u>http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/</u>
- Do not drive into flood waters, "Turn Around, Don't Drown."
- Mariners should expect to see small craft advisories on Thursday and Friday.
- Tide prediction data is available at Hernando Beach: <u>http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions/NOAATidesFacade.jsp?Stationid=8727122</u> Bayport: <u>http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions/NOAATidesFacade.jsp?Stationid=8727151</u>
- Report storm damage to Hernando County Emergency Management at (352) 754-4083.

#### SANDBAG AVAILABILITY

• As weather conditions allow, 3 self-serve sandbag distribution sites are open at the following locations. Sand and sandbags will be available until 7:00 p.m. Bring your own shovel.

Hernando County Department of Public Works	Hernando County Fire Rescue Station 1	Hernando Beach Water Tower
1525 East Jefferson Street	1479 Parker Avenue	4500 Shoal Line Boulevard
Brooksville, FL 34601	Spring Hill, FL 34606	Hernando Beach, FL 34607

#### **CLOSURES**

- The Hernando County School District has announced that schools are closed on Thursday, September 1, 2016, and will be open on Friday, September 2, 2016.
- Hernando County Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation. Government leaders are continually assessing current and forecasted conditions to determine the need for additional emergency protective measures.
- Hernando County Government is open today. The Emergency Operations Center is not activated at this time. Shelters are not open at this time. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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#### **ATTACHMENTS** TROPICAL STORM HERMINE ALERTS HURRICANE HURRICANE TROPICAL STORM TROPICAL STORM WATCH WATCH WARNING WARNING Huntsville Augusta Charteston Atlanta Maton Savannah rmingham Alma Montgomery Albany Valdosta Jacksonville Tallahassee De Funiak Springs Daytona Beach ensacola Apalachicola Cedar Key Orlando **Bayonet** Point

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