



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Initial Damage Assessment Information for Hernando County

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Damage Assessment Teams conducted initial impact assessments throughout the county on Saturday, 09-03-16, and Sunday, 09-04-16. Information from the assessments will be provided to local and state officials to assist in recovery efforts.

Initial damage assessments are as follows:

- Structures Surveyed 535
- Destroyed 2
- Major Damage 18
- Minor Damage 179
- Affected 334
- **Total Damage Estimate \$7,794,269**

The information above includes eight commercial structures. One business was assessed as destroyed.

Debris Removal Reminder

Hernando County Solid Waste/West Hernando Convenience Center, located at 2525 Osowaw Boulevard in Spring Hill, will be open on Monday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ramp to access the facility can accommodate 5' x 10' trailers and smaller.

These extended and holiday hours are to accommodate Hernando County residents who wish to dispose of trash and debris caused by Hurricane Hermine.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.