# Media Release

**From:**      **Denise M. Moloney**
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**Re:**        **Storm Related Emergency Management Activities**

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As Hurricane Matthew threatens the eastern coast of Florida, Hernando County Emergency Management staff continue to work diligently to ensure Hernando County residents prepare themselves for any severe weather that may impact Hernando County.

While they continue Hurricane Hermine recovery efforts, Emergency Management staff are actively monitoring the approach of Hurricane Matthew.

Over the last several days Emergency Management staff have participated in multiple informational briefings with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) and will continue to do so until the storm is no longer a threat.

Emergency Management staff remain in contact with local Emergency Management partners throughout the state.

A CodeRED call was initiated on 10-05-16 for special needs residents.  The content of the message was storm awareness and preparedness.

**If you are a special needs resident and you did not receive the message or if you feel like you need assistance, please contact Hernando County Emergency Management at 352-754-4083.**

**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.