



**Hernando County**  
**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**Alert Form**



<b>EVENT</b>	Water Tower Wildfire
<b>DATE</b>	10 April 2017
<b>TIME</b>	6:00 PM
<b>REPORT #</b>	2

	<b>EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION</b>
	1/ FULL
	2/ PARTIAL
X	3/ MONITORING

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**SITUATION**

**Please see the following message from Hernando County Fire Rescue:**

Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) in cooperation with the Florida Forest Service and various state and local agencies are providing details on the progress of the containment and control efforts of the Water Tower Fire in the Weeki Wachee Preserve. The fire continues to be contained within the planned 1,100-acre containment area established by the Florida Fire Service with fire-break lines. The fire is now 90% contained. Fire crews are continuing to monitor the situation and the progress of the containment and control of the burn.

The pre-established road closure on Shoal Line Boulevard has been cancelled. It has been determined that visibility is such that travel along the roadway is safe from smoke. Motorists are urged to still use caution when traveling Shoal Line Blvd as the fire continues to smolder and smoke may still be present in the area.

HCFR is advising residents of the community not to conduct outside burning of debris during the severe fire danger conditions in our area. Lack of rain, lower humidity and wind conditions make this activity extremely dangerous. HCFR again asks residents in the area to be vigilant of stray fires outside the containment area east of Shoal Line Blvd. If brush fires are seen outside said area, please call 911.

No further press conferences are scheduled for the Water Tower Fire at this time. Media releases will be forwarded as new information is available via email notification. Real time updates are available on Twitter from Hernando County Fire Rescue @HernandoCoFire; follow The Florida Forest Service Withlacoochee @FFS\_Withlacooch.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- Report fires promptly to 911.
- Use caution if driving along Shoal Line Blvd.
- **For real time updates, follow Hernando County Fire Rescue on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hernandocountyfirerescue> and on Twitter @hernandocofire. Follow Florida Forest Service on Twitter @FFS\_Withlacooch.**

Hernando County Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation.

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<a href="#">Hernando County Sheriff Office - Emergency Management</a>	<a href="#">National Weather Service - Brooksville</a>
<a href="#">Florida Division of Emergency Management</a>	<a href="#">FEMA</a>
<a href="#">MyFlorida.com</a>	<a href="#">American Red Cross</a>