

# **HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

## **Hurricane Preparedness Information for Builders**

### **Staff:**

Make sure all employees have a hurricane plan for their families. If they are evacuating make sure you know where they will be and how to get in touch with them. Get a copy of the Hernando County Hurricane Handbook by visiting our webpage at:

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/publications/pdf/Hurricane%20Handbook.pdf>

Contact Emergency Management for assistance with writing a family disaster plan.

### **Business:**

Develop a plan for your business that includes contact information for all your employees, vendors and insurance carriers.

The plan should focus on how your business will become operational again after a storm and how it can help support community disaster recovery operations. Being part of the community recovery plan can often help businesses get through down times when no other business is getting done.

Contact Emergency Management for assistance writing your business disaster plan. Get a copy of the Hernando County Small Business Hurricane Guide by visiting our webpage at:

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/publications/pdf/HCSmBusGuide.pdf>

### **Job Site:**

During a hurricane threat to the community, all construction materials on the job site should be either removed or strapped together as to not create any missiles or airborne hazards. You are liable for damages caused by flying materials from your job site.

Dumpsters should not be overflowing and fencing used to secure debris must be cleared regularly to avoid flying debris.

A Hurricane or Tornado Watch issued for Hernando County is the signal for all contractors to begin clearing and preparing work sites.

Partially completed structures need to have roof sheathing or other loose building materials either secured or removed. All window & door openings should be closed up when possible to prevent the structure from failing under severe wind loads.