

# Hurricane Season 2022

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#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## What is the Season?



- June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Storms do occur outside of the "season"
  - 96% of major hurricanes
    - Mid-August Mid-October
- Last year 21 named storms
  - No direct impacts
  - Closest: Hurricane Elsa
    - June 30<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup>



### **Atlantic Hurricane Season Names**

Alex	Hermine Ower		
Bonnie	lan	Paula	
Colin	Julie	Richard	
Danielle	Karl	Shary	
Earl	Lisa	Tobias	
Fiona	Martin	Virginie	
Gaston	Nicole	Walter	



### What is the Forecast?



	30 Year Average	CSU April	NHC May	CSU August	NHC August
Named Storms	14	19	14-21		
Hurricanes	7	9	6-10		
Major Hurricanes	3	4	3-6		

## FORECAST DOES NOT MATTER



## **Government Preparations**

- Met with all personnel who may be assigned to the EOC
- Meeting with all Disaster partners at the end of May to go over updates
- Additional cots and logistical supplies purchased using grant funds
- Updated our WebEOC disaster management system
- Exercised search and rescue tools and capabilities (Jan. 12)
- Exercised debris clearing/removal (Feb. 22)
- Monthly test back-up communications capabilities with the State, NE, and Central FL counties – developed and led by Flagler!





### **Evacuations**



- Generally evacuate for storm surge
  - Mobile Home exception (not built to the same code)
  - Low-lying areas exception (areas prone to flooding even w/o a hurricane)
- Better quality storm surge data
  - Improves determining where the water will go
- Evacuations will transition away from Zones A, B, C, D, E, F
  - Goal: Common terminology and identifiable landmarks / neighborhoods
    - Particularly due to Palm Coasts lettered sections, which cause confusion
  - 2022: Both zone letter and landmarks / neighborhoods
  - 2023: Update maps / guides to show "Potential Hurricane Evacuation Zone"
    - Zone will be slightly larger than old A+B+C+D+E+F (primarily areas just east of Belle Terre added)
    - Evacuation orders will only be issued using landmarks / neighborhoods

## Sheltering

- Continue to message that shelters are a last resort.
- Continue our partnership with Flagler Schools and Florida Health in Flagler (special needs)
  - As population grows, so will our shelter needs, access to new school facilities will be important.
- Continue our partnership with Flagler Volunteer Services to training community volunteers to support shelters





## **Disaster Preparedness Outreach**



#### • Get a Kit

- 5-7 days being without utilities
- Make a Plan
  - How / who will prepare home
  - Where will you go if evacuated
  - How will you communicate
  - Special Needs
- Be Informed
  - **ALERTFlagler**
  - AM/FM Radio
- Get Involved
  - Community Emergency Response Team





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#### **THANK YOU** Are there any questions?

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