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Hurricane Ian Timeline

1.1 OVERVIEW.

Thank-you Bob. Good evening to the net. Tonight, I will be presenting a timeline identifying the significant events that took place during the Hurricane Ian activation. Pinellas County was fortunate this time to escape the potentially catastrophic impacts seen on the south-west coast of Florida. We might not always be so lucky. It important that we understand the timeline of events and issues encountered so that we can make the adjustments needed prior to the next activation event.

1.2 TIMELINE FOR HURRICANE IAN ACTIVATION

The timeline for Hurricane Ian spanned a period of eight days starting on Friday September 23rd and terminating on Friday September 30th. Pinellas County remained within the 5-day or 3-day cone for potential landfall from Friday September 23rd at 0500 and did not begin to fall outside to cone until just before land fall on Tuesday September 27th at 2300. A hurricane and storm surge warning remained in place until Thursday morning September 29th.

- a. Friday September 23rd, 2022
 - (1) The Pinellas County EOC issues Situation Report #1 for Tropical Depression #9. The report indicates that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county is within the 5-day cone for potential landfall.

- b. Saturday September 24th, 2022
 - (1) The Pinellas County EOC issues Situation Report #2 and #3 for Tropical Storm Ian. The reports indicate that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county remains within the 5-day cone for potential landfall.

- (2) Pinellas ACS members meet at the Pinellas County EOC to prepare the EOC radio room, command runner CRDs, and shelter radio kits for potential use during the ***Service Denied Exercise***. This exercise was originally scheduled to take place on October 1st, 2022.
 - (3) At 1930, a special Pinellas County ACS Tactical-Resource net was established to provide the net with an overview of the potential storm and the planned number of shelter activations anticipated. The RO answered questions from net participants and requested volunteers to contact RO or Training Officer via email. Forty-one members participate in the net and nineteen members volunteer to deploy during a potential activation event.
- c. Sunday September 25th, 2022
- (1) The Pinellas County EOC issues Situation Report #4 and #5 for Tropical Storm Ian. The reports continue to indicate that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county remains within the 5-day cone for potential landfall.
- d. Monday September 26th, 2022
- (1) At 0700, The Pinellas EOC transitions to activation level 2.
 - (2) At approximately 1300, the Pinellas County EOC issues Situation Report #6 for ***Hurricane Ian***. The report continues to indicate that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county is now within the 3-day cone for potential landfall. A hurricane and storm surge watch has been issued for the county.
 - (3) At 1600, The Incident Action Plan for the Florida Emergency Net (AUXCOMM) was posted on the [Floridaemergency.net](https://www.floridaemergency.net) website. This IAP includes the ICS 205 used for statewide HF communications.

- (4) At 1800 Hrs, a mandatory evacuation is ordered for residents in Zones A. Three general purpose and special needs shelters are opened.
- (5) At approximately 1845, the Pinellas County EOC issues Situation Report #7 for Hurricane Ian. The report continues to indicate that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county continues to be within the 3-day cone for potential landfall. A ***hurricane and storm surge warning*** has now been issued for the county.
- (6) Pinellas ACS staff members arrive at EOC to support Pinellas EOC level 2 activation during shift 2 (1900 to 0700). This is our first deployment of ACS staff members.

e. Tuesday September 27th, 2022

- (1) At 0030, the ICS 205, Incident communications plan, for the Hurricane Ian activation was posted on the Pinellas ACS Web site. At this time, a draft copy of the Pinellas ACS Shelter plan was also posted to the website.
- (2) At 0700, The Pinellas EOC transitions to activation level 1 and mandatory evacuations extended to residents in zones B and C.
- (3) A total of 25 shelters have now been opened within Pinellas County.
- (4) At approximately 0900, Pinellas ACS transitions to activation level 1.
 - (a) Pinellas EOC radio room is fully staffed. The second shift will arrive at approximately 1830 and the EOC is scheduled to be locked down.
 - (b) Pinellas ACS radio operators are deployed to 9 of the 25 open shelters.
- (5) At approximately 1100, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Incident Action Plan #1.
- (6) At approximately 1300, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #8 for Hurricane Ian. The report indicates that hurricane Ian has

strengthened to a category three storm and continues to indicate that a major hurricane is likely to make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county remains within the 3-day cone for potential landfall. A hurricane and storm surge warning remains within effect for the county.

- (7) At approximately 1825, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #9 for Hurricane Ian. The hurricane remains a category three storm and the report continues to indicate that a major hurricane will make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county remains within the impact area for potential landfall. A hurricane and storm surge warning remain in effect for the county.
- (8) At 2300, 3796 people are located at Pinellas County shelters.
- (9) At approximately 2345, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #10 for Hurricane Ian. The hurricane remains a category three storm and the report continues to indicate that a major hurricane will make landfall on the west coast of Florida on Wednesday morning. Pinellas county remains within the impact area for potential landfall. A hurricane and storm surge warning remain in effect for the county. Rainfall of 15 to 20 inches and a potential storm surge of 4 to 6 feet is still possible.

f. Wednesday September 28th, 2022

- (1) At approximately 1300, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #11 for Hurricane Ian. The report indicates that hurricane Ian has strengthened to a strong category four storm with sustained winds of 155 mph. Pinellas County remains within the impact area for potential landfall. A hurricane and storm surge warning remain in effect for the county.
- (2) At 1700, 5,058 people are located at Pinellas County shelters.

- (3) At approximately 1900, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #12 for Hurricane Ian. The report indicates that hurricane Ian made landfall in Punta Gorda as a category 4 storm. A hurricane and storm surge warning remain in effect for the county. Rainfall of 6 to 10 inches is still possible. A flood watch is in effect until Friday.
- (4) At approximately 2340, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #13 for Hurricane Ian. A hurricane and storm surge warning remain in effect for the county. A flood watch is in effect until Friday.

g. Thursday September 29th, 2022

- (1) At 0900 all mandatory evacuation orders for Pinellas County are lifted and evacuation shelters begin to close.
 - (a) Pinellas ACS shelter teams begin to demobilize and return equipment to Pinellas EOC.
 - (b) At 1226, EOC reports all shelter teams safe at home. Pinellas ACS Tactical Resource net and EOC radio room secured.
- (2) At approximately 1300, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #14 for Tropical Storm Ian. The report indicates that the tropical storm Ian is 25 miles NNE of Cape Canaveral. All warnings have been lifted for Pinellas County.
- (3) At approximately 1840, the Pinellas County EOC distributes Situation Report #15 for Hurricane Ian. The report indicates that the maximum sustained wind speeds seen within Pinellas County were 60 mph and the county received a maximum of 4 inches of rain.
- (4) The Pinellas EOC is no longer on lockdown and is now operating at level 2.

1.3 SUMMARY

Overall, the ACS activation within Pinellas County was a success. Although several technical issues were identified during the post activation period and will be documented in the After-Action Report, the primary issue that ACS needs to address is participation. We need to better understand the issues that limit the ability of members from deploying during a local hurricane emergency, find ways to mitigate those issues if possible, and potentially identify new members who can deploy during a local hurricane emergency. I think that we all understand that family and personal property concerns must always take precedence during local emergency activations. So, finding a solution to this issue may be a difficult problem to solve. The membership is strongly encouraged to think about this issue and provide ACS leadership with your recommendations and suggestions.

1.4 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

I'd like to pause here for a minute and ask if anyone has a comment or question about tonight's presentation. If you have a comment or question, please provide me with your call sign, slowly, clearly, and phonetically so I don't make a mistake when I respond. And then ask your question or provide me with your comment.

This is WA1RYQ.

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1.5 CONCLUSION.

That's all I have for this week's training session. Let me conclude with a reminder.

1. I strongly encourage everyone to provide comments and suggestions for future training activities. I can be contacted at WA1RYQ@ARRL.net.

Now with that, I'll turn it back to Net Control.

1.6 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

The following table contains a summary of the comments and questions provided by the membership during the presentation.

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