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June Rain Event Update #5

Emergency management, fire department, road department, and law enforcement staff continue to address issues, dispatch resources, and monitor weather conditions and river levels.

Weather Storm Information

- Santa Rosa County remains under a flood warning until 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10 and a flash flood watch until Monday morning, June 11.
- The National Weather Service advises an additional four to eight inches of rainfall can be expected today, with larger amounts in some areas.

Preliminary Damage Estimates

- Fire departments will be conducting preliminary damage estimates today. Information will be released as it is available. Residential flooding primarily occurred in the low-lying areas of Gulf Breeze and Midway.
- A home in the 5400 block of Woodsman Drive was struck by lightning about 7 a.m. on Sunday. The roof sustained damage, but no fire occurred.

Beach Conditions

- Red flags are currently flying at Navarre Beach. Beachgoers and swimmers should heed the red flag warnings and stay out of the water as deadly rip currents and rough surf conditions are present.
- On Saturday, June 9 two swimmers and one first responder were transported to local hospitals after being rescued from the Gulf of Mexico by Navarre Beach Fire Department staff.

Sand Bags

Sand is available at following location. Residents should bring shovels and be prepared to fill and load their own bags:

- Tiger Point Park (sand only)-1370 Tiger Park Lane, Gulf Breeze
- The intersection of Pine Forest Road and Carroll Road in Milton
- Sandbags can be purchased at local home improvement stores or picked up at no charge at Midway Fire District Station located at 1322 College Pkwy. There is a 25-bag limit per vehicle.

Traffic Conditions

- Most of the standing water on the roadways from Saturday's rain receded overnight. However, roads that are currently clear may flood quickly with today's forecasted additional rain. Standing water creates a serious road hazard, even when only a portion of the roadway is flooded.
- Any closures will be announced as they occur. Dangerous road conditions can be reported to (850) 983-5372.
- Residents are asked to restrict unnecessary driving this evening and Sunday as much as possible.
- No streets are currently closed.
- The following street are open with hazards:
Milton, Avalon & Pace Areas
 - Robinson Point Road
 - Abby Street

- Do not remove road barricades on closed roads or bridges. Even after the water has receded, public works crews must complete safety inspections.
- Most deaths from flooding in the United States are due to people driving their cars into flooded areas. For pedestrians, just 6 inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock a person off their feet- “***Turn around, don’t drown.***”
- Citizens are asked not to drive around looking at the flooding. The motion from the vehicles will push water into homes and cause additional property damage.

Shelters

- The American Red Cross is on stand by to open a public shelter if needed.

General Safety Information

- www.santarosa.fl.gov or follow us on Twitter at @SRCBOCC
- Please monitor your home weather radio and local media outlets for the most up-to-date information.
- Your best defense in any disaster is a NOAA Weather radio.
- Citizens can signup to automatically receive breaking news alerts from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management via e-mail or as a text message on their cell phone at:
<http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html>

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