

This is expected to be the final Airport Media Alert regarding Hurricane Frances...

MN 04-38

**Media Advisory #15:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**

Released: Sept. 6, 2004, 9:50 p.m.

Airlines started to resume flights in and out of Southwest Florida International Airport today. Operations occurred on varying schedules on an airline-by-airline basis. As the weather subsided, flight activity increased. Consequently, flight activity later in the day appeared to be returning to normal.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 hours are still encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 numbers or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com -- click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, September 6, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

- The Red Cross will close Lee County's only overnight shelter at Germain Arena at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 7. There are currently less than 400 people in the shelter.
- For intra county travel conditions, the Florida Highway Patrol's Public Information Line is: 1/800/342-3557.
- FEMA is reporting the following summary of cumulative data for Lee County concerning Hurricane Charley as follows: Individual & Households Overview: Referrals, 13,619; Approved, 4,737; Amount \$9.48 million; Ineligible, 3,809; Withdrawn, 615 and pending 4,458. Housing Assistance: Referrals, 13,003; Approved, 3,352; Amount \$6.44 million; Ineligible, 4,972; Withdrawn, 594 and Pending, 4,085. Disaster Overview: Applications, 24,114. Other Needs: Referrals, 8,614; Approved, 2,433; Amount \$3.03 million; Ineligible, 1,657; Withdrawn, 217 and Pending, 4307. For Hurricane Frances only 13 Disaster Overview applications have been reported.

MN 04-37

**Media Advisory #14:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**

Released: Sept. 6, 2004, 5:54 a.m.

Airlines are starting to resume flights in and out of Southwest Florida International Airport today. Operations will occur on varying schedules on an airline-by-airline basis. As the weather subsides, flight activity will increase. Consequently, the later in the day a flight is scheduled, the greater the chance that it will be operating.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 numbers or Web site.

Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com -- click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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MN 04-36
Media Advisory #13:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update

Released: Sept. 5, 2004, 10:20 p.m.

We have no definitive information at this point about the status of flights operating in and out of Southwest Florida International Airport on Monday, Sept. 6.

As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 numbers or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - www.SWFIA.com <<http://www.SWFIA.com>> -- click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

As a reminder...

LTU International Airways has announced that their Saturday flight from Düsseldorf, which was cancelled yesterday, Saturday, Sept. 4, WILL OPERATE tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 6 (per Media Advisory #11).

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

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MN 04-35
Media Advisory #12:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update

Released: Sept. 6, 2004, 5:25 p.m.

More New Information:

- American Trans Air cancelled their 6:15 p.m. arrival from Indianapolis tonight
- All airlines at Southwest Florida International Airport have now announced the cancellation of all scheduled passenger flights operating in and out today, Sunday, Sept. 5 with one possible exception -- American Eagle. Travelers should contact American Eagle directly to confirm flight status.

As a reminder...

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As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 numbers or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com -- click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

PLEASE NOTE: The airport's phone service has been restored but travelers are still urged to contact their respective airlines directly for flight status information.

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

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MN 04-34

Released: Sept. 6, 2004, 1:15 p.m.

Media Advisory #11:

Hurricane Frances Airport Update

More New Information:

All airlines at Southwest Florida International Airport have announced the cancellation of all scheduled passenger flights operating in and out today, Sunday, Sept. 5 – with two exceptions:

- American Eagle – has not yet cancelled their 6 p.m. departure to Miami;
- American Trans Air – has not yet canceled their 6:15 arrival from Indianapolis

As a reminder...

LTU International Airways has announced that their Saturday flight from Düsseldorf, which was canceled yesterday, Saturday, Sept. 4, WILL OPERATE tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 6 (per Media Advisory #10).

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PLEASE NOTE: At the current time, the airport does not have phone service so travelers are advised not to call the airport. The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 12:00 noon

Here's the latest:

NEW information since the last news release (8 AM, Sunday, 9/5/04)...

- Florida Fire Chiefs Association has asked San Carlos Park Fire Department Chief Nat Ippolito to head up a statewide response of emergency works and first responders to the Florida east coast counties affected by hurricane Frances. In the immediate future about 100 Lee County first responders will be dispatched. The first wave of 50 (Lee County fire fighters and law enforcement) will be on a 'search and recover' mission. The second group of 50 Lee County fire fighters will respond to supply fire fighting services to the affected counties. Many other Florida county first responders will also be reporting to Florida's east coast.
- The Red Cross continues to manage the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm. As of the noon today, Lee Civic Center had 580 evacuees, Germaine had 1400. The majority of evacuees (about 60 % at each facility) are from outside Lee County. Additionally, the Red Cross is running shelters at Mariner High School (30 evacuees) and Diplomat Elementary (10 evacuees.) Citizens at these 2 facilities are from Lee County.
- Lee county transportation officials are surveying the roads and as of noon today have not discovered any roads blocked by debris and/or flooded because of the hurricane.

Information from previous news releases...

- The following airlines at Southwest Florida International Airport have announced the cancellation of scheduled passenger flights operating tomorrow, Sunday, Sept. 5:
 - Delta Airlines - includes Delta Express, Delta Connection and Song
 - Frontier Airlines
 - Continental - includes Continental Connection
 - American Airlines - does not include American Eagle.

(American Eagle anticipates returning to its normal schedule after 11:40 a.m. on Sunday but travelers should contact the airline to confirm.)

As the weather continues to change throughout the weekend, so will flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - www.SWFIA.com - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations. However, the airport is not a designated hurricane shelter so travelers should try to make alternate arrangements if their flights are canceled.

Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 12:00 noon (cont'd.)

For after-hours media inquiries, please call 239-768-4381 to confirm the airport's on-call contact and related contact information.

- The special needs facility at the Harborside Convention Center remains open for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. As of 8 AM today, it has 80 evacuees. (Lee, Hendry & Charlotte county citizens.)
- Lee County EOC continues operations on a 24 hour basis. The EOC is at a level 2 activation and will remain so until the Red Cross closes the shelters.
- The county still has plenty of available sand bags and sand. Citizens should call their local fire station for exact locations.
- Since August 13, 2004, 24,100 Lee County citizens have applied to FEMA for assistance and FEMA has distributed \$ 9,321,000 dollars to Lee County citizens.
- Due to potential flooding of Bedman Creek, the East County Water Control District is recommending an immediate VOLUNTARY evacuation of homes along Tuckahoe Road and Luckie Lee Lane . Temporary shelter space is available at the Lee County Civic Center in North Ft Myers located at the intersection of State Route 31 & Bayshore Road. For additional information on potential flooding, call 410-8130.
- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Sunday, September 5, 2004. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday. Regular service is scheduled to resume on Tuesday, September 7.
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085

MN 04-33

Released: Sept. 5, 2004, 7:58 a.m.

Media Advisory #10:

Hurricane Frances Airport Update

More New Information:

The following airlines at Southwest Florida International Airport have announced the cancellation of scheduled passenger flights operating today, Sunday, Sept. 5:

- American Trans Air (ATA)
- USA 3000

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As a reminder...the following airlines have also canceled all SWFI flights today, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004 (per Media Advisory #9):

- Delta Airlines, Delta Express, Delta Connection and Song:
- Frontier
- Continental Airlines and Continental Connection:
- American Airlines – does not include American Eagle.

American Eagle anticipates returning to its normal schedule after 11:40 a.m. today, Sunday Sept. 5, 2004 (per Media Advisory #9)

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 8:00 a.m. Daily Update

Here's the latest:

NEW information since the last news release (7 PM, Saturday, 9 / 4 / 04).....

The following airlines at Southwest Florida International Airport have announced the cancellation of scheduled passenger flights operating tomorrow, Sunday, Sept. 5:

- Delta Airlines - includes Delta Express, Delta Connection and Song
- Frontier Airlines
- Continental - includes Continental Connection
- American Airlines - does not include American Eagle.

(American Eagle anticipates returning to its normal schedule after 11:40 a.m. on Sunday but travelers should contact the airline to confirm.)

As the weather continues to change throughout the weekend, so will flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - www.SWFIA.com - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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- The Red Cross continues to manage the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm. As of the 8 AM today, Lee Civic Center had 740 evacuees, Germaine had 1600. The majority of evacuees (about 60 % at each facility) are from outside Lee County. Additionally, the Red Cross is running shelters at Mariner High School (30 evacuees) and Diplomat Elementary (30 evacuees.) Citizens at these 2 facilities are from Lee County.
- The special needs facility at the Harborside Convention Center remains open for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. As of 8 AM today, it has 80 evacuees. (Lee, Hendry & Charlotte county citizens.)
- As Frances passes through Lee County, county transportation officials are surveying the road conditions for debris and flooding.

Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. (cont'd.)

- Lee County EOC continues operations on a 24 hour basis. The EOC is at a level 2 activation and will remain so until the Red Cross closes the shelters.
- The county still has plenty of available sand bags and sand. Citizens should call their local fire station for exact locations.
- Since August 13, 2004, 24,100 Lee County citizens have applied to FEMA for assistance and FEMA has distributed \$ 9,321,000 dollars to Lee County citizens.
- Information from previous news releases.....-
- -The Lee County Storm Information Hot Line is receiving many questions as to whether "the bridges will be closed down because of the storm" Emergency managers strongly recommend that no one drives on the bridges during tropical storm force winds (40 + mph) but law enforcement will not stop anyone from driving across the bridges during the storm.....EXCEPTION--the Sanibel bridge remains closed to everyone except island residents not because of hurricane Frances but rather because of property damage on the island that occurred during hurricane Charley.
- Due to potential flooding of Bedman Creek, the East County Water Control District is recommending an immediate VOLUNTARY evacuation of homes along Tuckahoe Road and Luckie Lee Lane . Temporary shelter space is available at the Lee County Civic Center in North Ft Myers located at the intersection of State Route 31 & Bayshore Road. For additional information on potential flooding, call 410-8130.
- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Sunday, September 5, 2004. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday. Regular service is scheduled to resume on Tuesday, September 7.
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

MN 04-33

Media Advisory #9:

Released: Sept. 4, 2004, 9:35 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Airport Update

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 7:00 p.m. Daily Update

Local emergency managers held an 5:00 p.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- The Lee County Port Authority has announced that all flights out of and into the Southwest Regional Airport have been canceled for the remainder of Saturday. Airport personnel are recommending individuals who have scheduled flights on Sunday or are expecting arrivals to call the respective airlines for an update on flight information.
- Lee County shelters have room for those still seeking shelter. At 6 p.m. the shelters reported a combined total of over 2,000 evacuees are using the shelters (Lee Civic Center: 663; Germain Arena: 1,246; Diplomat Elementary School: 12; Mariner High School: 3; Harborside Convention Center for Special Needs: 80).
- Citizens should be aware that public safety agencies (EMS, law enforcement & fire) will shut down normal operations in any part of the county that is experiencing tropical storm force sustained winds (40 + mph) . Lee County is expecting to experience tropical storm force sustained winds for possibly 20 hours starting possibly at 2 a.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2004.
- The Lee County Storm Information Hot Line is receiving many questions as to whether "the bridges will be closed down because of the storm" The county policy is to never close down the bridges. Emergency managers strongly recommend that no one drives on the bridges during tropical storm force winds (40 + mph) but law enforcement will not stop anyone from driving across the bridges during the storm.....EXCEPTION--the Sanibel bridge remains closed to everyone except island residents not because of hurricane Frances but rather because of property damage on the island that occurred during hurricane Charley.
- Lee County Operations Center is NOT recommending any local evacuations. Lee County citizens are NOT being asked to go to the shelters. But rather shelters are open and available to citizens who would feel safer in a shelter instead of riding out the storm in their homes....particularly the ones damaged during hurricane Charley.
- Due to potential flooding of Bedman Creek, the East County Water Control District is recommending an immediate VOLUNTARY evacuation of homes along Tuckahoe Road and Luckie Lee Lane . Temporary shelter space is available at the Lee County Civic Center in North Ft Myers located at the intersection of State Route 31 & Bayshore Road. For additional information on potential flooding, call 410-8130.
- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Sunday, September 5, 2004. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday.
- As of 8 AM today, the Red Cross has opened 2 new additional shelters both of which are in Cape Coral.....Mariner High School (701 Chiquita Blvd) and Diplomat Elementary (1115 NE 16th Terrace) The combined capacity of these two shelters is 2,000.
- The Red Cross continues to manage the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm.

Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. (cont'd.)

- The special needs facility at the Harborside Convention Center remains open for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties.
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, September 4, 2004. today
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- 20,000 sand bags & 570 tons of sand has been delivered to numerous fire stations. Citizens should call their local fire districts to confirm exact locations.
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

MN 04-32

Released: Sept. 4, 2004, 12:35 p.m.

**Media Advisory #8:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**

More New Information:

- **After 3:30 p.m. today, there will be no scheduled passenger flights operating in or out of Southwest Florida International Airport.**
- **As the weather continues to change throughout the weekend, so will flight schedules.**
- **At this time, the airlines have not made any announcements regarding their Sunday flights. However, travelers should be aware that today's cancellations may affect early morning departures on Sunday, Sept. 4.**

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 - The special needs facility at the Harborside Convention Center remains open for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. As of 8 AM today, there are 65 citizens in that facility.
 - Citizens should be aware that public safety agencies (EMS, law enforcement & fire) will shut down normal operations in any part of the county that is experiencing tropical storm force sustained winds (40 + mph) . Lee County is expecting to experience tropical storm force sustained winds for possibly 24 hours starting possibly at 5 PM on Saturday, September 4.

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MN 04-31

**Media Advisory #7:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update
Sept. 4, 2004**

More New Information:

- **LTU International Airways** and **jetBlue** have cancelled all flights at Southwest Florida International Airport today, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.
- **Some airlines continue to operate normal schedules, while others have announced sporadic or total cancellations. As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules.** Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

As a reminder...

- **Cape Air:** Cancelled all SWFIA flights today, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004. (per Media Advisory #6)
- **Delta, Delta Express, Song and Frontier:** Cancelled all SWFIA flights after 12:55 p.m. today, Saturday. Flights are to resume at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004. (per Media Advisory #5)
- **American Eagle:** Cancelled all arriving and departing SWFIA flights today, Saturday. (per Media Advisory #4)
- **Spirit:** Cancelled all arriving and departing SWFIA flights today, Saturday. (per Media Advisory #2)

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LCPA/Hurricane Frances #7

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Saturday, September 4, 2004. Scheduled service will resume on Sunday, September 5, 2004 if weather conditions permit. Monitor local media for information. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday.
- Park Koreshan (US 41 & Corkscrew Rd) is opening 60 camp sites for self contained RV's for a short term basis. Each site has water & electric hookups. Sites are available effective immediately. Contact Bob Baker 992-0311
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, September 4, 2004. today
- Monitoring the storm closely, forecasted tracks have not changed dramatically from previous updates, storm continues to slow
- Lee County Operations Center is NOT recommending any local evacuations
- Lee County could experience significant rainfall based on the size and slowness of the storm
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- 20,000 sand bags & 570 tons of sand has been delivered to numerous fire stations. Citizens should call their local fire districts to confirm exact locations.

Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. (cont'd.)

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- There is a rumor that Bonita will lose its electricity if there is hurricane damage in mid-Florida. LCEC says this is "VERY UNLIKELY."
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

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**Media Advisory #6:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update
Sept. 4, 2004**

More New Information:

- **Cape Air:** Cancelled all flights at Southwest Florida International Airport (SWFIA) today, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.
- **Some airlines continue to operate normal schedules, while others have announced sporadic or total cancellations. As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules.** Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

As a reminder...

- **Delta, Delta Express, Song and Frontier:** Cancelled all SWFIA flights after 12:55 p.m. today, Saturday. Flights are to resume at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004. (per Media Advisory #5)
- **American Eagle:** Cancelled all arriving and departing SWFIA flights today, Saturday. (per Media Advisory #4)
- **Spirit:** Cancelled all arriving and departing SWFIA flights today, Saturday. (per Media Advisory #2)

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

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LCPA/Hurricane Frances #6

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 8 :00 a.m. Daily Update

Local emergency managers held an 8:00 a.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- As of 8 AM today, the Red Cross has opened 2 new additional shelters both of which are in Cape Coral.....Mariner High School (701 Chiquita Blvd) and Diplomat Elementary (1115 NE 16th Terrace) The combined capacity of these two shelters is 2,000.
- The Red Cross continues to manage the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm. As of the 6 am today, Lee Civic Center had 480 evacuees, Germaine had 1025. The majority of evacuees (about 60 % at each facility) are from outside Lee County.
- The special needs facility at the Harborside Convention Center remains open for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. As of 8 AM today, there are 65 citizens in that facility.
- Citizens should be aware that public safety agencies (EMS, law enforcement & fire) will shut down normal operations in any part of the county that is experiencing tropical storm force sustained winds (40 + mph) . Lee County is expecting to experience tropical storm force sustained winds for possibly 24 hours starting possibly at 5 PM on Saturday, September 4.
- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Saturday, September 4, 2004. Scheduled service will resume on Sunday, September 5, 2004 if weather conditions permit. Monitor local media for information. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday.
- Park Koreshan (US 41 & Corkscrew Rd) is opening 60 camp sites for self contained RV's for a short term basis. Each site has water & electric hookups. Sites are available effective immediately. Contact Bob Baker 992-0311
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, September 4, 2004. today
- Monitoring the storm closely, forecasted tracks have not changed dramatically from previous updates, storm continues to slow
- Lee County Operations Center is NOT recommending any local evacuations
- Lee County could experience significant rainfall based on the size and slowness of the storm
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- 20,000 sand bags & 570 tons of sand has been delivered to numerous fire stations. Citizens should call their local fire districts to confirm exact locations.
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085
- There is a rumor that Bonita will lose its electricity if there is hurricane damage in mid-Florida. LCEC says this is "VERY UNLIKELY."
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

MN 04-29

**Media Advisory #5:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update
Sept. 3, 2004**

More New Information: Delta, Delta Express, Song and Frontier have cancelled all flights after 12:55 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004. Flights are to resume at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004.

As a reminder...

- **American Eagle:** Cancelled all arriving and departing flights at Southwest Florida International Airport tomorrow, Saturday. (per Media Advisory #4)
- **Spirit:** All arriving and departing flights have also been cancelled on Saturday. (per Media Advisory #2)

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are still urged to contact their respective airline directly through the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their flights. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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LCPA/Hurricane Frances #5

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 3, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 6:00 p.m. Daily Update

Local emergency managers held an 5:00 p.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- Due to tropical storm force winds, LeeTRAN will NOT operate fixed routes or ADA bus service on Saturday, September 4, 2004. Scheduled service will resume on Sunday, September 5, 2004 if weather conditions permit. Monitor local media for information. LeeTRAN will NOT operate service on Monday, September 6, 2004 because of the Labor Day holiday.
- Park Koreshan (US 41 & Corkscrew Rd) is opening 60 camp sites for self contained RV's for a short term basis. Each site has water & electric hookups. Sites are available effective immediately. Contact Bob Baker 992-0311
- There is a RUMOR that LCEC will be shutting off the power to its customers because of hurricane Frances.....this is NOT true.
- The Red Cross has opened the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm. As of the 6 pm today, Lee Civic Center had 240 evacuees, Germaine had 780. The majority of evacuees (about 60 % at each facility) are from outside Lee County.
- Harborside Convention Center opened at 9 a.m. this morning for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. There are 50 citizens in that facility.
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, September 4, 2004. today
- Monitoring the storm closely, forecasted tracks have not changed dramatically from previous updates, storm continues to slow
- Lee County Operations Center is NOT recommending any local evacuations
- Lee County could experience significant rainfall based on the size and slowness of the storm
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- 20,000 sand bags & 570 tons of sand has been delivered to numerous fire stations. Citizens should call their local fire districts to confirm exact locations.
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085
- There is a rumor that Bonita will lose its electricity if there is hurricane damage in mid-Florida. LCEC says this is "VERY UNLIKELY."
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

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Sept. 3, 2004

**Media Advisory #4:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**

New Information: American Eagle has cancelled all arriving and departing flights at Southwest Florida International Airport tomorrow, Saturday.

As a reminder, please note that per Media Advisory #2, all arriving and departing Spirit flights have also been cancelled tomorrow.

The airport will continue to forward information about flight schedule changes received from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note, however, that the updates are not necessarily all-inclusive reports on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are still urged to contact their respective airline directly through the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their flights. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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**Media Advisory #3:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**
Sept. 3, 2004, 12 :00 Noon

No additional cancellations have been announced by the airlines for flights at Southwest Florida International Airport as a result of Hurricane Frances. The airport will continue to forward flight schedule changes that it receives from airlines via media advisories like this.

Following is a recap of cancellations announced yesterday:

SPIRIT:

Friday, 9/3/04: Cancelled – all flights in and out after 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9/4/04: Cancelled – all flights in and out.

AMERICAN EAGLE:

Friday, 9/3/04: Cancelled – all inbound flights.

Please contact American via its 800 number or Web site for specifics.

This information is not an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are still urged to contact their respective airline directly through the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their flights. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 3, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.

Local emergency managers held an 11 a.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- Monitoring the storm closely, forecasted tracks have not changed dramatically from previous updates, storm continues to slow
- Lee County Operations Center is not recommending any local evacuations
- Lee County could experience significant rainfall based on the size and slowness of the storm
- Lee County is modifying its existing state of local emergency to include flooding
- 20,000 sand bags & 570 tons of sand has been delivered to numerous fire stations. Citizens should call their local fire districts to confirm exact locations.
- Lee County has activated its storm information hotline, 477-1900, and a VCB line for rooms availability 888-849-4085
- The Red Cross has opened the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm
- Harborside Convention Center opened at 9 a.m. this morning for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties
- As of the a.m. today, Lee Civic Center had 80 evacuees, Germaine had 360, Harborside had 21
- There is a rumor that Bonita will lose its electricity if there is hurricane damage in mid-Florida. LCEC says this is "VERY UNLIKELY."
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 5 p.m. today
- **Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 8:30 a.m. Daily Update

Lee County's Emergency Operations Center needs to clarify two issues:

- At this time, based on current forecasted tracks, the EOC is not recommending any local evacuations, including barrier islands.
- Lee Civic Center, as well as other shelter facilities, does not accept pets.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2004 7:00 P.M.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory 7:00 p.m.

- Lee County will be opening a Special Needs Shelter at the Harborside Convention Center on Friday, September 3, 2004, at 9 a.m. The Lee County Health Department is recommending individuals who are pre-registered for a Special Needs Shelter stay home, UNLESS their home was damaged by Hurricane Charley and are in need of sheltering. Those individuals who need to use the Special Needs Shelter are encouraged to bring with them all items listed on the shelter pre-registration form.
- Lee County will activate a citizen information hotline at 12:00 p.m (Noon) on Friday, September 3, 2004: (239) 477-1900.
- The United Way information hotline is operational: (239) 433-3900 or dial 2-1-1.

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**Media Advisory #2:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update**

September 2, 2004 6:16 P.M.

The following airlines have cancelled some flights at Southwest Florida International Airport as a result of Hurricane Frances:

SPIRIT:

Friday, 9/3/04: Cancelled – all flights in and out after 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9/3/04: Cancelled – all flights in and out

AMERICAN EAGLE:

Friday, 9/3/04: Cancelled – all inbound flights. Only early morning departures will operate. Please contact American via their 800 number or Web site for specifics.

This information is not an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are still urged to contact their respective airline directly through the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their flights. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site – www.SWFIA.com – click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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Sept. 2, 2004

LCPA/Hurricane Frances #2

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - 5:30 p.m. Daily Update

Local emergency managers held an 5 p.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- The Lee Emergency Operations Center is closely monitoring the storm and is at a partial activation (level 2)
- Based on the current forecasted tracks (landfall between Broward and Fort Pierce), Lee County, at this time, is not recommending any local evacuations
- The Red Cross has opened the Lee Civic Center and Germain Arena (capacity 12,000) as host shelters for evacuees from other counties (east and north) projected to be more impacted by the storm
- Haborside Convention Center will open at 9 a.m. Friday for special needs residents, WITH DAMAGED HOMES, in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties
- Lee County Government offices WILL BE OPEN Friday; LeeTran will be operating regular schedules Friday; No changes as of now to trash collection schedules
- The storm continues to slow, making it a potential heavy rain event; landfall could be early afternoon Saturday
- The next briefing/conference call is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable

Media Advisory #1:
Hurricane Frances Airport Update
Sept. 2, 2004

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are urged to contact their respective airlines directly to confirm the status of their specific flights, and/or to check the airport's Web site at www.SWFIA.com by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

The airport will forward information about changes in flight schedules that it receives from airlines via media advisories like this. None have been received to date. (Please note that information will not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.)

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2004 at 12:20 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory - Lee County Schools Closed Friday

Lee County School District has announced that schools will be closed Friday.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2004 at 12 p.m.

Hurricane Frances Media Advisory Noon - Daily Update

Local emergency managers held an 11 a.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center. Here's the latest:

- The Lee Emergency Operations Center is closely monitoring the storm and is at a partial activation (level 2)
- The storm is slowing, which means it also could be a greater rain accumulation threat
- The track still is highly variable as to where it could hit on the east coast of Florida, some tracks keep it north of Broward/Palm Beach, others south
- With current tracks, Lee County EOC currently is projecting more of a wind problem in Lee County, with storm surge not as much of a problem
- The county also is considering the potential for evacuations from the east coast, Charlotte County and people living in Lee with damaged roofs from Charley, depending on the track
- No decisions have been made yet about evacuations, government/schools closings and/or opening shelters
- Lee could begin to experience tropical storm force winds early Saturday morning
- **A 5 p.m. briefing is scheduled, after which more information about potential closings and/or shelters will be available**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.

Local emergency managers held a 8 a.m.. briefing.

- The Lee Emergency Operations Center is closely monitoring the storm and is at a partial activation (level 2)
- More information will be known at 11:00 a.m. with a briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center to discuss Hurricane Frances:
- If the currently forecasted track were to hold, Lee County could expect tropical storm force winds on Saturday.
- Greatest impact in any event would be to homes (5,000-6,000 units) already damaged by Hurricane Charley.
- Lee County could be declared a host county for evacuees from the East Coast of Florida, depending on the track.
- No evacuation/shelter decisions have been made and likely won't be until later today.
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 1, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.

Hurricane Media Advisory 5:30 p.m - Daily Update

Local emergency managers held a 5 p.m. briefing and conference call with the National Hurricane Center to discuss Hurricane Frances:

- The Lee Emergency Operations Center is closely monitoring the storm and is at a partial activation (level 2)
- More information will be known later tonight as to whether the Hurricane takes a jog more to the north
- If the currently forecasted track were to hold, Lee County could expect 25-plus mph winds early Sat. morning, 1-2 inches of rain, not significant storm surge
- If the track takes a more westward jog, the impact would be greater
- Greatest impact in any event would be to homes (5,000-6,000 units) already damaged by Hurricane Charley
- Lee County could be declared a host county for evacuees from the East Coast of Florida, depending on the track
- No evacuation/shelter decisions have been made and likely won't be until at least later Thursday
- Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans
- Next briefing/conference call will be at 11 a.m. Thursday